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الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ : وَقَضَىٰ رَبُّكَ أَلَّا تَعْبُدُوا إِلَّا إِيَّاهُ وَبِالْوَالِدَيْنِ
إِحْسَانًا إِمَّا يَبُلُغَنَّ عِنْدَكَ الْكِبَرَ أَحَدُهُمَا أَوْ كِلَاهُمَا فَلَا تَقُلْ لَهُمَا أُفٌ
وَلَا تَنْهَرْهُمَا وَقُلْ لَهُمَا قَوْلًا كَرِيمًا ¹ ﴿٤٣﴾
أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا
عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَىٰ سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَىٰ 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 ² ﴿١٠٢﴾

Dear blessed Muslims,

I sincerely call upon all of us to strive in increasing our *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* by performing all of His Commands and abstaining from all of the matters prohibited by Him. May we all be bestowed with blissfulness and success in this world and the Hereafter.

On this glorious day, I will discuss upon a *khutbah* titled "**BEING DUTIFUL TO PARENTS.**"

¹ al-Israa' 17:23

² Aal 'Imraan 3:102.

Blessed Friday audience,

Based on what Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 23 of soorah al-Israa' that was recited at the beginning of the *khutbah*, its translation of meanings are:

“And your Lord has decreed that you not worship except Him, and to parents, good treatment. Whether one or both of them reach old age [while] with you, say not to them [so much as], “uff,” and do not repel them but speak to them a noble word.”

This verse enjoins upon us as children to render kind treatment to our parents. The status of the parents in the sight of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* is very honorable, for the command to be dutiful to them came right after the command to not worship other than Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* and committing shirk against Him.

Pondering upon the current scenario within society, we find that many are very heedless when it comes to the plight of their parents. Senior citizens being neglected by children is nothing new within the society today. Every year, there will be cases of senior citizens being dumped at public venues as reported in the media.

Dear beloved audience,

The main key for a person to enter paradise is none other than the attainment of pleasure of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. His Pleasure can be attained by fulfilling all His Commands and avoiding all of His prohibitions. Hence, attaining the pleasure of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* is also dependent upon the pleasure of the parents. This is the very matter that is often forgotten by all of us all the while.

In the *hadeeth* of 'Abdullah bin 'Umar *radiallahu 'anhuma*, Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم said:

"The pleasure of the Lord is in the pleasure of the parents, and the displeasure of the Lord is in the displeasure of the parents."

(at-Tirmidhi)

This illustrates that every child who rendered service to the parents will surely attain the pleasure of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. Therefore, the blessings and pleasure of the parents in one's life is vital for it becomes the means to gain the pleasure of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.

Dear beloved Friday congregation,

While in the state of obedience to parents, all of our affairs will surely be facilitated with ease by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. The *rizq* (sustenance) from Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* is truly vast and it comes in various forms without us realizing them. Being blessed with good health is one of the forms of *rizq*, and also being spared from calamity.

In the *hadeeth* of Abu Hurayrah *radiallahu 'anh*, Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم said:

رَغِمَ أَنْفٌ، ثُمَّ رَغِمَ أَنْفٌ، ثُمَّ رَغِمَ أَنْفٌ. قِيلَ: مَنْ يَا
رَسُولَ اللَّهِ؟ قَالَ: مَنْ أَدْرَكَ وَالِدَيْهِ عِنْدَ الْكِبَرِ، أَحَدَهُمَا أَوْ
كِلَيْهِمَا، ثُمَّ لَمْ يَدْخُلِ الْجَنَّةَ

"May he be disgraced! May he be disgraced! May he be disgraced!" It was said: "Allah's Messenger, who is he?" He (ﷺ) said: "He who sees either of his parents during their old age or he sees both of them, but he does not enter Paradise (by being dutiful to them)."

(Muslim)

This *hadeeth* emphasizes on the great opportunity for one to enter Paradise just by being dutiful to the parents, especially when they are in old age. The failure to seize this opportunity is deemed as a tremendous loss.

Beloved Friday audience,

The real test for the children is when the parents have fallen ill or no longer able to do anything independently. Back then, when we were small, our parents were the ones that had made the most sacrifice in raising us. They would diligently care for us as if they were "*carrying a capful of oil*" [meaning: wholeheartedly with extreme care and affection]. They would stay awake the entire night when we cried or became cranky, uncomfortable to sleep. Remember that this life is like a spinning wheel, for there will come a time when we would become parents and reach old age.

Fortunate is the child who is able to care for his or her parents until they breathe their last. Every joy felt and happiness radiating from our parents' faces will be one of the reason for our lives to be blessed by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. When the parents are happy and pleased with their offspring, surely they will always supplicate for them with the best of supplications. No matter our stature or how great we become, even with success reaching the skies, we are only great due to the supplication of our parents. Without their *du'aa* (supplication), we are pretty much nothing. So, let us not allow ourselves hurt their feelings, for its consequences would be very severe. The punishment from Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* upon disobedient children is certain.

In the *hadeeth* of 'Abdullah bin Mas'ood *radhiyAllaahu 'anh*, he reported:

I asked the Prophet (ﷺ), "Which of the deeds is loved most by Allah?" Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said, "Salaah at its proper time." I asked,

“What next?” He (ﷺ) replied, “Kindness to parents.” I asked, “What next?” He (ﷺ) replied, “Jihad in the way of Allah.”

(al-Bukhaari and Muslim)

This *hadeeth* indicates that the *darajah* (rank) of the parents is noble in the sight of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta’aala*. Hence, children that honor their parents will attain bountiful reward. Its reward is equivalent to performing *jihad* in the path of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta’aala*, for the sacrifices in caring and kind treatment of parents are highly demanded in Islam. One’s acts of *‘ibaadah* (worship) are not perfected if the parents’ welfare is neglected. Therefore, take good care of our parents and consider it as *‘ibaadah* that will facilitate us, for when we have *ikhlaas* (sincerity) then all our affairs become easy without feeling burdened.

Dear beloved Friday congregants,

To end the sermon today, let us derive several lessons as guidelines in our lives. Among them:

1. The Muslim *ummah* must avoid attitudes, actions, and words that can hurt the parents’ feelings. Love them and have mercy upon them, just as they were merciful to us when we were young.

2. The Muslim *ummah* must always spend their time with their parents for as long as the parents are still alive. Do not regret it later.

3. As parents, we must become good exemplary for our children, so that they are guided and become individuals that are dutiful to the parents in the future.

4. The Muslims must always supplicate for *rahmah* (mercy) upon our parents so that they will always attain blessings and mercy from Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta’aala*.

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ
وَوَصَّيْنَا الْإِنْسَانَ بِوَالِدَيْهِ حَمَلَتْهُ أُمُّهُ وَهْنًا عَلَى وَهْنٍ وَفِصْلُ الْوَالِدَيْنِ فِي عَامَيْنِ
أَنْ أَشْكُرَ لِي وَلِوَالِدَيْكَ إِلَى الْمَصِيرِ ﴿١٤﴾

"And We have enjoined upon man [care] for his parents. His mother carried him, [increasing her] in weakness upon weakness, and his weaning is in two years. Be grateful to Me and to your parents; to Me is the [final] destination."

(Soorah Luqmaan 31:14)

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 الرَّبَّانِيَّةِ، وَبِحِفْظِ وَقَايَتِكَ الصَّمَدَانِيَّةِ، جَلَالَةَ مَلِكِنَا

المُعْظَمِ، سُلْطَانَ سَلَاطُورِ، سُلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ ادریس شاه
الحاج ابن المرحوم سُلْطَانَ صَلاَحِ الدِّينِ عبد العزيز شاه
الحاج. اَللّٰهُمَّ اَدِمِ الْعَوْنَ وَالْهِدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ
وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْكَ، لِوَلِيِّ عَهْدِ سَلَاطُورِ، تَغْكُو اَمِيرِ شَاهِ ابْنِ
السُّلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ ادریس شاه الحاج، فِي اَمْنٍ وَصَلاَحٍ
وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنْكَ وَكِرْمِكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْاِكْرَامِ. اَللّٰهُمَّ اَطْلُ
عُمْرَهُمَا مُصْلِحَيْنِ لِلْمَوْظَفَيْنِ وَالرَّعِيَّةِ وَالْبِلَادِ، وَبَلِّغْ
مَقاصِدَهُمَا 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 وَذُرِّيَّاتِنَا 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.