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الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ : لَقَدْ كَانَ لَكُمْ فِي رَسُولِ اللَّهِ أُسْوَةٌ حَسَنَةٌ لِمَنْ
كَانَ يَرْجُوا اللَّهَ وَالْيَوْمَ الْآخِرَ وَذَكَرَ اللَّهَ كَثِيرًا ﴿٢١﴾¹

أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا
مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ. 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 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 abstaining from all of His prohibitions. May we be bestowed with blissfulness and success in this world and the Hereafter.

¹ al-Ahzab 33:21

² Aal 'Imraan 3:102



In conjunction with the commemoration of *Mawlid ar-Rasool* 1446H and Malaysia Day on the 16th of September, 2024, I will be delivering a *khutbah* titled "**THE EXEMPLARY OF RASULULLAH ﷺ IN NATIONHOOD.**"

Dear blessed Friday audience,

Every year we would remember the birthday of Rasulullah ﷺ in the effort to increase our love for our Beloved ﷺ. This effort had been initiated centuries ago. It was mentioned in *al-Bidaayah wa an-Nihaayah* that 'Allaamah ibn Katheer praised Sultan al-Muzaffar who celebrated *Mawlid ar-Rasool* on a grand scale by stating: "He [Muzaffar] used to celebrate the noble *Mawlid* in *Rabee' al-Awwal* and organize huge festivities for it."

That is one of our efforts in increasing our *mahabbah* (love) for our Beloved ﷺ. In the month of birth of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, it behooves the Muslim *ummah* to replicate the personality of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ that is full of love and *rahmah* (mercy).

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions the high morals and character of Rasulullah ﷺ in verse 4 of Soorah al-Qalam:

وَإِنَّكَ لَعَلَىٰ خُلُقٍ عَظِيمٍ ﴿٤﴾

"And indeed, you are of a great moral character."

Moreover, Rasulullah ﷺ would greatly emphasize on instilling noble *akhlaaq* (character), which serve as the yardstick for the perfection of one's *imaan* (faith).

As in the narration of Abu Hurayrah *radhiyAllaahu 'anh* where Rasulullah ﷺ said:



أَكْمَلُ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ إِيمَانًا أَحْسَنُهُمْ خُلُقًا

"The most complete of the believers in faith, is the one with the best character among them."

(at-Tirmidhi)

Dear blessed Muslims,

Verily, Rasulullah ﷺ possess the perfect exemplary as guidance for us to emulate. As Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* firmly states in verse 21 of Soorah al-Ahzaab that was recited at the beginning of the sermon:

"There has certainly been for you in the Messenger of Allah an excellent pattern for anyone whose hope is in Allah and the Last Day and [who] remembers Allah often."

It has been proven that Rasulullah ﷺ is the most perfect exemplary because the excellence of Rasulullah ﷺ is not just limited to the very concept of servitude between the human being and The Creator. Furthermore, it includes social interactions between Rasulullah ﷺ and the general public, whether Muslims or non-Muslims, interactions with the animals and the environment, and interactions of Rasulullah ﷺ regarding business affairs. Moreover, he ﷺ had displayed the best exemplary in managing the administration of the Islamic state in Madeenah.

Beloved Friday congregation,

In social and community relations, Rasulullah ﷺ would often mix and interact with all walks of society, having diverse culture, rank, ethnicity, and religion. While faced with diversity in religious belief, he ﷺ did not deem it as a major problem in fostering social interactions with the society. He ﷺ was



cognizant of the prevailing diversity, but despite all of the differences, there are more important matters that are to be fought and defended, namely harmony, cohesion, and social unity.

When Rasulullah ﷺ completed the union between the Muhaajireen and Ansaar, he ﷺ established a peace treaty known as the Charter (or Constitution) of Madeenah, the first national constitution that has ever been established throughout world history. Among the provisions within the constitution is that all citizens, whether Muslim or not, are obligated to protect one another. The whole community must preserve the unity within.

Dear blessed audience,

Rasulullah ﷺ really loved the land of Makkah for it was his birthplace. There, he ﷺ and a few other Companions, the early Muslims, were subjected to a series of oppressions and violence inflicted by the *mushrikeen* (polytheists) of Makkah.

The Prophet ﷺ then initiated efforts to liberate Makkah from shirk, authority and abuses by the oppressors, as well as superstition and paganism inherited from their ancestors. Even though the Muslims had stability at the time, Rasulullah ﷺ would never go overboard and resort to measures that were inhumane. He ﷺ did not hold grudge against the evil acts of the Makkans in the past. Moreover, he ﷺ forgave them and allowed them to live together in peace. These are the noblest values and attitudes of Rasulullah ﷺ towards not only to his Companions but also to those who had oppressed him in the past.

Shaykh Dr Muhammad Abu Shuhbah mentioned in his book *as-Seerah an-Nabawiyyah Fee Daw'i al-Qur'aan Wa as-Sunnah* that on the day that Makkah was liberated, Rasulullah ﷺ had stood in front of the Quraysh (pagans) and asked them: "What do you think of the treatment that I am about to accord



to you?" They replied: "We expect nothing but goodness from you." Then, Rasulullah ﷺ said: "Go your way, for you are freed ones."

It is clear to us that Rasulullah ﷺ had never assaulted and inflicted violence upon anyone, even to his assistants, except for *jihad fee sabeelillaah*. He ﷺ also never retaliated for all of the wrongdoings endured, unless if it had clearly violated the prohibitions decreed by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. Only then he ﷺ would take revenge or retaliate, purely for the sake of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* and not due to emotions.

Blessed audience,

Such is the exemplary of Rasulullah ﷺ in matters pertaining to nationhood and living in a diverse society. It is suitable for our nation, which also has the same diverse societal structure. Surely there are a plethora of exemplary shown by Rasulullah ﷺ for us to emulate and follow.

It is only befitting that we follow and obey, and adhere to the teachings of Rasulullah ﷺ for it will nurture the love and devotion to Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 31 of Soorah Aal 'Imraan:

قُلْ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ تُحِبُّونَ اللَّهَ فَاتَّبِعُونِي يُحْبِبْكُمُ اللَّهُ وَيَغْفِرْ لَكُمْ
ذُنُوبَكُمْ وَاللَّهُ غَفُورٌ رَحِيمٌ ﴿٣١﴾

"Say, [O Muhammad], "If you should love Allah, then follow me, [so] Allah will love you and forgive you your sins. And Allah is Forgiving and Merciful.""



Therefore, in preserving the nation's harmony that is comprised of a multiethnic society, then it necessitates us as Muslims to follow the exemplary shown by Rasulullah ﷺ. May all of our actions that are according to the *sunnah* of Rasulullah ﷺ attains pleasure and mercy from Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.

Dear blessed Muslims,

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

1. The Muslim *ummah* must instill *mahabbah* for Rasulullah ﷺ.
2. The Muslim *ummah* must realize that the exemplary of Rasulullah ﷺ is not limited to the concept of servitude between mankind and The Creator. Moreover, it also entails exemplary regarding interactions between Rasulullah ﷺ and humans, the environment, and governing affairs.
3. The Muslim *ummah* must have certainty that love for Rasulullah ﷺ will lead to the love for Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*, and most importantly, attaining forgiveness and mercy from Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ
لَقَدْ مَنَّ اللَّهُ عَلَى الْمُؤْمِنِينَ إِذْ بَعَثَ فِيهِمْ رَسُولًا مِّنْ أَنفُسِهِمْ يَتْلُوا
عَلَيْهِمْ آيَاتِهِ ۖ وَيُزَكِّيهِمْ وَيُعَلِّمُهُمُ الْكِتَابَ وَالْحِكْمَةَ وَإِن كَانُوا مِن قَبْلُ
لَفِي ضَلَالٍ مُّبِينٍ ﴿١٦٤﴾

“Certainly did Allah confer [great] favor upon the believers when He sent among them a Messenger from themselves, reciting to them His verses and purifying them and teaching them the Book and wisdom, although they had been before in manifest error.”



(Aal 'Imraan 3:164)

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.



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 أَصْلِحْ 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
الْمُعَظَّمِ، سُلْطَانَ سَلَاطُونِ، سُلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ اَدْرِيسِ شَاهِ
الْحَاجِ ابْنِ الْمَرْحُومِ سُلْطَانَ صَلَاحِ الدِّينِ عَبْدِ الْعَزِيزِ شَاهِ
الْحَاجِ. اللَّهُمَّ أَدِمِ الْعُونَ وَالْهَدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ
وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْكَ، لِيُؤَيِّدَ عَهْدَ سَلَاطُونِ، تَعَاوُنِ أَمِيرِ شَاهِ ابْنِ
السُّلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ اَدْرِيسِ شَاهِ الْحَاجِ، 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 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 ﴿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 نِعَمِهِ يَزِدْكُمْ،
وَاسْأَلُوهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ يُعْطِكُمْ وَلَذِكْرُ اللَّهِ أَكْبَرُ وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا
تَصْنَعُونَ.