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الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ: ذَالِكَ وَمَن يُعَظِّمُ شَغَيِرَ ٱللَّهِ فَإِنَّهَا مِن تَقُوَى ٱلْقَائِلِ: أَلْقُلُوبِ اللَّهِ الْقَائِلِ: أَلْقُلُوبِ اللَّهِ الْقَائِلِ: اللَّهُ وَمَن يُعَظِّمُ شَغَيِرَ ٱللَّهِ فَإِنَّهَا مِن تَقُوَى الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ اللَّهِ الْقَائِلِ: اللَّهُ الْ

أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَٰهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لاَ شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُوْلُهُ. اَللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وسَلِّم عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُوْلُهُ. اَللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وسَلِّم عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ وَاللَّهُمُ عَنْ .

أَمَّا بَعْدُ، فَيَآ أَيُّهَا الْمُسْلِمُونَ اِتَّقُواْ اللَّهَ، أُوْصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ.

قَالَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى: يَّأَيُّهَا ٱلَّذِينَ ءَامَنُواْ ٱتَّقُواْ ٱللَّهَ حَقَّ تُقَاتِهِ وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنتُم مُّسُلِمُونَ ﴿ وَاللَّهُ مَا اللَّهُ مَّسُلِمُونَ ﴿ وَاللَّهُ مَاللَّهُ مَا اللَّهُ مَا اللَّهُ مَا اللَّهُ اللَّهُ وَأَنتُم مُّسُلِمُونَ ﴿ وَاللَّهُ مَا اللَّهُ مَا اللَّهُ مَا اللَّهُ مَا اللَّهُ مَا اللَّهُ اللّ

Dear blessed Muslims,

Let us strive to increase our *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*, which is by abiding all of His Commands and avoiding all of His prohibitions, so that we will attain contentment and blessings in life in this world and in the Hereafter.

The khutbah today is titled "QURBAAN: A SYMBOL OF DEVOTION TO ALLAH."

¹ al-Hajj 22:32

² Aal 'Imraan 3:102



Blessed Muslims,

The *'ibaadah* (worship) of *Qurbaan* (sacrifice), also known as *Ud-hiyyah* (أَضْحِيَّة) is the slaughtering of farm animals with the intention of attaining nearness to Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. It can be performed from the 10th of Dhul Hijjah up until before sunset on the 13th of Dhul Hijjah.

The 'ibaadah of Qurbaan serves as the platform for the Muslim to manifest his gratefulness to Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala for all of the ni'mah (favors) bestowed. It is also from among the shi'aar (symbols) of Islam and a sign of taqwa within and servitude of the believers.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 32 of soorah al-Hajj, which was recited at the beginning of the *khutbah*, what means:

"That [is so]. And whoever honors the symbols of Allah - indeed, it is from the piety of hearts."

The significance of the 'ibaadah of Qurbaan is based on several narrations, among them is the hadeeth of 'A'ishah radiyAllaahu 'anha where Rasulullah # said:

"The son of Adam does not do any deed on the Day of Sacrifice that is dearer to Allah than spilling blood (of sacrificial animals)."

(at-Tirmidhi)

It is understood from this *hadeeth* that the practice of giving off wealth to perform the *'ibaadah* of *Ud-hiyyah* is a very praiseworthy act.

Dear blessed Muslims,



The legislation of the 'ibaadah of Qurbaan is mentioned in both al-Qur'an and as-Sunnah, as Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala mentions in verses 1-3 of soorah al-Kawthar:

"Indeed, We have granted you, [O Muhammad], al-Kawthar. So pray to your Lord and sacrifice [to Him alone]. Indeed, your enemy is the one cut off."

According to as-Sunnah, the virtues of slaughtering the sacrifice are:

The first drop of blood from the slaughtering is expiation for the previous sins. 'Imraan bin Husayn *radiyAllaahu 'anh* narrated that Rasulullah said to Faatimah *radiyAllaahu 'anha*:

"Stand up and go to the place of sacrifice and witness yourself, for with the first drop of blood your previous sins will be forgiven."

(al-Haakim)

Likewise, for every strand of hair and wool from the animal slaughtered, there are virtues upon them. The blood that is spilled onto the earth will have a noble stature in the Sight of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. 'A'ishah *radiyAllaahu 'anha* narrated that Rasulullah said:

إِنَّهَا لَتَأْتِي يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ بِقُرُونِهَا وَأَشْعَارِهَا وَأَظْلاَفِهَا وَإِنَّ اللَّهِ عِقْرُونِهَا وَأَشْعَارِهَا وَأَظْلاَفِهَا وَإِنَّ اللَّهِ مِنَ اللَّهِ بِمَكَانٍ قَبْلَ أَنْ يَقَعَ مِنَ الأَرْضِ فَطِيبُوا هَا نَفْسًا



"On the Day of Judgment, it will appear with its horns, and hair, and hooves, and indeed the blood will be accepted by Allah from where it is received before it even falls upon earth, so let your heart delight in it."

(at-Tirmidhi)

The ruling for the 'ibaadah of Qurbaan is sunnah mu'akkadah (a confirmed sunnah). However, its ruling changes to waajib (obligatory) if it is intended as nadhr (vow). In the hadeeth of 'A'ishah radiyAllaahu 'anha, Rasulullah said:

"Whoever vowed to be obedient to Allah, must be obedient to Him."

(al-Bukhaari)

Dear respsected Muslims,

As mentioned, the slaughtering of the sacrifice only occurs once a year. Therefore, if we are able to perform it, do not miss out on this golden opportunity, for the sake of reaping rewards and the pleasure of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. Let us invigorate this Islamic symbol, for as long as we are alive. Let us ensure that this year's *'Eid al-Adha* will be more lively by making *infaaq* (giving away) of the wealth bestowed upon us.

Dear blessed Muslims,

The act of performing *Qurbaan* can preserve within our memories the history of three great human beings, namely Prophet Ibraaheem 'Alayhissalaam as the father, Hajar as the mother, and Prophet Ismaa'eel as the son. Prophet Ibraaheem was commanded by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* to slaughter his son, Prophet Ismaa'eel. Such is the case that Allah



bestows reward upon those indulging in good deeds, due to their devotion to Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Taʻaala*. Not only good deeds but Allah has relieved them from grief and difficulties by replacing it with *Dhibhin 'Azheem* فِنْحِيم) (فِنْحِ, a large sacrificial animal.

Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala mentions in verses 105-107 of soorah as-Saaffaat:

""You have fulfilled the vision." Indeed, We thus reward the doers of good. Indeed, this was the clear trial. And We ransomed him with a great sacrifice."

The obedience of Prophet Ibraaheem 'Alayhissalaam in sacrificing his only son truly manifests the solid *imaan* (faith) and potent mental fortitude possessed by Prophet Ibraaheem. The great sacrifice displayed by Prophet Ibraaheem 'Alayhissalaam must be instilled in every individual's actions, towards nurturing a capable *ummah*.

Dear blessed Muslims,

The 'ibaadah of Qurbaan also carries the elements for ummah unity. Beginning with the elements of sharing the slaughtered meat through certain division, then communal effort in performing the sacrifice, hence distributing it to the poor and needy, relatives, friends and colleagues, and the neighbors. All of these will nurture the attitude of togetherness and caring, as well as brotherhood that is firm, close-knit, and concerns for each other. As Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala mentions in verse 103 of soorah Aal 'Imraan:



وَٱعۡتَصِمُواْ بِحَبۡلِ ٱللَّهِ جَمِيعَا وَلَا تَفَرَّقُواْ

"And hold firmly to the rope of Allah all together and do not become divided."

Therefore, each person must be ready to sacrifice in enhancing the quality of his own self, his organizations, the society, and nation, by placing the interest of others far above personal interest. One would willingly sacrifice for the sake of Islam and the Muslims. Without sacrifice, then do not at all expect success and blissfulness in life. That is to sacrifice one's anger, tongue, and actions from becoming ensnared by *fitnah* and strife. And sacrificing one's spare time for the recitation of al-Qur'an, seeking Islamic knowledge, and performing righteous deeds.

Dearest Muslim brothers,

To end the sermon, let us ponder upon the following suggestions:

- 1. The Muslim *ummah* must have certainty that slaughtering the sacrificial animal is a duty legislated by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.
- 2. The Muslim *ummah* must be willing to make *infaaq* of the wealth to participate in the *'ibaadah* of *Qurbaan*, hence proving the symbol of obedience and adherence to Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.
- 3. The Muslim *ummah* must utilize the philosophy and essence of the *'ibaadah* of *Qurbaan* as the driving force for the unity of the *ummah*, in heading towards a prosperous, peaceful, and harmonious country.
- 4. The Muslim *ummah* must always sacrifice so as to save themselves and others from the wrath of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* and the torment of the Fire.



أَعُوْذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيْمِ وَمَا أَنفَقُتُم مِّن شَيْءٍ فَهُوَ يُخْلِفُهُ وَهُوَ خَيْرُ ٱلرَّزِقِينَ اللَّهُ وَهُوَ خَيْرُ ٱلرَّزِقِينَ اللَّهُ وَمُوَ خَيْرُ ٱلرَّزِقِينَ اللَّهُ وَمُوَ خَيْرُ ٱلرَّزِقِينَ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ وَمُو اللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ وَلَهُ وَاللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ وَلَهُ وَاللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ وَلَهُ وَاللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ وَلَّهُ وَلَهُ وَاللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ وَلَهُ وَاللَّهُ فَيْعِلَى اللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ فَاللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ وَاللّهُ وَاللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ وَلَّا لَا لَا لَا لَاللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ وَاللّهُ وَاللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ ولَا لَلْمُواللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ لَا اللَّهُ اللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ

"...And whatever thing you spend [in His cause] - He will compensate it; and He is the best of providers."

(Sabaa' 34:39)

بَارَكَ اللهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيْمِ، وَنَفَعَنِيْ وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيْهِ مِنَ الآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيْمِ وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِيْ وَمِنْكُمْ بِمَا فِيْهِ مِنَ الآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيْمِ وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِيْ وَمِنْكُمْ تِلاوَتَهُ، إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيْعُ الْعَلِيْمُ.

أَقُولُ قَوْلِيْ هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللهَ الْعَظِيْمَ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَآئِرِ اللهَ الْعَظِيْمَ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَآئِرِ الْلهَ الْمُسْلِمَاتِ، فَاسْتَغْفِرُوْهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُوْرُ الرَّحِيْمُ

THE SECOND KHUTBAH



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 ٱللَّهَ وَمَلَيِكَتَهُ و يُصَلُّونَ عَلَى ٱلنَّبِيِّ يَاأَيُّهَا ٱلَّذِينَ عَامَنُواْ صَلُّواْ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلِّمُواْ تَسْلِيمًا ١٠٠

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ أَجْمَعِيْنَ.

اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِلْمُسْلِمِيْنَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِيْنَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ اللَّهُمَّ الْمُسْلِمَاتِ الْمُؤْمِنِيْنَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ اللَّعَوَاتِ الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ، إِنَّكَ سَمِيْعٌ قَرِيْبٌ مُجِيْبُ الدَّعَوَاتِ



وَيَا قَاضِيَ الْحَاجَاتِ. اَللَّهُمَّ أَعِزَّ الْإسلام وَالْلُسْلِمِيْنَ، وَأَهْلِكِ الْكَفَرَةَ وَالْلُسْلِمِيْنَ، وَأَهْلِكِ الْكَفَرَةَ وَالْلُسْدِعَةَ وَالْلُشْرِكِيْنَ.

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ وَنَتَوَسَّلُ إِلَيْكَ بِنَبِيِّكَ الْأَمِيْنِ، وَنَسْأَلُكَ بِأَسْمَآئِكَ الْحُسْنَى، وَصِفَاتِكَ الْعُظْمَى، أَنْ تَحْفَظَ بِعَيْن عِنَايَتِكَ الرَّبَّانِيَّةِ، وَبِحِفْظِ وِقَايَتِكَ الصَّمَدَانِيَّةِ، جَلاَلَةَ مَلِكِنَا الْمُعَظَّم، سُلْطَان سلاغُور، سُلْطَان شَرَفُ الدِّين ادريس شاه الحاج ابن المرحوم سُلْطَان صَلاَحُ الدِّين عبد العزيز شاه الحاج. اَللَّهُمَّ أَدِمِ الْعَوْنَ وَالْهِدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيْقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ وَالسَّلامة مِنْك، لِوَلِيّ عَهْدِ سلاغُور، تعْكو أَمِير شَاه اِبْن السُّلْطَان شَرَفُ الدِّين ادريس شاه الحاج، فِيْ أَمْنِ وَصَلاَح وَعَافِيَةِ بِمَنِّكَ وَكَرَمِكَ يَا ذَاالْجَلالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ. اَللَّهُمَّ أَطِلْ عُمْرَهُمَا مُصْلِحَيْن لِلْمُوَظِّفِيْنَ وَالرَّعِيَّةِ وَالْبِلاَدِ، 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 وَالْبَرَضَ وَاللَّهُمَّ يَا دَافِعَ الْبَلَاءِ وَالْبَرَاءِ وَالْبَلَاءِ وَالْبَرَاءِ وَالْبَرْدِ وَالْبَرْدُونِ وَالْبَرْدُ وَالْبَرْدُونِ وَالْبُرَاءِ وَالْبَرْدُ وَالْبُرَاءِ وَالْبَرْدُ وَمِالْمُ وَالْمُرْدُونِ وَالْمُؤْمِلُ وَمِالْمُ وَالْمُؤْمِدُ وَمِالْمُ وَالْمُؤْمِلُ وَمِالْمُ وَالْمُؤْمِلُ وَمِالْمُؤْمِ وَمِالْمُؤْمِلُومُ وَالْمُؤْمِلُومُ وَالْمُؤْمِلُ وَمِالْمُ وَالْمُؤْمِ وَالْمُؤْمِ وَالْمُؤْمِ وَالْمُؤْمِ وَالْمُؤْمِلُومُ وَالْمُؤْمُ وَالْمُوالِمُ وَالْمُؤْمُ وَالْمُ وَالْمُؤْمُ وَالْمُؤْمُ وَالْمُؤْمُ وَالْمُؤْمُ وَالْمُؤْمُ و

رَبَّنَا هَبُ لَنَا مِنْ أَزُوَاجِنَا وَذُرِّيَّتِنَا قُرَّةَ أَعْيُنِ وَٱجْعَلْنَا لِلْمُتَّقِينَ إِمَامًا

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رَبَّنَآ ءَاتِنَا فِي ٱلدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةَ وَفِي ٱلْآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةَ وَقِنَا عَذَابَ ٱلنَّارِ ﴿ عَبَادَ اللَّهِ، إِنَّ ٱللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِٱلْعَدُلِ وَٱلْإِحْسَنِ وَإِيتَآيٍ ذِي ٱلْقُرُبَى وَيَنْهَىٰ عَبَادَ اللَّهِ، إِنَّ ٱللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِٱلْعَدُلِ وَٱلْإِحْسَنِ وَإِيتَآيٍ ذِي ٱلْقُرُبَى وَيَنْهَىٰ عَنِ ٱلْفَحْشَآءِ وَٱلْمُنكرِ وَٱلْبَغْيُ يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ ﴾ عَنِ ٱلْفَحْشَآءِ وَٱلْمُنكرِ وَٱلْبَغْيُ يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ ﴾



فَاذْكُرُواْ اللهَ الْعَظِيْمَ يَذْكُرْكُمْ وَاشْكُرُوْهُ عَلَى نِعَمِهِ يَزِدْكُمْ، وَاسْأَلُوْهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ يُعْطِكُمْ وَلَذِكْرُ اللهِ أَكْبَرُ وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا تَصْنَعُونَ.