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الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ : يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا إِذَا نُودِيَ لِلصَّلَاةِ مِنْ يَوْمِ
الْجُمُعَةِ فَاسْعَوْا إِلَى ذِكْرِ اللَّهِ وَذَرُوا الْبَيْعَ ذَلِكُمْ خَيْرٌ لَكُمْ إِنْ
كُنْتُمْ تَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٩﴾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 ﴿١٠٢﴾²

Dear blessed Muslims,

Let us altogether strive to increase our *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* by fulfilling all of His Commands and leaving out all of His prohibitions. May we all attain success in this world and the Hereafter.

Today I would like to invite fellow congregation to altogether ponder upon a *khutbah* titled "**IS MY FRIDAY PRAYER VALID?**"

Dear blessed Friday congregants,

¹ al-Jumu'ah 62:9

² Aal 'Imraan 3:102.



Friday is a noble day for the Muslim *ummah*. This is because there are many *ahaadeeth* that mentions its virtue. Among them:

Abu Hurayrah *radiyAllaahu ‘anh* narrated that the Prophet ﷺ said:

الصَّلَاةُ الْخَمْسُ، وَالْجُمُعَةُ إِلَى الْجُمُعَةِ كَفَّارَةٌ لِمَا بَيْنَهُنَّ،
مَا لَمْ تُغَشَّ الْكَبَائِرُ

“Five prayers and one Friday prayer to (the next) Friday prayer are atonement for what is between them, as long as the major sins have not been committed.”

(Muslim)

Imaam an-Nawawi stated that every deed performed throughout the week between one Friday to the following Friday, as narrated in the *hadeeth*, can expiate minor sins. If there are no major and minor sins, then it will be recorded as good deeds and his or her *darajah* (rank) will be raised. If there are no minor sins but there are major sins, then it is hoped that those deeds can lighten the major sins committed.

Blessed Muslims,

Attending the Friday prayer is a *shar’i* requirement upon every Muslim male who is a *mukallaf* (religiously responsible or accountable). This is based on verse 9 of Soorah al-Jumu’ah that was recited during the *muqaddimah* (introduction) portion of this sermon:

“O you who have believed, when [the adhaan] is called for the prayer on the day of Jumu’ah [Friday], then proceed to the remembrance of Allah and leave trade. That is better for you, if you only knew.”



Therefore, it can be understood that attending and performing the obligatory Friday *salaah* (prayer) is a trait of a true *mu'min* (believer) for having prioritized upon the responsibility as the servant of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* far above all worldly interests such as buying and selling transactions. Since Friday is the best of days, the chief of all days, then we are highly encouraged to make the best preparation for it, with increased *salawaat* upon the Prophet ﷺ. 'Abdullah bin 'Amr *radiyAllaahu 'anhuma* narrated that the Prophet ﷺ said:

فَإِنَّهُ مَنْ صَلَّى عَلَيَّ صَلَاةً صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ بِهَا عَشْرًا

"Whoever prays for Allah's blessings upon me once, will be blessed for it by Allah ten times."

(Muslim)

Aside from that, we are also highly encouraged to increase in supplicating, perform the *ghusl* (bathing), coming to the masjid early with the *niyyah* (intention) of *i'tikaf*, engaging in *dhikr* (remembrance of Allah), reciting al-Qur'an, giving *sadaqah* (charity), and perform other *'ibaadah* (worship). Such is the importance of the Friday prayer that the Prophet ﷺ had even mentioned it. This is based on a *hadeeth* narrated by Abu al-Ja'd ad-Damriyy (some stated it was ad-Dumayriyy) *radiyAllaahu 'anh* that Rasulullah ﷺ said:

مَنْ تَرَكَ ثَلَاثَ جُمُعٍ تَهَاوُنًا بِهَا طَبَعَ اللَّهُ عَلَى قَلْبِهِ

"Whoever leaves three Friday prayers out of negligence, Allah will place a seal over his heart."

(Abu Dawood)

Dear ennobled Friday congregants,



In this very opportunity, I would like to share from experience, the various matters that Friday prayer attendees would be engaged in while the *khutbah* is being delivered, that it is worried it may diminish or even eliminate their rewards for the Friday prayer. Among them is the ugly habit of some teenagers in watching YouTube or communicating via WhatsApp while the *khateeb* is delivering the sermon, and some would even play online games. There are also masjid officials that would be preoccupied in directing the congregants to fill up the *saff* (rows) or instructing the children to remain quiet and not fool around while the *khateeb* is delivering the *khutbah*. There are also masjid officials that would direct children to collect donations by carrying the donation bag, walking from row to row, while the *khutbah* is being delivered. Moreover, we would often witness some of the attendees that would arrive late to the masjid but not enter the masjid. Instead, they would sit on motorcycles or sleep in the car, while some would just remain under the tree to converse or smoke cigarette, without feeling guilty or at loss.

All of these are truly disappointing and should not even happen. Abu Hurayrah *radiyAllaahu ‘anh* narrated that the Prophet ﷺ said:

إِذَا قُلْتَ لِصَاحِبِكَ يَوْمَ الْجُمُعَةِ: أَنْصِتْ، وَالْإِمَامُ
يَخْطُبُ، فَقَدْ لَغَوْتَ

“When you tell your companion on Friday to be silent while the imaam is delivering the sermon, you are guilty of idle talk.”

(al-Bukhaari)

Based on another *hadeeth*, Abu Hurayrah *radiyAllaahu ‘anh* narrated that the Prophet ﷺ said:



وَمَنْ مَسَّ الْحَصَى فَقَدْ لَغَا

“And whoever touches the pebbles then he has engaged in laghw (idle talk or behavior).”

(Muslim)

The meaning of *laghw* is any action or speech that are in vain or unbeneficial. Imaam ibn Rajab al-Hanbali stated that in this *hadeeth*, the Prophet ﷺ had informed us that even telling others to remain quiet while the sermon is being delivered is from among the *laghw*, even though it is deemed as calling to good and preventing *munkar* (evil). This includes engaging in *dhikr* using the *tasbeeh* (*dhikr* beads) for it takes away the concentration from listening to the *khutbah*.

We also find that some of the attendees would intentionally come to the masjid late on Friday. While, the act of going to the Friday prayer late that one misses the Friday *khutbah* is prohibited for it goes against the command of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* in al-Qur'an. Even though one's Friday prayer is valid, but the act of intentionally missing out from listening to the sermon is deemed as sinful.

Let us altogether remain penitent and heedful in arriving early to the masjid especially on Fridays, as early as possible, for its virtue is tremendously huge. Abu Hurayrah *radiyAllaahu 'anh* narrated that the Prophet ﷺ said:

“He who takes a bath on Friday, the bath of janaabah and then goes (to the masjid), he is like one who offers a she-camel as a sacrifice, and he who comes at the second hour would be like one who offers a cow, and he who comes at the third hour is like one who offers a ram with horns, and he who comes at the fourth hour is like one who offers a hen, and he who comes at the fifth hour is like one who offers



an egg. And when the imaam comes out, the angels are also present and listen to the mention of God (the sermon)."

(al-Bukhaari)

Dear beloved Muslims,

I humbly hope that after listening to the various points mentioned in the *khutbah* today, we would remain open and diligently attempt to rectify our mistakes when attending the Friday prayer, especially for the Muslim males that are *mukallaf*. Let us seek authentic knowledge and learn to comprehend the *adab* and importance of attending the Friday prayer, so that our Friday prayer will be of sound quality, beneficial, and that we would fully internalize upon all matters mentioned in the *khutbah*.

Beloved Friday attendees,

To end the *khutbah* today, let us derive lessons as guidelines in our lives. Among them:

1. We must have certainty that the Friday prayer is an obligation and it is sinful to intentionally neglect it.
2. We must strive to ensure that the Friday prayer that we attend every single week is of utmost effort, beneficial, and attaining tremendous rewards.
3. We must strive to ensure that we are spared from committing things that are unbeneficial and useless, which can cause us to lose the rewards of our Friday prayer.

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ



فَإِذَا قُضِيَتِ الصَّلَاةُ فَانْتَشِرُوا فِي الْأَرْضِ وَابْتَغُوا مِنْ فَضْلِ اللَّهِ
وَأذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ كَثِيرًا لَعَلَّكُمْ تُفْلِحُونَ ﴿١٠﴾

“And when the prayer has been concluded, disperse within the land and seek from the bounty of Allah, and remember Allah often that you may succeed.”

(Soorah al-Jumu'ah 62:10)

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، أُوصِيكُمْ 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
وَيَا قَاضِيَ الْحَاجَاتِ. اللَّهُمَّ أَعِزِّ الْإِسْلَامَ وَالْمُسْلِمِينَ، وَأَهْلِكَ
الْكَفْرَةَ وَالْمُبْتَدِعَةَ وَالْمُشْرِكِينَ.



اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ وَنَتَوَسَّلُ إِلَيْكَ بِنَبِيِّكَ الْأَمِينِ، وَنَسْأَلُكَ بِأَسْمَائِكَ الْحُسْنَى، وَصِفَاتِكَ الْعُظْمَى، أَنْ تَحْفَظَ بَعَيْنِ عِنَايَتِكَ الرَّبَّانِيَّةِ، وَبِحِفْظِ وَقَايَتِكَ الصَّمَدَانِيَّةِ، جَلَالَةَ مَلِكِنَا الْمُعْظَمِ، سُلْطَانَ سَلَاطُونَ، سُلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ اَدْرِيسِ شَاهِ الْحَاجِ ابْنِ الْمَرْحُومِ سُلْطَانَ صَلَاحِ الدِّينِ عَبْدِ الْعَزِيزِ شَاهِ الْحَاجِ. اللَّهُمَّ أَدِمِ الْعُونَ وَالْهِدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْكَ، لَوْلِيِّ عَهْدِ سَلَاطُونَ، تَعَكَوْ أَمِيرِ شَاهِ ابْنِ السُّلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ اَدْرِيسِ شَاهِ الْحَاجِ، فِي أَمْنٍ وَصَلَاحٍ وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنْكَ وَكَرَمِكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ. اللَّهُمَّ أَطْلُ عُمْرَهُمَا مُصْلِحِينَ لِلْمُؤَظَّفِينَ وَالرَّعِيَّةِ وَالْبِلَادِ، وَبَلِّغْ مَقَاصِدَهُمَا لِطَرِيقِ الْهُدَى وَالرَّشَادِ.

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 وَالْمُرَضَّ
وَالشَّدَائِدَ وَالْمِحْنَ، بِلُطْفِكَ يَا لَطِيفُ إِنَّكَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ
قَدِيرٌ وَبِالْإِجَابَةِ جَدِيرٌ.

رَبَّنَا هَبْ لَنَا مِنْ أَزْوَاجِنَا وَذُرِّيَّتِنَا قُرَّةَ أَعْيُنٍ وَاجْعَلْنَا لِلْمُتَّقِينَ إِمَامًا

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رَبَّنَا ءَاتِنَا 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.