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الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ: أَحْسِبَ النَّاسُ أَنْ يُتْرَكُوا أَنْ يَقُولُوا ءَامَنَّا
وَهُمْ لَا يُفْتَنُونَ ﴿٢﴾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! أُوْصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى
اللَّهِ فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ. قَالَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى:

يَأَيُّهَا 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 performing all of His Commands and leaving out all of His prohibitions. May the true *taqwa* and firm *imaan* (faith) make us among the successful slaves in this world and the Hereafter.

On this very noble day, I will be expounding upon a *khutbah* titled
“LESSONS FROM ALLAH’S TRIALS.”

¹ al-‘Ankaboot 29 2.

² Aal ‘Imraan 3:102.



Dear respected audience,

In early 2020, we were overwhelmingly shocked by the outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic. From among its impact is that many lives were lost. This pandemic is still ongoing until today, where up until January 7th 2023, over five million individuals have been infected and more than thirty-five thousand lives have died because of it. All of these had happened by the will of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* the Almighty, to test His slaves. Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in the second verse of soorah al-'Ankaboot that was recited earlier in the *khutbah*, which means:

“Do the people think that they will be left to say, “We believe” and they will not be tried?”

According to ibn Katheer in his *tafseer*, Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* has every right to test His believing slaves according to their level of *imaan*. May the tests and trials from Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* serve as lessons for all of us. Among them is to endure every tribulations with *sabr* (patience). Only those having *sabr* in wading through the tests from Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* that will attain success. Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 155 of soorah al-Baqarah:

وَلَنَبْلُوَنَّكُمْ بِشَيْءٍ مِّنَ الْخَوْفِ وَالْجُوعِ وَنَقْصٍ مِّنَ الْأَمْوَالِ
وَالْأَنْفُسِ وَالشَّمَرَاتِ ۗ وَبَشِّرِ الصَّابِرِينَ ﴿١٥٥﴾

“And We will surely test you with something of fear and hunger and a loss of wealth and lives and fruits, but give good tidings to the patient.”



With the blessings of unwavering patience, Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* has also promised to bestow abundant rewards to His slaves. Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 10 of soorah az-Zumar:

...إِنَّمَا يُوفِي الصَّابِرُونَ أَجْرَهُمْ بِغَيْرِ حِسَابٍ ﴿١٠﴾

"...Indeed, the patient will be given their reward without account."

However, it must be remembered that all of the tests originating from Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* is actually *rahmah* (mercy) for His believing slaves. Those that continue to remain *sabr* with firm *imaan* will be greatly rewarded. In the *hadeeth* of A'ishah, she asked Rasulullah ﷺ regarding the plague. Hence, Rasulullah ﷺ said, which means:

"Plague was a punishment which Allah used to send on whom He wished, but Allah made it a blessing for the believers. None (among the believers) remains patient in a land in which plague has broken out and considers that nothing will befall him except what Allah has ordained for him, but that Allah will grant him the reward of a martyr."

(al-Bukhaari)

Therefore, as a lesson from these tribulations from Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*, we should continue to instill *sabr* within ourselves at all times, whatever the case may be.

Dear blessed Muslims,

In enduring the trials from Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*, we have been taught to not cease from hoping for aid and guidance from Him. Only



in Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* Alone do we plead for all of our needs and only He knows what is best for His slaves. Therefore, we must always supplicate to Him, not only while we are in adversity, but also during times of ease so that we are always bestowed with guidance and *rahmah* from Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. In the *hadeeth* of an-Nu'maan bin Basheer *radiyAllaahu 'anh*, Rasulullah ﷺ said:

إِنَّ الدُّعَاءَ هُوَ الْعِبَادَةُ، ثُمَّ قَرَأَ: وَقَالَ رَبُّكُمْ ادْعُونِي
أَسْتَجِبْ لَكُمْ

“Supplication is worship.” He then recited, “And your Lord said: Invoke Me, I will respond to you.”

(Abu Dawood)

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* has also promised to accept the prayers of His slaves whom are patient. In the *hadeeth* of Abu Hurayrah *radiyAllaahu 'anh*, Rasulullah ﷺ said:

يُسْتَجَابُ لِأَحَدِكُمْ مَا لَمْ يَعْجَلْ، فَيَقُولُ: دَعَوْتُ، فَلَمْ
يُسْتَجَبْ لِي

“The invocation of anyone of you is granted if he does not show impatience by saying, “I invoked Allah but my request has not been granted.””

(Agreed Upon)

For those that are too arrogant and lazy to supplicate, it only incurs the wrath of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* upon them. This reminder was



conveyed by Rasulullah ﷺ through another narration of Abu Hurayrah radiyAllaahu 'anh, where Rasulullah ﷺ said:

مَنْ لَمْ يَسْأَلِ اللَّهَ يَغْضَبْ عَلَيْهِ

“Indeed, he who does not ask Allah, He gets angry with him.”

(at-Tirmidhi)

Therefore, let us continue to raise our hands and make *du'aa* (supplicate) to Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* so that ourselves, our families, and our nation will be protected from the epidemic that is still spreading. With the *barakah* (blessings) of our *sabr* in beseeching Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*, may this epidemic soon gets removed from the face of earth. Also, let us plea to Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* so that we will be able to endure all trials afflicting us with full patience.

Dear respected guests of Allah,

In addition to making *du'aa* to Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* to preserve us from difficult tests, calamities, and illnesses, we are encouraged to always take good care of our personal hygiene. This is because Islam enjoins its adherents to take great care of cleanliness, for cleanliness is the basis of health. With good health, the Muslims can perform *'ibaadah* (worship) and fulfill their daily tasks with perfection. Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* truly loves His slaves whom loves cleanliness and always preserving them. Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 108 in soorah at-Tawbah:

... فِيهِ رَجَالٌ يُجِبُّونَ أَنْ يَتَطَهَّرُوا وَاللَّهُ يُحِبُّ الْمُطَهَّرِينَ ﴿١٠٨﴾



“...Within it are men who love to purify themselves; and Allah loves those who purify themselves.”

Rasulullah ﷺ had given reminder regarding maintaining cleanliness in the *hadeeth* of Sa‘eed bin al-Musayyib *radiallāhu ‘anh* where Rasulullah ﷺ said, which means:

“Indeed Allah is Tayyib (good) and He loves what is good, and He is Nazheef (clean) and He loves cleanliness, He is Kareem (kind) and He loves kindness, He is Jawaad (generous) and He loves generosity. So clean your courtyards, and do not resemble the Jews.”

(at-Tirmidhi)

Dear blessed Muslims,

To end this sermon, let us derive lessons from the following matters:

1. The Muslim *ummah* must have certainty that every *museebah* (calamity) occurring are by the will of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta‘aala* in testing His slaves.
2. The Muslim *ummah* must have *sabr* and continue invoking Allah while enduring any type of tribulations from Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta‘aala*.
3. The Muslim *ummah* must derive lessons from the trials of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta‘aala* and strive to attain nearness to Him.

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ



وَإِذَا مَسَّ الْإِنْسَانَ الضُّرُّ دَعَانَا لِجَنبِهِ أَوْ قَاعِدًا أَوْ قَائِمًا
فَلَمَّا كَشَفْنَا عَنْهُ ضُرَّهُ مَرَّ كَأَن لَّمْ يَدْعُنَا إِلَىٰ ضُرِّ مَسَّهُ ۗ كَذَٰلِكَ
زُيِّنَ لِلْمُسْرِفِينَ مَا كَانُوا يَعْمَلُونَ ﴿١٢﴾

“And when affliction touches man, he calls upon Us, whether lying on his side or sitting or standing; but when We remove from him his affliction, he continues [in disobedience] as if he had never called upon Us to [remove] an affliction that touched him. Thus is made pleasing to the transgressors that which they have been doing.”

(Yoonus 10:12)

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

أَلْحَمْدُ 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
الْكُفْرَةَ وَالْمُبْتَدِعَةَ وَالْمُشْرِكِينَ.

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ وَنَتَوَسَّلُ إِلَيْكَ بِنَبِيِّكَ الْأَمِينِ، وَنَسْأَلُكَ
بِأَسْمَائِكَ الْحُسْنَى، وَصِفَاتِكَ الْعُظْمَى، أَنْ تَحْفَظَ بَعِينِ



عِنَايَتِكَ الرَّبَّانِيَّةِ، وَبِحِفْظِ وَقَايَتِكَ الصَّمَدَانِيَّةِ، جَلَالَةَ مَلِكِنَا
الْمُعَظَّمِ، سُلْطَانَ سَلَاطُونِ، سُلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ ادریس شاه
الحاج ابن المرحوم سُلْطَانَ صَلَاحِ الدِّينِ عبد العزيز شاه
الحاج. اَللّٰهُمَّ اَدِمِ الْعَوْنَ وَالْهَدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ
وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْكَ، لِوَلِيِّ عَهْدِ سَلَاطُونِ، تَعَكَوْ اَمِيرِ شَاهِ اِبْنِ
السُّلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ ادریس شاه الحاج، فِي اَمْنٍ وَصَلَاحٍ
وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنِّكَ وَكَرَمِكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْاِكْرَامِ. اَللّٰهُمَّ اَطْلُ
عُمْرَهُمَا مُصْلِحَيْنِ لِلْمَوْظُفَيْنِ 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 وَالْمَرَضَ
وَالشَّدَائِدَ وَالْمِحْنَ، بِلُطْفِكَ يَا لَطِيفُ إِنَّكَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ
قَدِيرٌ وَبِالْإِجَابَةِ جَدِيرٌ.

رَبَّنَا هَبْ لَنَا مِنْ أَزْوَاجِنَا وَذُرِّيَّتِنَا قُرَّةَ أَعْيُنٍ وَاجْعَلْنَا لِلْمُتَّقِينَ إِمَامًا.
رَبَّنَا ءَاتِنَا فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِي الْآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ ﴿٩٠﴾
عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ وَالْإِحْسَانِ وَإِيتَايَ ذِي الْقُرْبَى
وَيَنْهَى عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَالْبَغْيِ يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ

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فَاذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ يَذْكُرْكُمْ وَاشْكُرُوهُ عَلَى نِعَمِهِ يَزِدْكُمْ،
وَاسْأَلُوهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ يُعْطِكُمْ وَلَذِكْرُ اللَّهِ أَكْبَرُ وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا
تَصْنَعُونَ.