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الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ: إِنَّا عَرَضْنَا الْأَمَانَةَ عَلَى السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ
وَالْجِبَالِ فَأَبَيْنَ أَنْ يَحْمِلْنَهَا وَأَشْفَقْنَ مِنْهَا وَحَمَلَهَا الْإِنْسَانُ إِنَّهُ كَانَ
ظَلُومًا جَهُولًا ﴿٧٢﴾¹

أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا
عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ
وَصَحْبِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ.

أَمَّا بَعْدُ، فَيَا أَيُّهَا الْمُسْلِمُونَ! اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ! أُوصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى
اللَّهِ فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ.

قَالَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى: يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تُقَاتِهِ وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ
إِلَّا وَأَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ ﴿١٠٣﴾²

Dear blessed Muslims,

I sincerely call upon all of us to altogether strive in increasing our *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* by fulfilling all of His Commands and leaving out all of His prohibitions. Let us give full attention to the *khutbah* that is to be delivered. Do not talk to others and do not fiddle around with the cellular phone. May this *khutbah* benefit us all.

¹ al-Ahzaab 33:72.

² Aal 'Imraan 3:102.



In conjunction with the National Integrity Day 2023 that is celebrated on the 5th of November every year, I will expound upon a *khutbah* titled **"INTEGRITY UPHOLDS THE STRENGTH OF THE UMMAH."**

Dear blessed Friday audience,

Integrity, according to Islam, refers to one of the branches of *imaan* (faith). The discourse on integrity in Islam is often associated within the context of *amaanah* (trustworthiness) and *itqaan*, which is excellence when undertaking a task. There are two traits of the believers that were mentioned by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*, as He mentions in verse 8 of Soorah al-Mu'minoon:

وَالَّذِينَ هُمْ لِأَمْتِنَتِهِمْ وَعَهْدِهِمْ رَاعُونَ

"And they who are to their trusts and their promises attentive."

Referring to the meaning of this verse, Islam obligates its adherents to safeguard and preserve the *amaanah* (trust) and promise given in the best possible manner, whether it is between the servant and Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* or among mankind. As believers, let us not betray our *amaanah* and promise especially those made with Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*, whether by transgressing against His prohibition or neglecting His Commands. Similarly, within the context of human relations, all matters entrusted and promises uttered must be fulfilled with perfection, whether regarding relationship within the family, society, or nation.

In addition to that, in the narration of 'A'ishah *radiyAllaahu 'anha*, Rasulullah ﷺ had truly emphasized on *amaanah* and *itqaan* when undertaking work, as he ﷺ narrated:

"Indeed, Allah loves one who does work, he does it with *itqaan* (meticulously)."



(at-Tabaraani)

From the meaning of this *hadeeth*, Islam heavily stresses upon its *ummah* to always remain diligent in undertaking task with trustworthiness, hardworking, and clinging upon high value of goodness, including upholding integrity in all tasks and at all times.

Dear beloved Muslims,

The story and example of integrity, meaning *amaanah*, that we can emulate is from the story of Prophet Yoosuf 'Alayhissalaam. He was a Messenger that was known for his expertise in economic and financial planning in Egypt, that he offered his service to the King of Egypt as the state treasurer, for he was confident in his trustworthiness and competence in carrying out those duties. This was clearly depicted in al-Qur'an, where Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 55 of Soorah Yoosuf:

قَالَ اجْعَلْنِي عَلَىٰ خَزَائِنِ الْأَرْضِ ۗ إِنِّي حَفِيظٌ عَلِيمٌ ﴿٥٥﴾

“[Joseph] said, “Appoint me over the storehouses of the land. Indeed, I will be a knowing guardian.””

What we can learn from the story of Prophet Yoosuf 'Alayhissalaam is that he was ready to serve not because he wanted such position or stature, but to preserve the *maslahah* (public interest) and ensure that the state administration can be governed properly according to al-Qur'an and *as-Sunnah*, as well as *Qudwah Hasanah* (ideal role model). He would always stress upon the elements of *amaanah* and knowledge in managing as well as safeguarding national treasures. Definitely this is one of the important aspects that we must observe within the context of today's society, country, and the world.



As succinctly manifested with examples of the best moral values depicted in al-Qur'an through the stories of the Prophets and Messengers, values of integrity such as trustworthiness and fairness are to be instilled and cultivated unto becoming an attitude that is ingrained in all of us. As Muslims, possessing the utmost level of morals and virtuous *akhlaaq* (character), they must manifest in the form of deeds, not just personal tenderness, but the nobility of *akhlaaq* from the aspect of honesty and responsibility.

Dearest audience,

The enculturation of integrity values is a praiseworthy trait, meaning *mahmoodah* trait that must be nurtured in to the lives of human beings, as demonstrated by our beloved Prophet Muhammad ﷺ. He would always practice and manifest the best exemplary for his *ummah*, as depicted by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* in verse 21 of Soorah al-Ahzaab:

لَقَدْ كَانَ لَكُمْ فِي رَسُولِ اللَّهِ أُسْوَةٌ حَسَنَةٌ لِّمَن كَانَ يَرْجُوا اللَّهَ
وَالْيَوْمَ الْآخِرَ وَذَكَرَ اللَّهَ كَثِيرًا ﴿٢١﴾

“There has certainly been for you in the Messenger of Allah an excellent pattern for anyone whose hope is in Allah and the Last Day and [who] remembers Allah often.”

Without integrity, such as being untrustworthy and dishonest, as well as drowning in the traits of *madhmoomah* (dispraised) within oneself, it will cause one's stature to become tarnished in the Sight of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*, and even inflicted with tribulations in this world and the Hereafter.

As a result, as mentioned in the incident narrated by ibn 'Abbaas *radiyAllaahu 'anhum* during the time of Rasulullah ﷺ after the Battle of Khaybar, where several Companions of Rasulullah ﷺ had mentioned to those that were martyred, “so and so is a martyr,” “so and so is a martyr” until they



reached a man and said, "so and so is a martyr." Upon this, Rasulullah ﷺ remarked:

"Nay, not so, verily I have seen him in the Fire for the garment or cloak that he had stolen from the war booty."

(Muslim)

Even by only committing dishonest and untrustworthy behavior, one will not be spared from the punishment and torment for those acts.

Dear blessed Friday congregants,

The National Integrity Day that is commemorated annually on every 5th of November intends to foster awareness not only among civil servants but to all walks of society regarding the need and importance of practicing moral values and integrity continuously.

Therefore, it is high time that integrity values according to Islam are instilled within our daily lives so that they will uphold the strength for every individual, especially in carrying out duties entrusted. Let us altogether intensify and cultivate integrity values in forming the Malaysian spirit having high civilizational values.

Dear respected audience,

To end the sermon today, we must derive several lessons and pointers, namely:

1. Integrity, honesty, and obedience are Islamic principles that have been commanded by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.
2. Remember, fulfilling the *amaanah* is a very heavy matter, so take great care of it. Committing *khiyaanah* (betrayal) will incur the punishment and torment of Hellfire.
3. The Muslims must strive to become those possessing noble *akhlaaq* so that it will enhance the value of oneself, one's family, the society,



and nation towards that which is more blessed and pleasing to Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala.

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ
مَنْ عَمِلَ صَالِحًا مِّنْ ذَكَرٍ أَوْ أُنْثَىٰ وَهُوَ مُؤْمِنٌ فَلَنُحْيِيَنَّهٗ حَيٰوةً
طَيِّبَةً ۖ وَلَنَجْزِيَنَّهُمْ أَجْرَهُمْ بِأَحْسَنِ مَا كَانُوا يَعْمَلُونَ ﴿٩٧﴾

“Whoever does righteousness, whether male or female, while he is a believer - We will surely cause him to live a good life, and We will surely give them their reward [in the Hereafter] according to the best of what they used to do.”

(an-Nahl 16:97)

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ، وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا
فِيهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتَهُ،
إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ.

أَقُولُ قَوْلِي هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ لِي وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ
الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ، فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ.



THE SECOND KHUTBAH

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي جَعَلَنَا مِنَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ، وَرَزَقَنَا مِنَ الطَّيِّبَاتِ.
أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا
عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ
وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ وَمَنْ تَبِعَهُمْ بِإِحْسَانٍ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ. أَمَّا
بَعْدُ، فَيَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ! اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ! أَوْصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ
فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ.

Dear blessed audience,

Let us altogether strive to have the *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* by increasing our obedience towards Him and avoiding acts of disobedience and abominable deeds.

إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَمَلَائِكَتَهُ يُصَلُّونَ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا صَلُّوا عَلَيْهِ
وَسَلِّمُوا تَسْلِيمًا ﴿٥٦﴾
اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ
أَجْمَعِينَ.

Dear blessed audience,

The atrocities in Palestine greatly screams for the true meaning of Islamic brotherhood that is solid and utmost belief in Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. For that, I humbly implore the Muslim *ummah* to continue in supplicating to



Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala in all five daily prayers beseeching for peace and wellbeing to be bestowed upon our Muslim brethren, and that their lands that were illegally seized to be returned with full rights granted.

اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِلْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ، إِنَّكَ سَمِيعٌ قَرِيبٌ مُجِيبُ الدَّعَوَاتِ يَا قَاضِيَ الْحَاجَاتِ. اللَّهُمَّ أَعِزِّ الْإِسْلَامَ وَالْمُسْلِمِينَ، وَأَهْلِكَ الْكُفْرَةَ وَالْمُبْتَدِعَةَ وَالْمُشْرِكِينَ.

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ وَنَتَوَسَّلُ إِلَيْكَ بِنَبِيِّكَ الْأَمِينِ، وَنَسْأَلُكَ بِأَسْمَائِكَ الْحُسْنَى، وَصِفَاتِكَ الْعُظْمَى، أَنْ تَحْفَظَ بَعَيْنِ عِنَايَتِكَ الرَّبَّانِيَّةَ، وَبِحِفْظِ وَقَايَتِكَ الصِّمْدَانِيَّةَ، جَلَالَةَ مَلِكِنَا الْمُعْظَمِ، سُلْطَانَ سَلَاطُونَ، سُلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ اَدْرِيسِ شَاهِ الْحَجِّ ابْنِ الْمَرْحُومِ سُلْطَانَ صَلَاحِ الدِّينِ عَبْدِ الْعَزِيزِ شَاهِ الْحَجِّ. اللَّهُمَّ أَدِمِ الْعَوْنَ وَالْهَدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْكَ، لَوْلِيِّ عَهْدِ سَلَاطُونَ، تَعَكَوْ أَمِيرِ شَاهِ ابْنِ السُّلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ اَدْرِيسِ شَاهِ الْحَجِّ، فِي أَمْنٍ وَصَلَاحٍ وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنْكَ وَكَرَمِكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ. اللَّهُمَّ أَطْلُ



عُمْرَهُمَا مُصْلِحِينَ لِلْمَوْظَفِينَ وَالرَّعِيَّةِ وَالْبِلَادِ، وَبَلِّغْ
مَقاصِدَهُمَا لِطَرِيقِ الْهُدَى وَالرَّشَادِ.

اللَّهُمَّ يَا عَزِيزُ يَا مُنْتَقِمُ يَا جَبَّارُ، اللَّهُمَّ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ
وَالْإِكْرَامِ، اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَشْهَدُ أَنَّكَ أَنْتَ اللَّهُ، الَّذِي لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا
أَنْتَ، الْأَحَدُ الصَّمَدُ، الَّذِي لَمْ يَلِدْ وَلَمْ يُولَدْ، وَلَمْ يَكُنْ لَهُ
كُفُوًا أَحَدٌ.

اللَّهُمَّ عَلَيْكَ بِالْيَهُودِ الْمُعْتَدِينَ، الَّذِينَ قَتَلُوا إِخْوَانَنَا
الْمُسْلِمِينَ فِي فَلَسْطِينَ، اللَّهُمَّ عَلَيْكَ بِهِمْ، فَإِنَّهُمْ لَا
يُعْجِزُونَكَ، اللَّهُمَّ شَتَّتْ شَمْلَهُمْ وَفَرَّقْ جَمْعَهُمْ وَاجْعَلِ
الدَّائِرَةَ عَلَيْهِمْ، اللَّهُمَّ أَحْصِهِمْ عَدَدًا، وَاقْتُلْهُمْ بَدَدًا، وَلَا
تُغَادِرْ مِنْهُمْ أَحَدًا، اللَّهُمَّ أَنْزِلْ عَلَيْهِمْ وَعَلَى مَنْ عَاوَنَهُمْ،
بَأْسَكَ الَّذِي لَا يُرَدُّ عَنِ الْقَوْمِ الظَّالِمِينَ.

اللَّهُمَّ انصُرْ إِخْوَانَنَا الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُجَاهِدِينَ وَالْمُسْتَضْعَفِينَ فِي
فَلَسْطِينَ. 2X

O Allah, O our Lord! Save our Muslim brethren whom are oppressed in the land of Palestine, and wherever they may be. O Allah! Love them and have mercy upon them, remove them from the oppression and hardship that they



have endured this while. O Allah! By Your Might, O Allah, accept our struggles and prayers as the reason for You to return their lands that was illegally taken. Remove all the tyranny that exist on this earth. Bestow justice upon those that have been mistreated and oppressed. O Allah! Grant victory upon our Muslim brethren in Palestine. Bestow upon the Muslim fighters, as well as the Palestinians, strength and patience in enduring the cruelty of the enemy. O Allah! Restore peace in the land of Palestine and return the land to the Muslims.

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَجْعَلُكَ فِي نُحُورِ أَعْدَائِنَا، وَنَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ شُرُورِهِمْ.
اللَّهُمَّ بَدِّدْ شَمْلَهُمْ، وَفَرِّقْ جَمْعَهُمْ وَشَتِّتْ كَلِمَتَهُمْ، وَزَلِّزْ
أَقْدَامَهُمْ، وَسَلِّطْ عَلَيْهِمْ كَلْبًا مِنْ كِلَابِكَ، يَا قَهَّارُ، يَا جَبَّارُ،
يَا مُنْتَقِمُ، يَا اللَّهُ. اللَّهُمَّ يَا مُنْزِلَ الْكِتَابِ وَيَا مُجْرِيَ السَّحَابِ
وَيَا هَازِمَ الْأَحْزَابِ، إِهْزِمِ أَعْدَاءَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ، إِهْزِمِهِمْ، إِهْزِمِهِمْ،
وَإَنْصِرِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ عَلَيْهِمْ.

O Allah! Make us among Your slaves that fulfills the *amaanah*. Strengthen our *imaan* so that we avoid treachery, protect us from becoming among those that neglect their responsibilities, and protect our state and nation from destruction due to bribery. Render the duty to lead our country upon Your slaves whom are trustworthy and honest, as well as firm and courageous in upholding the truth and executing justice according to the *Sharee'ah*. O Allah, make the *masaajid* and *suraus* in the state of Selangor as Your peaceful homes, uniting everyone, and serve as the heart of the *ummah's* strength.



اللَّهُمَّ يَا دَافِعَ الْبَلَاءِ، اِدْفَعْ عَنَّا هَذَا الْوَبَاءَ وَالْبَلَاءَ وَالْمَرَضَ
وَالشَّدَائِدَ وَالْمِحْنَ، بِلُطْفِكَ يَا لَطِيفُ إِنَّكَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ
وَبِالإِجَابَةِ جَدِيرٌ.

رَبَّنَا هَبْ لَنَا مِنْ أَزْوَاجِنَا وَذُرِّيَّتِنَا قُرَّةَ أَعْيُنٍ وَاجْعَلْنَا لِلْمُتَّقِينَ إِمَامًا ﴿٧٤﴾
رَبَّنَا آتِنَا فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِي الْآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ ﴿٢٠١﴾
عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ وَالْإِحْسَانِ وَإِيتَايَ ذِي الْقُرْبَى وَيَنْهَى
عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَالْبَغْيِ يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ ﴿٩٠﴾
فَاذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ يَذْكُرْكُمْ وَاشْكُرُواهُ عَلَى نِعَمِهِ يَزِدْكُمْ،
وَاسْأَلُوهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ يُعْطِكُمْ وَلَذِكْرُ اللَّهِ أَكْبَرُ وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا
تَصْنَعُونَ.