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الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ : الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي أَنْزَلَ عَلَى عَبْدِهِ الْكِتَابَ وَلَمْ  
يَجْعَلْ لَهُ عِوَجًا ۝<sup>1</sup>

أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا  
مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدَهُ وَرَسُولَهُ. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا  
مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ.

أَمَّا بَعْدُ، فَيَا أَيُّهَا الْمُسْلِمُونَ، اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ، أُوْصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى  
اللَّهِ فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ.

قَالَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى: يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تُقَاتِهِ وَلَا  
تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ ۝<sup>2</sup>

**Dear blessed Muslims,**

I humbly implore upon of all us to strive in increasing our *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* by performing all of His Commands and avoiding all of His prohibitions. Let us give undivided attention to the sermon that is to be delivered. Do not talk and do not get carried away with the mobile phone. May we attain benefit from the *khutbah*.

On this noble day, I will expound on the topic titled “**AVOID HERESY.**”

**Blessed Muslims,**

<sup>1</sup> al-Kahf 18:1

<sup>2</sup> Aal 'Imraan 3:102



Misguidance and heresy had long begun when there were groups or sects led by leaders or individuals claiming to be prophets during the time of Rasulullah ﷺ. There were three individuals that claimed to be prophets, namely al-Aswad al-Unsi, Musaylamah al-Kadhdhaab, and Tulayhah ibn Khuwaylid al-Asadi. After the death of Rasulullah ﷺ, these individuals became aggressive in spreading their misguidance. During the time of Abu Bakr as-Siddeeq *radiallāhu ‘anh*, he declared war against these deviant sects, including those that refused to pay the *zakaat*.

**Dear blessed audience,**

Today, the continuation of the misguidance from the past is increasingly worrying, moreover it is more inclined and motivated by self-interest, authority, including wealth and women. All of these are due to the weakness in the fundamentals of religious teachings that have been stipulated by the *shara'*, namely *'aqeedah*, *sharee'ah*, and *akhlaaq* (character). Aside from that, the deficiency in sound knowledge and understanding upon *shar'i* rulings and *tasawwur Islam* (Islamic worldview) that is comprehensive serve as the main factor in breeding blind followers and fanatics for these deviant teachings. This is what has been happening recently where there are deviant sects such as the teachings of Ahmadi religion who was audacious in openly declaring the religion brought by Rasulullah ﷺ as astray, where the majority of its followers are Muslims. This includes the reappearance of Ayah Pin sect, the Sihulk sect who claimed Rasulullah ﷺ as being god and that Imaam Mahdi will descend in New Zealand.

The phenomenon of heretical teachings cannot be left alone for it will have significant impact upon all of the elements and belief system of the

Muslims, which can be exposed to elements relating to beliefs, claims, or actions that can lead to *kufr* (disbelief), *shirk*, and *murtad* (apostasy).

**Dear beloved audience,**

On the authority of Mu'aawiyah bin Abi Sufyaan *radiyAllaahu 'anh*,  
Rasulullah ﷺ said:

أَلَا إِنَّ مَنْ قَبْلَكُمْ مِنْ أَهْلِ الْكِتَابِ افْتَرَقُوا عَلَى ثِنْتَيْنِ  
وَسَبْعِينَ مِلَّةً، وَإِنَّ هَذِهِ الْمِلَّةَ سَتَفْتَرِقُ عَلَى ثَلَاثٍ وَسَبْعِينَ:  
ثِنْتَانِ وَسَبْعُونَ فِي النَّارِ، وَوَاحِدَةٌ فِي الْجَنَّةِ، وَهِيَ الْجَمَاعَةُ

**“The people of the Book before were split up into seventy two sects, and this community will be split into seventy three: seventy two of them will go to Hell and one of them will go to Paradise, and it is the majority group (*al-Jamaa'ah*).”**

(Abu Dawood)

The definition of *Ahl as-Sunnah wal-Jamaa'ah* originated from two words, namely “*Ahl as-Sunnah*” and “*al-Jamaa'ah*”, which refers to the group that firmly adheres to the teachings of Rasulullah ﷺ or following the ways of the Prophet and the *Jamaa'ah* (Community), meaning his Companions especially *Khulafaa' ar-Raashideen* (the Rightly Guided Caliphs) whom were taught by Rasulullah ﷺ. The creed of *Ahl as-Sunnah wal-Jamaa'ah* encompasses Islamic teachings pertaining to *'aqeedah*, *sharee'ah*, and *akhlaaq* that have been conveyed from the time of Rasulullah ﷺ and his Companions.

In general, the Muslims in Malaysia adheres to the *madhhab* (school of thought) of *Ahl as-Sunnah wal-Jamaa'ah* in terms of *'aqeedah*, and *madhhab ash-Shaafi'i* in *fiqh* (jurisprudence). The Selangor *Fatwa* Committee would issue a *fatwa* according to *qawl mu'tamad* (final opinion) within the *Shaafi'i madhhab*. If the *fatwa* according to the *Shaafi'i* school of thought contradicts the general interest of the Muslim community, then *qawl* (opinion) from other Sunni *madhaahib* that are deemed reasonable such as Hanafi, Maaliki, and Hanbali, can be taken.

*Fataawa* issued in the state of Selangor are established on three matters, namely:

1. The creed of the Muslims in this state is that of *Ahl as-Sunnah wal-Jamaa'ah* in its *'aqeedah*, *sharee'ah*, and *akhlaaq*.
2. Beliefs other than *Ahl as-Sunnah wal-Jamaa'ah* contradicts the *shara'*.
3. The spread of any teachings in any form other than the belief of *Ahl as-Sunnah wal-Jamaa'ah* is strictly prohibited.

These provisions indicate that the state religious authorities diligently strives to curb the thoughts and creed of other than *Ahl as-Sunnah wal-Jamaa'ah* from emerging and spreading within the Muslim society.

### **Dear beloved Friday congregation,**

There are situations today where there are those within the society that would vehemently argue on trivial matters within the political realm, which are relative or non-absolute in nature, to the point of reviling one another, judging others to the point of accusing certain individuals of having deviated from true Islam and subscribing to *'aqeedah* that is astray and misguided.

Even more unfortunate, what is harming the Muslim *ummah* is that the supporters of deviant teachings have successfully influenced the surrounding community to altogether immerse in their heretical teachings. Moreover, the supporters of deviant sects would always influence their followers for certain interests, that it blinds their hearts from the path of Truth, simply for the sake of pleasing their lustful desire.

At the same time, the followers and supporters of these deviant sects have been successful in influencing the surrounding communities to join them in continuing with their deviant activities.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 119 of soorah al-An'aam:

وَلَا تَقْفُ مَا لَيْسَ لَكَ بِهِ عِلْمٌ إِنَّ السَّمْعَ وَالْبَصَرَ وَالْفُؤَادَ كُلُّ  
أُولَئِكَ كَانَ عَنْهُ مَسْئُولًا ﴿٣٦﴾

**“And indeed do many lead [others] astray through their [own] inclinations without knowledge. Indeed, your Lord - He is most knowing of the transgressors.”**

To curb the spread of these heretical beliefs, the Muslim *ummah* must increase and comprehend the knowledge of *'aqeedah*, *sharee'ah*, *akhlaaq*, and authentic Islamic teachings. The purpose of us seeking knowledge is to attain goodness, seeking the truth, and finding happiness. Hence, with that, seek knowledge with a teacher who is a *murshid* (spiritual guide) and has integrity. A teacher that leads to *imaan* (faith) and *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. Do not just learn from random teachers.

Avoid seeking religious knowledge from teachers that did not acquire knowledge through the proper discipline. Be careful upon hearing and

accepting teachings that are doubtful. If it contradicts the *shara'*, then take a firm stance and solidify the *'aqeedah* within the heart, so that it remains steadfast and strengthened.

When we want to return unto becoming Muslims that are pleasing to Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* and yearns to attain the glorious era of the Muslims in the past, then it behooves the Muslim *ummah* to return to the basic fundamentals and principles that can unite the Muslims entirely, guided by the teachings of al-Qur'an and the *Sunnah* of Rasulullah ﷺ.

To end this *khutbah*, let us altogether reflect and derive lessons as in the following:

1. The Muslim *ummah* must have certainty that *'aqeedah*, *sharee'ah*, and *akhlaaq* are from the creed of *Ahl as-Sunnah wal-Jamaa'ah* that was promised by Rasulullah ﷺ with salvation from the torment of the Fire.
2. The Muslim *ummah* must be cognizant that the beliefs of *Ahl as-Sunnah wal-Jamaa'ah* is the official creed of Islamic institutions and Muslim societies in this country, that they are to be firmly cling upon and protected.
3. The Muslim *ummah* must know that teachings, understandings, beliefs, and ideologies that goes against or deviates from that of *Ahl as-Sunnah wal-Jamaa'ah*, as acknowledged in *fataawa* issued by the Selangor *Mufti* Department, are to be avoided.
4. The Muslim *ummah* must remember that if there are new teachings and understandings that are unclear or confusing, then they must be referred to the *Mufti* Department of the respective state and also qualified scholars whom are responsible.

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

وَمَنْ يُشَاقِقِ الرَّسُولَ مِنْ بَعْدِ مَا تَبَيَّنَ لَهُ الْهُدَىٰ وَيَتَّبِعْ غَيْرَ سَبِيلِ  
الْمُؤْمِنِينَ نُوَلِّهِ مَا تَوَلَّىٰ وَنُصَلِّهِ ۖ جَهَنَّمَ سَاءَتْ مَصِيرًا ﴿١١٥﴾

***“And whoever opposes the Messenger after guidance has become clear to him and follows other than the way of the believers - We will give him what he has taken and drive him into Hell, and evil it is as a destination.”***

*(Soorah an-Nisaa' 4:115)*

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ  
الآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ وَتَقَبَّلْ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتُهُ 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.

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 إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ وَنَتَوَسَّلُ إِلَيْكَ بِنَبِيِّكَ الْأَمِينِ، وَنَسْأَلُكَ  
بِأَسْمَائِكَ الْحُسْنَى، وَصِفَاتِكَ الْعُظْمَى، أَنْ تَحْفَظَ بَعَيْنِ  
عِنَايَتِكَ الرَّبَّانِيَّةِ، وَبِحِفْظِ وَقَايَتِكَ الصَّمَدَانِيَّةِ، جَلَالَةَ مَلِكِنَا  
الْمُعَظَّمِ، سُلْطَانَ سَلَاطِينِ، سُلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ ادریس شاه  
الحاج ابن المرحوم سُلْطَانَ صَلَاحِ الدِّينِ عبد العزيز شاه  
الحاج. اللَّهُمَّ أَدِمِ الْعُونَ وَالْهَدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ  
وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْكَ، لِيُؤَيِّدَ عَهْدَ سَلَاطِينِ، تَعَاوَنَ أَمِيرِ شَاهِ ابْنِ  
السُّلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ ادریس شاه الحاج، فِي أَمْنٍ وَصَلَاحٍ  
وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنِّكَ وَكَرَمِكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ. اللَّهُمَّ أَطْلُ  
عُمْرَهُمَا مُصْلِحِينَ لِلْمُوظَّفِينَ وَالرَّعِيَّةِ وَالْبِلَادِ، وَبَلِّغْ  
مَقَاصِدَهُمَا لِطَرِيقِ الْهُدَى وَالرَّشَادِ.

O Allah! We seek refuge in You from severe trials, from being afflicted with calamities, from evil in destiny, and from the joy of the enemies upon the tribulations and misfortunes that befell us. O Allah! We beseech Your

protection, from losing the favors that You have bestowed, from the loss of health that You have granted, protect us from calamity and disaster. O Allah! You are our One and Only Savior, we humbly beg You to save Masjid al-Aqsa in Palestine.

O Allah! Make us among Your slaves that fulfill 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 *masajid* and *suraus* in the state of Selangor as Your peaceful homes, uniting everyone, and serve as the heart of the *ummah's* strength.

رَبَّنَا هَبْ لَنَا مِنْ أَزْوَاجِنَا وَذُرِّيَّتِنَا قُرَّةَ أَعْيُنٍ وَاجْعَلْنَا لِلْمُتَّقِينَ إِمَامًا ﴿٧٤﴾  
رَبَّنَا آتِنَا فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِي الْآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ ﴿٣٠١﴾  
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 نِعَمِهِ يَزِدْكُمْ،  
وَاسْأَلُوهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ يُعْطِكُمْ وَلَذِكْرُ اللَّهِ أَكْبَرُ وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا  
تَصْنَعُونَ.