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الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ: وَجَزَّوْا سَيِّئَةَ سَيِّئَةٍ مِّثْلَهَا فَمَنْ عَفَا وَأَصْلَحَ فَأَجْرُهُ عَلَى اللَّهِ إِنَّهُ لَا يُحِبُّ الظَّالِمِينَ ﴿٤٠﴾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,

I humbly 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 avoiding all of His prohibitions. Let us give full attention to the sermon that is to be delivered. Let us not talk and leave off our mobile phones during the *khutbah*. May this *khutbah* benefit us all.

¹ ash-Shoora 42:40.

² Aal 'Imraan 3:102.



The *khutbah* today is titled **"NURTURING LOVE THROUGH BROTHERHOOD."**

Dear blessed Muslims,

Nowadays, the Muslim *ummah* is confronted with various challenges. The biggest challenge today is the issue of division within the *ummah*. It is a challenge across the world in general, and Malaysia in particular. Esteemed audience, let us ponder, why is it difficult for the Muslim *ummah* today to unite? What is the obstacle for the unity of the Muslims? While, we all have *imaan* (faith) in Allah that is One, and adhering to the religion of Islam that is one. The call for the unity of the *ummah* was mentioned by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* in verse 52 of Soorah al-Mu'minoon:

وَإِنَّ هَذِهِ أُمَّتُكُمْ أُمَّةً وَاحِدَةً وَأَنَا رَبُّكُمْ فَاتَّقُونِ ﴿٥٢﴾

"And indeed this, your religion, is one religion, and I am your Lord, so fear Me."

This verse is very clear for the Muslims to comprehend the importance of clinging firmly upon the basis of Islamic *'aqeedah* as the key to unity. Even though we differ in various issues, but for as long as that difference does not infringe upon the allowable limits of *'aqeedah* and the *Sharee'ah*, then it behoove the Muslim *ummah* to remain united and as brothers.

Dear blessed audience,

In the *hijrah* (migration) of Rasulullah ﷺ and the Companions to Yathrib (Madeenah), among the first things that he ﷺ did was to bind the Muslims with the bond of love and brotherhood between the Ansaar and the Muhaajireen. In this historical event, how was he ﷺ able to unite the hearts of the two groups? What was the secret maneuver that he ﷺ did that both Ansaar and



Muhaajireen came united even though they both hailed from different background?

Esteemed audience,

Among the advice from the Prophet ﷺ regarding building *ukhuwwah* (brotherhood) and cultivating love among fellow Muslims are:

First: We must have a friendly attitude by spreading the *salaam*, always greeting one another and asking about each other, so that the bond of *ukhuwwah* will remain fostered and continuous. This was stated in the *hadeeth* of Abu Hurayrah *radiyAllaahu ‘anh*, where Rasulullah ﷺ said:

لَا تَدْخُلُونَ الْجَنَّةَ حَتَّى تُؤْمِنُوا، وَلَا تُؤْمِنُوا حَتَّى تَحَابُّوا،
أَوَلَا أَدُلُّكُمْ عَلَى شَيْءٍ إِذَا فَعَلْتُمْوهُ تَحَابَبْتُمْ؟ أَفَشُوا السَّلَامَ
بَيْنَكُمْ

“You shall not enter Paradise until you believe, and you have not believed until you love one another. Shall I tell you of something you can do to make you love one another? Spread the greetings of Salaam (peace) amongst yourselves.”

(Muslim)

Based on this *hadeeth*, it can be concluded that one practice that can encourage the feeling of mutual love among Muslims is the greeting of *salaam* to fellow Muslims. The *kalimah* (word) *salaam* is *du‘aa* (supplication) for well-being and mercy upon our Muslim brethren, serving as the magnet that will attract *barakah* (blessings) from Allah. The masjid and *surau* institution can play its very role in reviving this virtuous culture, through “spread the *salaam*” campaign, *ukhuwwah*-centric programs, discussions, and others.



Second: Nurturing brotherhood and love can be achieved when we constantly keep an open mind to always forgive our Muslim brethren. We comprehend that human will not cease from erring, hence the habit of forgiving the mistake of others is highly encouraged in Islam. Allah mentions in verse 40 of Soorah ash-Shoora, which was recited at the beginning of the *khutbah*:

“And the retribution for an evil act is an evil one like it, but whoever pardons and makes reconciliation - his reward is [due] from Allah. Indeed, He does not like wrongdoers.”

During the Conquest of Makkah (*Fath al-Makkah*), there was no bloodshed that took place between the Muslims and the Makkans. Moreover, the Prophet ﷺ and the Companions displayed virtuous *akhlaaq* (character) towards the *Mushrikeen* (polytheists) of Makkah, even though they used to torture and insult the Prophet and the Companions. Even Wahsi whom killed the Prophet’s uncle, Hamzah bin ‘Abd al-Muttalib, during the battle of Uhud was forgiven by the Prophet ﷺ. Such beautiful *akhlaaq* had caused them to embrace Islam en masse.

Dear blessed Friday congregants,

Third: Hasten to provide help and aid to those in need at all times, especially those having the closest kinship ties with us. The assistance provided with full *ikhlaas* (sincerity) can unite the hearts of people. Furthermore, the Prophet ﷺ highly encouraged us to aid in lightening the burden of our brethren in various forms of assistance, whether by providing clothing, food, beverage, and others. Our help will further strengthen the *ukhuwwah* among us.

In the *hadeeth* of Abu Sa‘eed al-Khudri, Rasulullah ﷺ said:



أَيُّمَا مُسْلِمٍ كَسَا مُسْلِمًا ثَوْبًا عَلَى عُرْيٍ، كَسَاهُ اللَّهُ مِنْ
خُضْرِ الْجَنَّةِ، وَأَيُّمَا مُسْلِمٍ أَطْعَمَ مُسْلِمًا عَلَى جُوعٍ، أَطْعَمَهُ
اللَّهُ مِنْ ثَمَارِ الْجَنَّةِ وَأَيُّمَا مُسْلِمٍ سَقَى مُسْلِمًا عَلَى ظَمَأٍ،
سَقَاهُ اللَّهُ مِنَ الرَّحِيقِ الْمَخْتُومِ

“Any Muslim who clothes another Muslim who is naked, Allah will clothe him from the green garments of Paradise. Any Muslim who feeds a Muslim who is hungry, Allah will feed him from the fruit of Paradise, and any Muslim who gives drink to a Muslim who is thirsty, Allah will give him a drink from the Sealed Nectar.”

(Abu Dawood)

Fourth: The role of the masjid as the unifying heart for the *ummah* is vital in producing a society that is thoroughly united. The masjid should serve as the primary mover for the unification of the *ummah* by inviting various parties such as the Village Community Management Council (MPKK), *suraus*, residents’ associations, NGOs, and others to organize various community events such as *gotong-royong* (community clean-up), mass *khitan* (circumcision) ceremony, free health check-up, blood donation drive, and many others, which intends for community members and local communities to meet and mingle, fostering *ukhuwwah* and rapport between communities. Indeed, Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta’aala* loves His servants that are always aiding and loving one another, as mentioned in verse 36 of Soorah an-Nisaa’, what means:

“Worship Allah and associate nothing with Him, and to parents do good, and to relatives, orphans, the needy, the near neighbor, the neighbor farther away, the companion at your side, the traveler, and



those whom your right hands possess. Indeed, Allah does not like those who are self-deluding and boastful."

Fifth: Increase our supplication and beseech Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* for He is the Almighty that can unite the hearts of mankind. As believers, reliance and dependence in Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* becomes *waajib* (obligatory) as the final lifeline after all unification efforts for the Muslim *ummah* have been exhausted. Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 63 of Soorah al-Anfaal:

وَأَلَّفَ بَيْنَ قُلُوبِهِمْ لَوْ أَنْفَقْتَ مَا فِي الْأَرْضِ جَمِيعًا مَا أَلَّفْتَ بَيْنَ قُلُوبِهِمْ وَلَكِنَّ اللَّهَ أَلَّفَ بَيْنَهُمْ إِنَّهُ عَزِيزٌ حَكِيمٌ ﴿٦٣﴾

"And brought together their hearts. If you had spent all that is in the earth, you could not have brought their hearts together; but Allah brought them together. Indeed, He is Exalted in Might and Wise."

Respected audience,

To conclude the sermon this time, I sincerely implore and invite all Muslims to internalize upon the following lessons as guidance in our life:

1. The Muslim *ummah* must remain friendly towards others by making it is as norm to utter and reply the *salaam*, always greeting one another, and asking about the affair of others, so that the bond of *ukhuwwah* remains nurtured and unsevered.

2. The Muslim *ummah* must remain open in forgiving their Muslim brethren, as demanded in Islam. Verily, Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* truly loves His slaves that love to forgive the mistakes of others.

3. The Muslim *ummah* must utilize the masjid as the most important venue in raising an *ummah* that is firmly united and loving one another.



4. The leaders of the Muslim *ummah* must always call towards unity, not hostility.

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ
إِنَّمَا الْمُؤْمِنُونَ إِخْوَةٌ فَأَصْلِحُوا بَيْنَ أَخَوَيْكُمْ وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ
لَعَلَّكُمْ تُرْحَمُونَ ﴿١٠﴾

"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,

Once more, I would like to remind all of us to always have the *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* by protecting ourselves and our families from committing acts of disobedience and abominable deeds. At the same time, we continue to supplicate so that we will always be blessed and protected from all forms of threat and the spread of Covid-19 endemic. For that, respected audience are advised to practice self-care and be mindful of one's personal hygiene and surroundings. Maintain social distancing and wear the face mask to prevent contagion. Avoid being in a congested and narrow area, and do not converse too close to others especially when having symptoms that can be associated with Covid-19.

Let us strictly adhere to the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) stipulated in preventing the spread of the pandemic, so that we can continue to engage in *'ibaadah* (worship) and activities at the *masaajid* and *suraus*, and together indulge in worship during the month of Ramadaan that will soon dawn upon us.



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 بَعِينِ
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 أَدِمِ الْعَوْنَ وَالْهِدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ
وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْكَ، لَوْلِيِّ عَهْدِ سَلَاطُونِ، تَعَكَوْ أَمِيرِ شَاهِ ابْنِ
السُّلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ اَدْرِيسِ شَاهِ الْحَجِّ، فِي أَمْنٍ وَصَلَاحٍ



وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنِّكَ وَكَرَمِكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ. اللَّهُمَّ أَطْلُ
عُمْرَهُمَا مُصْلِحِينَ لِلْمُوظَّفِينَ وَالرَّعِيَّةِ وَالْبِلَادِ، وَبَلِّغْ
مَقَاصِدَهُمَا لِطَرِيقِ الْهُدَى وَالرَّشَادِ.

اللَّهُمَّ يَا عَزِيزُ يَا مُنْتَقِمُ يَا جَبَّارُ، يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ. اللَّهُمَّ
انصُرْ إِخْوَانَنَا الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُجَاهِدِينَ وَالْمُسْتَضْعَفِينَ فِي
فَلَسْطِينَ.

O Allah, O our Lord! Save our Muslim brethren whom are oppressed in the land of Palestine, and wherever they may be. Remove all the tyranny that exist on this earth. Bestow justice upon those that have been mistreated and oppressed. O Allah! Bestow upon the Muslim fighters, as well as the Palestinians, strength and patience in enduring the cruelty of the enemy. O Allah! Restore peace and prosperity in the land of Palestine so that its people will live in happiness.

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 ءَاتِنَا فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِي الآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ ﴿٢٠١﴾
عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ وَالْإِحْسَانِ وَإِيتَايَ ذِي الْقُرْبَىٰ وَيَنْهَىٰ

عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَالْبَغْيِ يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ ﴿٩٠﴾

فَاذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ يَذْكُرْكُمْ وَاشْكُرُواهُ عَلَىٰ نِعْمِهِ يَزِدْكُمْ،
وَاسْأَلُوهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ يُعْطِكُمْ وَلَذِكْرُ اللَّهِ أَكْبَرُ وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا
تَصْنَعُونَ.