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"THE PRIORITY FOR ISLAMIC BROTHERHOOD"

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ: يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ اتَّقُوا رَبَّكُمُ الَّذِي خَلَقَكُمْ مِنْ نَفْسٍ وَاحِدَةٍ وَخَلَقَ مِنْهَا زَوْجَهَا وَبَثَّ مِنْهُمَا رِجَالًا كَثِيرًا وَنِسَاءً وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ الَّذِي تَسَاءَلُونَ بِهِ وَالْأَرْحَامَ إِنَّ اللَّهَ كَانَ عَلَيْكُمْ رَقِيبًا ۝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 ۝²

Dear blessed Muslims,

Today, I implore upon respected Friday congregants to always strive in increasing our *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* by diligently performing His Commands and leaving out His prohibitions. May we all be spared from the wrath and punishment of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.

¹ an-Nisaa' 4:1.

² Aal 'Imraan 3:102.



Let us internalize upon today's *khutbah* titled **"THE PRIORITY FOR ISLAMIC BROTHERHOOD."**

Dear blessed Friday audience,

The practice of preserving relationship, *silaaturrahm* (ties of kinship), consensus, and unity within the society must be implemented through the practice of maintaining good relations, so as to ensure harmonious and prosperous living. Prophet Muhammad ﷺ had provided numerous exemplaries regarding the matter of preserving good relations that even those that hated Islam had acknowledged the Prophet's upright character in treating them while propagating Islamic teachings. Fostering the ties of brotherhood among Muslims is an obligation upon every Muslim. When the bond of love has formed, then family relation, brotherhood, and friendship can be appropriately developed.

Islam emphasizes on peace and affection for the true believers will always foster brotherhood and preserve *silaaturrahm* such as greeting others, visiting those that are sick and bereaving families, giving charity, visiting one another, and fulfilling invitations. It is due to the importance and greatness of strengthening the brotherhood that Islam deems a Muslim's *imaan* (faith) as incomplete when he destroys the relationship among Muslims.

Ukhuwwah Islaamiyyah (Islamic brotherhood) is a *ni'mah* (favor) from having strong *imaan* and *taqwa*, which yield deep feelings of love, mutual trust, and mutual respect, with fellow individuals that are bounded by Islamic 'aqeedah. The continuation of this feeling leads to unwavering *ikhlaas* (sincerity) in helping one another, loving others, forgiving each other, loyal, patient, and always possessing noble attitude. Hence, it is clear that there is no *ukhuwwah* without *imaan* and *taqwa*, and vice versa.

Such is the significance for us to preserve brotherhood in Islam. Furthermore, Allah has promised tremendous reward for those that always



maintain and prioritize upon that relationship. In the *hadeeth* of Abu Hurayrah *radiyAllaahu 'anh*, Rasulullah ﷺ said:

وَلَا تَبَاغَضُوا، وَلَا تَدَابَرُوا، وَكُونُوا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ إِخْوَانًا...

"...and don't hate each other, and don't desert (cut your relations with) one another. O Allah's slaves, be brothers!"

(al-Bukhaari)

Dear blessed Muslims,

The state elections had just drawn its curtain, and the people had fulfilled their duty in selecting and voting their preferred candidates. The results are out, and it is part of the competition that some will win and some will lose. In this very opportunity, I would like to invite esteemed audience to remain open in accepting the election's outcome. Let us strengthen the bond of *ukhuwwah* among our Muslim brethren, as in the saying '*air dicincang tidak akan putus*' (meaning: nothing will disrupt the ties). I advice fellow congregants to mind our *adab* (manners), demeanor, and always respecting one another even though we may differ in our political ideologies. Let us prioritize upon *ukhuwwah Islaamiyyah* instead of extreme fanaticism that we would be willing to set aside brotherhood ties among Muslims due to differences in views and directions in party politics.

Which is more important, protecting the *silaaaturrahm* and *ukhuwwah Islaamiyyah*, or exaggeration in immature politics? Rightfully, protecting Islamic brotherhood is far more important than defending immature political attitude. Moreover, even with different faiths, the brotherhood in humanity must be maintained and preserved. This is the priority for *adab* and *akhlaaq* from noble Islamic teachings. Let it not be that the bond within our family members, relatives, and neighbors become destroyed due to differing political attitudes and views. Politics is actually attractive and beautiful, but it has been tainted



by certain individuals, making it look disgusting, for it severs kinship, wipes out utmost *adab* and *akhlaaq*, and even triggers *fitnah* (slandering) and deception.

Respected audience,

The Muslim *ummah* has been taught to remain open-minded and learn to accept the realities in all matters including politics, where it cannot be excessive or overboard that one forgets his *adab* as a Muslim. Differences of opinion is normal in this life, for Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* has created mankind with different intellectual capacity. In reconciling between differing opinions, the most important matter to be done is to celebrate differences of opinion or the views of others with utmost *adab* or *tasammuh* (tolerance), which is to be open-minded. Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 13 of soorah al-Maa'idah:

فَاعْفُ عَنْهُمْ وَاصْفَحْ إِنَّ اللَّهَ يُحِبُّ الْمُحْسِنِينَ

"But pardon them and overlook [their misdeeds]. Indeed, Allah loves the doers of good."

Let us not hate upon a certain group due to defeat but instead we are to maintain Islamic brotherhood at all times for there are many benefits and rewards promised by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.

'Abdullah bin Salaam *radiallahu 'anh* narrated that Rasulullah ﷺ said:

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ! أَفْشُوا السَّلَامَ، وَأَطْعِمُوا الطَّعَامَ، وَصَلُّوا
الْأَرْحَامَ، وَصَلُّوا بِاللَّيْلِ وَالنَّاسُ نِيَامٌ، تَدْخُلُوا الْجَنَّةَ بِسَلَامٍ

"O people! Spread (the greeting of) salaam, feed others, uphold the ties of kinship, and pray during the night when people are sleeping, and you will enter Paradise in peace."



(ibn Maajah)

The Ruler possesses *akhlaaq* that is to be emulated, while for the *rakyat* there is *akhlaaq* that must be manifested. The main *akhlaaq* is to safeguard Islamic brotherhood. No matter how great our differences are, both *adab* and *akhlaaq* unite us. That is the main purpose that the Prophet ﷺ was sent down. If a party loses its followers, those followers can be replaced. However, if *silaaturrahm* and Islamic brotherhood are severed, it will disappear and cannot possibly be replaced.

In the *hadeeth* of Abu Bakrah *radiyAllaahu ‘anh*, Rasulullah ﷺ said:

مَا مِنْ ذَنْبٍ أَجْدَرُ أَنْ يُعَجَّلَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى لِصَاحِبِهِ الْعُقُوبَةَ
فِي الدُّنْيَا - مَعَ مَا يَدَّخِرُ لَهُ فِي الآخِرَةِ - مِثْلُ الْبَغْيِ وَقَطِيعَةِ
الرَّحِمِ

“There is no sin more fitted to have punishment meted out by Allah to its perpetrator in advance in this world along with what He stores up for him in the next world than oppression and severing ties of kinship.”

(Abu Dawood)

Dear beloved Friday congregants,

To end the sermon today, let us derive several pointers as guidance for us together:

1. The Muslim *ummah* must know that preserving the bond of Islamic brotherhood is a matter that is greatly emphasized and it is from among the branches of *imaan*.
2. The Muslims must have *yaqeen* (certainty) that those that are always maintaining Islamic brotherhood are granted with superiority and eminence in the Sight of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta’aala*.

3. The Muslim *ummah* must take lesson that those that sever the bond of Islamic brotherhood will not enter Paradise.

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ
إِنَّمَا الْمُؤْمِنُونَ إِخْوَةٌ فَأَصْلِحُوا بَيْنَ أَخَوَيْكُمْ وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ لَعَلَّكُمْ تُرْحَمُونَ

"The believers are but brothers, so make settlement between your brothers. And fear Allah that you may receive mercy."

(al-Hujuraat 49:10)

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.

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 الصَّمَدَانِيَّةَ، جَلَالَةَ مَلِكِنَا
الْمُعَظَّمِ، سُلْطَانَ سَلَاطُونِ، سُلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ اَدْرِيسِ شَاهِ
الْحَجِّ ابْنِ الْمَرْحُومِ سُلْطَانَ صَلَاحِ الدِّينِ عَبْدِ الْعَزِيزِ شَاهِ
الْحَجِّ. اللَّهُمَّ أَدِّمِ الْعَوْنَ وَالْهَدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ
وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْكَ، لَوْلِيِّ عَهْدِ سَلَاطُونِ، تَعَكُّوْ أَمِيرِ شَاهِ ابْنِ
السُّلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ اَدْرِيسِ شَاهِ الْحَجِّ، فِي أَمْنٍ وَصَلَاحٍ
وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنِّكَ وَكَرَمِكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ. اللَّهُمَّ أَطْلُ
عُمْرَهُمَا مُصْلِحِينَ لِلْمُؤَظَّفِينَ وَالرَّعِيَّةِ وَالْبِلَادِ، وَبَلِّغْ
مَقَاصِدَهُمَا لِطَرِيقِ الْهُدَى وَالرِّشَادِ.

O Allah, grant us guidance in performing the five obligatory prayers in congregation, fulfilling *zakaat* through Selangor *Zakaat* Board (LZS), making endowment (*waqf*) through *Perbadanan Wakaf Selangor* (Selangor Endowment Corporation) and giving away (*infaaq*) our wealth through *Tabung Infak Jariah Umat Islam Selangor* (TIJARI, Selangor Continuous Charity for Muslims Fund), and to the orphans through Darul Ehsan Islamic Foundation (YIDE).

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 الآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ ﴿٣١﴾
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.