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الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ : نَحْنُ نَقُصُّ عَلَيْكَ نَبَأَهُم بِالْحَقِّ إِنَّهُمْ فِتْيَةٌ
ءَامَنُوا بِرَبِّهِمْ وَزِدْنَاهُمْ هُدًى ﴿١٣﴾¹

أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا
مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ. اَللَّهُمَّ 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 humbly implore upon all of us to altogether strive in increasing our *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* by performing all of His Commands and avoiding all of His prohibitions. May we attain blissfulness and salvation in this world and the Hereafter.

On this noble day, I will discuss upon a *khutbah* titled “**TEENAGERS OF THE FUTURE.**”

¹ al-Kahf 18 13

² Aal 'Imraan 3:102



Dear blessed Friday audience,

Adolescence is a period of personal and self-identity development, assuming responsibility, independence, and learning about leadership. Teenagers play a significant role in shaping the future of community environment, society, and the nation's excellence. Teenagers are precious assets that must be guided and educated in a proper manner, according to authentic Islamic teachings, for the well-being of the community, the nation's prosperity, and a civilization that is an exemplary to the world.

On the authority of Husayn bin 'Ali *radiallahu 'anh*, Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم said:

إِنَّ اللَّهَ تَعَالَى يُحِبُّ مَعَالِيَ الْأُمُورِ وَأَشْرَافَهَا، وَيَكْرَهُ
سَفْسَافَهَا

"Indeed, Allah Ta'aala loves loftiest and noble affairs (character) and hates filthy matters (conduct)."

(at-Tabaarani)

Dear beloved guests of Allah,

In al-Qur'an, there are several verses that mentions about the youth, providing advice, lessons, and beneficial stories for the teenagers. Let us ponder upon the story of *As-haab al-Kahf* (the Companions of the Cave). The story of *As-haab al-Kahf* is a well-known story mentioned in al-Qur'an. It involves a group of youth that had *imaan* (faith), whom were seeking refuge inside a cave so as to save themselves, in protecting their *'aqeedah* and *imaan*. This story is mentioned in verses 13-14 of Soorah al-Kahf:

“It is We who relate to you, [O Muhammad], their story in truth. Indeed, they were youths who believed in their Lord, and We increased them in guidance. And We made firm their hearts when they stood up and said, “Our Lord is the Lord of the heavens and the earth. Never will we invoke besides Him any deity. We would have certainly spoken, then, an excessive transgression.””

Next, the story of Prophet Yousuf *‘Alayhissalaam*, which depicted the noble adolescent personality, having utmost patience, virtuous *akhlaaq* (character), and wisdom.

As Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta’aala* mentions in verse 22 of Soorah Yousuf, regarding the virtues conferred upon Prophet Yousuf *‘Alayhissalaam* since his teenage years:

وَلَمَّا بَلَغَ أَشُدَّهُ وَءَاتَيْنَاهُ حُكْمًا وَعِلْمًا وَكَذَلِكَ نَجْزِي الْمُحْسِنِينَ ﴿٢٢﴾

“And when Joseph reached maturity, We gave him judgment and knowledge. And thus We reward the doers of good.”

Blessed Muslims,

The youth play a significant role in shaping the future of the community and nation. A good civilizational legacy must be held accountable against them for the continuity in driving progress and well-being of the *ummah*. Several important aspects must be given due attention so that teenagers today can assume their role effectively and provide added value to the nation’s future, instilling Islamic principles with peacefulness and prosperity. For that, there are several matters that must be prioritized in grooming teenagers of the future. Among them:-



1. Educate the teenagers according to the Islamic way of teaching and elevate their rank with beneficial knowledge. Education is the key to the nation's advancement and development. Youths that are knowledgeable and educated will be capable in building confidence, shouldering responsibilities, and entrusted with leadership. Knowledge will be the beacon for the teenagers to explore the truth, the limits of truth and falsehood, as well as the ability to carry out *amar ma'roof* (enjoining good) and prevent *munkar* (evil) with adequacy and wisdom. The Muslim youth must master the knowledge of *Fard al-'Ayn* (individual obligations) and *Fard al-Kifaayah* (communal obligation) that encompasses worldly knowledge in a balanced manner, for a superior Islamic civilization.

Let us as Muslim *ummah* become the exemplary for the younger generation. Educate them with good exemplaries in all aspects of religious and worldly life, including within the household, managing organizations, politics, social and national issues. And also, how can one become an individual that stands upright according to the ideals and stipulations in Islam.

2. Nurture the traits of leadership, integrity, and upright persona with the teenagers. They must be sufficiently equipped with *tasawwur Islam* (Islamic worldview) and sound Islamic principles. As leaders of the future, the youth must lead the nation through political *siyaasah* (governance) development that is meticulously organized, and never once abandon the interests of the religion in the affairs of nationbuilding.

Let us sow and cultivate within the soul of the teenagers unto becoming individuals that would lead in the interest of the masses, not for group or personal gain. Unfortunately, what is happening today is that the youths are unable to emulate anything that is accurate and befitting for them. What they are witnessing in the matter of leadership is disputation that are neverending

among the Muslims, abuses, slandering, and condemnation. Such predicament necessitates for the youth to be educated in continuously possessing strong identity. Hence, the teenagers must be adequately trained to endure various situations by having the attitude of not being easily influenced, blind imitation, or obsession with negative things.

Narrated Abu Hurayrah *radhiyAllaahu 'anh*: Rasulullah ﷺ said:

بَدَأَ الْإِسْلَامُ غَرِيبًا وَسَيَعُودُ كَمَا بَدَأَ فَطُوبَى لِلْغُرَبَاءِ

“Islam initiated as something strange, and it would revert to its (old position) of being strange. So good tidings for the stranger.”

(Muslim)

Dear blessed audience,

Today, the nation has placed high hopes upon the youth as leaders of the nation's future and excellence. As the country's precious assets, the teenagers must take notice and know the boundaries of truth regarding matters that are happening today. The teenagers must reflect upon the lessons from past and current events as examples and extremities in their era of leadership in the future. Youth as successors must equip themselves and look ahead with full responsibility in transforming this country into a land that is safe, peaceful, and always bestowed with mercy and forgiveness from Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.

Blessed audience,

I would like to convey several advice so that the youth will remain *istiqaamah* (steadfast) in preparing themselves:-

1. Strengthen the *imaan* and increase the *taqwa*. This means to always preserve the relationship with Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*, safeguarding the rights of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* (by performing the obligatory prayers, fulfilling all of His Commands and abandoning all of His prohibitions). This is because by preserving the rights of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*, only then He will dignify our religion and worldly affairs. Do good by performing righteous deeds and reciting al-Qur'an.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 56 of Soorah al-Muddaththir:

هُوَ أَهْلُ التَّقْوَىٰ وَأَهْلُ الْمَغْفِرَةِ ﴿٥٦﴾

"He is worthy of fear and adequate for [granting] forgiveness."

2. Seek knowledge, for knowledge is the guiding light to the truth. Knowledge is a tool for achieving success in this world and the Hereafter. So, strive in seeking authentic knowledge from teachers whom are *murshid* (esteemed) wherever one may be. Seeking knowledge is not only necessary, it is an obligation upon every Muslim.

In the words of Imaam ash-Shaafi'i:

مَنْ أَرَادَ الدُّنْيَا فَعَلَيْهِ بِالْعِلْمِ وَمَنْ أَرَادَ الْآخِرَةَ فَعَلَيْهِ بِالْعِلْمِ

"Whoever wants (to attain) the worldly life then he has to gain knowledge, and whoever wants the Hereafter then he has to gain knowledge."

In the *hadeeth* of Abu Hurayrah *radiallaahu 'anh*, Rasulullah ﷺ said:

"And whoever follows a path to seek knowledge therein, Allah will make easy for him a path to Paradise. No people gather together in one

of the Houses of Allah, reciting the Book of Allah and studying it among themselves, except that sakeenah (tranquility) descends upon them, and mercy envelops them, and the angels surround them, and Allah mentions them amongst those who are with Him."

(Muslim)

3. Choosing the suitable and perfect companion. Make friends with those that can have a positive impact and inviting towards good. Avoid those that can lead to disobedience or corrupt the *akhlaaq*.

On the authority of Abu Hurayrah *radiallahu 'anh*: Rasulullah ﷺ said:

الرَّجُلُ عَلَى دِينِ خَلِيلِهِ فَلْيَنْظُرْ أَحَدُكُمْ مَنْ يُخَالِلُ

"A man is upon the religion of his friend, so let one of you look at whom he befriends."

(Ahmad)

Dear beloved Friday congregants,

To end the sermon today, let us take a few lessons from the sermon as guidelines in our lives, namely:

1. The Muslim *ummah* must always cling firmly upon the teachings of al-Qur'an and *as-Sunnah*. Therefore, educate our teenagers to follow and practice those teachings.

2. The Muslims must realize that the youth is a valuable asset that must be guided and educated properly, for the well-being of the community and the prosperity of the country in the future.

3. The Muslim *ummah* must ensure that the teenagers can build and strengthen their *imaan* and *taqwa*, safeguard their tongue and deeds in their

daily lives so that the relationship between humans and Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* will always remain firm and meaningful.

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

فَمَنْ يُرِدِ اللَّهُ أَنْ يَهْدِيَهُ وَيُشْرِحْ صَدْرَهُ لِلْإِسْلَامِ وَمَنْ يُرِدْ أَنْ
يُضِلَّهُ وَيَجْعَلَ صَدْرَهُ ضَيْقًا حَرَجًا كَأَنَّمَا يَصْعَدُ فِي السَّمَاءِ كَذَلِكَ
يَجْعَلُ اللَّهُ الرَّجْسَ عَلَى الَّذِينَ لَا يُؤْمِنُونَ ﴿١٢٥﴾

“So whoever Allah wants to guide - He expands his breast to [contain] Islam; and whoever He wants to misguide - He makes his breast tight and constricted as though he were climbing into the sky. Thus does Allah place defilement upon those who do not believe.”

(Soorah al-An'aam 6:125)

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ
الآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ وَتَقَبَّلْ 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 يَا قَاضِيَ الْحَاجَاتِ.

اللَّهُمَّ اصْلِحْ أُمَّةَ 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 سَلَاطُونِ، سُلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ ادریس شاه الحاج ابن المرحوم سُلْطَانَ صَلَاحِ الدِّينِ عبد العزيز شاه الحاج. اللَّهُمَّ أَدِمِ الْعُونَ وَالْهَدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْكَ، لَوْلِيِّ عَهْدِ سَلَاطُونِ، تَعَكَوْ أَمِيرِ شَاهِ ابْنِ السُّلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ ادریس شاه الحاج، فِي أَمْنٍ وَصَلَاحٍ وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنِّكَ وَكَرَمِكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ. اللَّهُمَّ أَطْلُ عُمْرَهُمَا مُصْلِحِينَ لِلْمَوْظُفِّينَ 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 الآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ ﴿٢١﴾
عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ وَالْإِحْسَانِ وَإِيتَايِ ذِي الْقُرْبَىٰ وَيَنْهَىٰ عَنِ
الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَالْبَغْيِ يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ ﴿٩٠﴾



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