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“HIJRAH IS INDEPENDENCE”

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ : إِنَّ الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا وَالَّذِينَ هَاجَرُوا وَجَاهَدُوا فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ أُولَئِكَ يَرْجُونَ رَحْمَتَ اللَّهِ وَاللَّهُ غَفُورٌ رَحِيمٌ ﴿٢١٨﴾¹

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، أَوْصِيكُمْ 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 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 abstaining from all of His prohibitions. May we be bestowed with happiness and success in this world and the Hereafter.

On this noble day, I will expound on a *khutbah* titled “**HIJRAH IS INDEPENDENCE.**”

¹ al-Baqarah 2:218

² Aal 'Imraan 3:102



Blessed Friday audience,

The opening verse recited informs us regarding the characteristics of the believers whom are always striving to improve their *imaan* (faith) until they attain the level of perfection. While, the meaning of *hijrah* is to migrate in the aspects of the physical body and practice. Of course, attaining both aspects in the definition necessitates *jihaad* or *mujaahadah* (striving) in the path of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*, and finally rewarded with *rahmah* (mercy), love, and forgiveness from Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.

It is clear that based on this verse, we find two meanings of *hijrah*, namely *hijrah makaaniyyah*, which means the migration of the physical body from one location to another in seeking the pleasure of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. While, *hijrah ma'nawiyah* is abandoning practices that are *baatil* (falsehood) for practices that are authentic and pleasing to Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. It is this discussion that is related to our self-independence as the Muslim *ummah*, which is freeing ourselves from the shackles of practices, attitudes, lifestyles, and cultures that are *baatil*, for a lifestyle that is centered upon authentic *'aqeedah*, *Sharee'ah*, and *akhlaaq* as the Islamic way of life.

Blessed Friday congregants,

Hijrah means to make a change from the aspects of determination, attitude, culture, taste, or lifestyle to that which is better. It is to leave out anything prohibited by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* and changing to those commanded by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. In the *hadeeth* of 'Abdullah ibn 'Amr *radiyAllaahu 'anhuma*, Rasulullah ﷺ said:

المُهَاجِرُ مَنْ هَجَرَ مَا نَهَى اللَّهُ عَنْهُ



“A Muhaajir (emigrant) is the one who abandons all what Allah has forbidden.”

(al-Bukhaari)

Similarly, in the *hadeeth* of Sayyidatina ‘A’ishah *radiyAllaahu ‘anha* where Rasulullah ﷺ had mentioned in his speech after *Fath al-Makkah* (Conquest of Makkah):

لَا هِجْرَةَ بَعْدَ الْفَتْحِ، وَلَكِنْ جِهَادٌ وَنِيَّةٌ، وَإِذَا سْتُنْفِرْتُمْ
فَانْفِرُوا

“There is no emigration after the Conquest but jihaad and intentions. When you are called (by the Muslim ruler) for fighting, go forth immediately.”

(al-Bukhaari)

Dear blessed Friday audience,

Hijrah ma’nawiyah covers matters pertaining to *i’tiqaad* (belief and conviction), *fikriyah* (thoughts), *shu’ooriyah* (taste), and *sulookiyah* (overall journey of character building).

1. *Hijrah* of Belief and Conviction:

The world that is becoming more advanced and highly technological should not become an obstacle for the Muslim *ummah* to learn and practice according to pure unadulterated ‘*aqeedah*. There are a plethora of ways and methods, whether through *talaqqi* with credible teachers at the *masaajid*, institutes, or *madrasahs*, or even online so that we will be among those having knowledge, practicing them, and having the correct ‘*aqeedah*.



However, it is utterly bothersome that there are still those that are astray in their *'aqeedah*, belief, and conviction.

There still exist sects that claim Prophet Muhammad ﷺ as God, proclaiming that Prophet Muhammad ﷺ neither begets nor is born, those that do not believe in Paradise and Hellfire, those that dispute the messengership of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, and many others. Furthermore, there are those within Muslim communities that are still adamant with practices of animism mixed with *khurafaat* (superstition) and shirk such as placing items in a tray as offering for ghosts, *'puja pantai'* (sea spirits) ritual, believing in shaman, believing that there are other divine being other than Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*, and others.

Muslims ascribing to those ideologies must hasten to repent, and migrate or change to only having *tawheed* (proclaiming the Oneness of Allah) in Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* Alone, and following the teachings brought by Rasulullah ﷺ.

2. *Hijrah* of Intellectual Thoughts:

With the development throughout time, technological advancements and rapid flow of information have facilitated for the development of various intellectual thoughts, as rapid as the current flow of technology. The tagline “a world without border” further intensifies intellectual colonization within the Muslim *ummah*. This gives birth to the ideologies of secularism (separation between religion and life), liberalism (giving absolute rights to individuals), religious pluralism (claiming that all religions are truthful and equal), and free thinker (thinking freely without subscribing to any religion or belief), where all of them are severe threats upon *'aqeedah* and Islamic *Sharee'ah*. It is *wajib* (obligatory) upon the Muslims to migrate and liberate themselves from the



onslaught of ideologies that corrupts and destroys the ‘*aqeedah* and Islamic belief.

Beloved Friday audience,

It is very clear that Rasulullah ﷺ had reminded us through the *hadeeth* of Abu Sa‘eed al-Khudri *radiallāhu ‘anh*, where he ﷺ said:

“You would tread the same path as was trodden by those before you inch by inch and step by step so much so that if they had entered into the hole of the lizard, you would follow them in this also.” We said: “Allah’s Messenger, do you mean the Jews and the Christians?” He ﷺ said: “Who else?”

(Muslim)

It is only befitting that we always remain vigilant upon the influence of intellectual colonization that leads to misguidance.

3. *Hijrah* of Feelings:

Every year, the Muslims would celebrate the new Hijri year with various activities and approaches. The question is, have we migrated to a new resolution, attitude, culture, and taste that are decorated with al-Qur’an and *as-Sunnah*? If changes within ourselves, our families, and our societies have yet to occur, then it means that we have yet to migrate. Moreover, we are still in need for sound understanding, development, and awareness to make the change.

Shu‘ooriyah or taste, pleasure, and liking includes matters regarding entertainment, music, reading, clothing fashion, role models, financing, food, and many others, have they been decorated with the *Sharee‘ah* as guidance and reference? There are many Muslims that still do not have concerns



regarding *halaal* (lawful) and *haram* (unlawful). At times, their concerns would be for as long as they are making money, eating well, feeling happy, and others, without feeling guilty in committing or seizing something at will or pursuing it even though it contradicts the *shara'*.

Let us undertake *hijrah* from a lifestyle that deviates from the Islamic *sharee'ah* to the ways that are pleasing to Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.

4. *Hijrah* of Behavior:

Behavior or *sulookiyah* refers to the overall journey of one's behavior or persona. Every journey will surely collide with opposing values, whether good or bad. This is a depiction of life that is filled with challenges and obstacles. It is no wonder that now, multitudes of social ills and immoral acts have emerged such as bribery, breach of trust, deceits, and power abuse. It is *wajib* upon the Muslim *ummah* to make *hijrah* in liberating themselves and communities from destruction and harm to the cultivation of a life that knows and comprehends the *Sharee'ah*, practicing upon praiseworthy traits, avoiding troubled life that tarnishes *akhlaaq* and moral values. This migration is truly necessary in ensuring the survivability of the religion, nation, and people.

Dear respected Friday audience,

Ponder upon the words of Sayyiduna 'Umar al-Khattaab *radiallaahu 'anh*:

حَاسِبُوا أَنْفُسَكُمْ قَبْلَ أَنْ تُحَاسَبُوا

“Hold yourselves accountable before you are held accountable.”



Let us make *hijrah* in changing towards the better. Let us leave out all the bad, the flaws, and the failures. May our lives become blessed by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* with indication that we have attained freedom in the sight of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.

Beloved Friday congregants,

To end the *khutbah* today, let us derive several lessons as guidance in our lives, namely:

1. The Muslim *ummah* must internalize the great event of *hijrah* and build lives according to the 'aqeedah, *Sharee'ah*, and Islamic *akhlaaq*.

2. The Muslims are recommended to abandon all evil, disobedience, and sinful acts, and instead indulge in matters that have been commanded by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.

3. The Muslim *ummah* must become agents for *da'wah* (calling to Islam) toward others, calling to *ma'roof* (good) and preventing *munkar* (evil), and setting up good exemplary.

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ
الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا وَهَاجَرُوا وَجَاهَدُوا فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ بِأَمْوَالِهِمْ وَأَنْفُسِهِمْ
أَعْظَمُ دَرَجَةً عِنْدَ اللَّهِ وَأُولَئِكَ هُمُ الْفَائِزُونَ ﴿٢٠﴾

“The ones who have believed, emigrated and striven in the cause of Allah with their wealth and their lives are greater in rank in the sight of Allah. And it is those who are the attainers [of success].”

(Soorah at-Tawbah 9:20)



بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ
الآيَاتِ 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.

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 اصْلِحْ أَيْمَةَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَوُلَاةَ أُمُورِهِمْ وَجَمِيعَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ وَنَتَوَسَّلُ إِلَيْكَ بِنَبِيِّكَ الْأَمِينِ، وَنَسْأَلُكَ بِأَسْمَائِكَ الْحُسْنَى، وَصِفَاتِكَ الْعُظْمَى، أَنْ تَحْفَظَ بَعَيْنِ عِنَايَتِكَ الرَّبَّانِيَّةَ، وَبِحِفْظِ وَقَايَتِكَ الصَّمَدَانِيَّةَ، جَلَالَةَ مَلِكِنَا الْمُعْظَمِ، سُلْطَانَ سَلَاطِينِ، سُلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ ادریس شاه الحاج ابن المرحوم سُلْطَانَ صَلَاحِ الدِّينِ عبد العزيز شاه الحاج. اللَّهُمَّ أَدِّمِ الْعُونَ وَالْهَدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْكَ، لَوْلِيِّ عَهْدِ سَلَاطِينِ، تَعَكُّوْا أَمِيرِ شَاهِ ابْنِ السُّلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ ادریس شاه الحاج، فِي أَمْنٍ وَصَلَاحٍ وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنْكَ وَكَرَمِكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ. اللَّهُمَّ أَطْلُ عُمْرَهُمَا مُصْلِحِينَ لِلْمُؤَظَّفِينَ وَالرَّعِيَّةِ وَالْبِلَادِ، وَبَلِّغْ مَقَاصِدَهُمَا لِطَرِيقِ الْهُدَى وَالرِّشَادِ.

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 our state 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 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, embezzlement, and power abuse. 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.