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الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ : وَلِكُلِّ أُمَّةٍ أَجَلٌ مُّوَضَّلٌ فَإِذَا جَاءَ أَجْلُهُمْ لَا يَسْتَأْخِرُونَ
سَاعَةً وَلَا يَسْتَقْدِمُونَ ﴿٣٤﴾¹

أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا
عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ 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 sincerely 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 leaving out all of the matters that He forbids. May we all be bestowed with happiness and success in this world and the Hereafter. Respected congregation is reminded to not use the mobile phone while the sermon is being delivered.

¹ al-A'raaf 7:34

² Aal 'Imraan 3:102.

On this noble day, I will expound on a *khutbah* titled "**BLESSED AGE, BLISSFUL AFTERLIFE.**"

Dear blessed Friday audience,

Age is a journey of time that begins from the moment we were born all the way until the time that we return to Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. It has been predetermined and remains within the knowledge of Allah, where it cannot be delayed or advanced for even a single second, as Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 34 of soorah al-A'raaf that was recited during the early part of the *khutbah*:

"And for every nation is a [specified] term. So when their time has come, they will not remain behind an hour, nor will they precede [it]."

Age that has been bestowed by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* upon His slaves is a *ni'mah* (bounty) and *amaanah* (trust) that will be questioned about in front of Allah, regarding how it was utilized. Age is not just a number but is a duration of life that is to be filled with obedience.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* has decreed that human lives will go through phases beginning with the phase of creation all the way up to the phase of old age. Every phase presents an opportunity and duty for us to seize in full devotion to Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 15 of soorah al-Ahqaaf:

"And We have enjoined upon man, to his parents, good treatment. His mother carried him with hardship and gave birth to him with hardship, and his gestation and weaning [period] is thirty months. [He grows] until, when he reaches maturity and reaches [the age of] forty

years, he says, "My Lord, enable me to be grateful for Your favor which You have bestowed upon me and upon my parents and to work righteousness of which You will approve and make righteous for me my offspring. Indeed, I have repented to You, and indeed, I am of the Muslims.""

Beloved Friday congregants,

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* had created us, beginning with being in the state of weakness, devoid of knowledge, and power. Then, Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* bestowed the hearing, eyesight, intellect, and strength upon us to shoulder responsibilities as His slaves.

During the childhood years, children are to be instilled within their hearts the seeds of *imaan* (belief) by educating them about Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* and loving His Messenger. Teach the children to respect those older than them, their friends, and fellow neighbors. During this phase, the parents or the institution involved in child development plays a crucial role so that the children will grow up naturally and through the *fitrah* (natural disposition) of human nature with full cognizance upon religion and the actual purpose of life.

When stepping into the teenage years, then comes the time to build the direction of life, identifying self potential, and choosing the path of truth by strengthening the *imaan* and avoiding the temptations of the *nafs* (desire) and *shaytaan*. As youth, teenagers must utilize their youthful days by getting involved in beneficial activities and pursuits, as well as getting closer to Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* through activities that emphasizes on knowledge, *'ibaadah* (worship), and righteous deeds.

In the *hadeeth* of Abu Sa'eed al-Khudri *radiallaahu 'anh*, Rasulullah

صلى الله عليه وسلم said:

إِذَا رَأَيْتُمُ الرَّجُلَ يَعْتَادُ الْمَسْجِدَ، فَاشْهَدُوا لَهُ بِالْإِيمَانِ،
قَالَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى: إِنَّمَا يَعْمرُ مَسَاجِدَ اللَّهِ مَنْ آمَنَ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ
الْآخِرِ.

“When you see a man frequenting the Masjid, then testify to his faith. Indeed Allah, Most High, said: “The Masjid shall be maintained by those who believe in Allah and the Last day [9:18].”

(at-Tirmidhi)

Upon reaching adulthood, then they are at a phase that is filled with *amaanah* and responsibilities, whether as the child, husband or wife, parents, employee, member of society, and citizen of a country. During this age, they must diligently strive unto becoming individuals that are beneficial by strengthening and preserving their relationship with Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*, empowering the family institution, strengthening relationship among humans, adding value to society and nation.

Approaching the phase of old age, it is then time for the elderly to reflect upon the life journey and have regret upon past shortcomings and sins. At this moment, righteous deeds become truly precious for the long life provides the final opportunity to improve oneself, increasing good deeds, and attaining

nearness to Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*, hoping for the love and forgiveness from Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* before breathing one's last.

Dear blessed Friday audience,

Today, we have been blessed with the opportunity to ponder for a moment on the favor of age that Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* has conferred upon us. Every age level that we had endured provide a good opportunity and at the same time, it was a trial from Him.

We also must comprehend and realize that every second that passes by in this life will be held accountable in front of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* in the Hereafter. One of the questions that will be surely asked is how did we spend the life that we were granted. Did we utilize precious life in performing righteous deeds and attaining nearness to Him, or did we render it in vain without anything beneficial, recklessly letting it pass just like that?

In the *hadeeth* of Abu Barzah al-Aslami *radiallaahu 'anh*, Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم said:

"The feet of the slave of Allah shall not move [on the Day of Judgment] until he is asked about five things: about his life and what he did with it, about his knowledge and what he did with it, about his wealth and how he earned it and where he spent it on, about his body and for what did he wear it out."

(at-Tirmidhi)

Therefore, let us seize this very opportunity and make the most of the time and age bestowed by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* so that we will

return to Him in a state that is pleasing to Him, blessed, and granted with blissfulness that is everlasting.

As it was stated in the famous *hadeeth*, on the authority of ibn 'Abbaas radiyAllaahu 'anhuma, where Rasulullah ﷺ said:

"Take advantage of five before five: Your youth before your old age, your health before your sickness, your wealth before your poverty, your free time before you are preoccupied, and your life before your death."

(al-Haakim)

Beloved Friday audience,

To end the *khutbah* today, let us derive lessons by comprehending, remembering, and practicing the following lessons in our daily life:

1. The Muslim *ummah* always remember that the blessing in age is not measured by its length but the extent to which it was filled with righteous deeds, piety, and devotion unto Him.
2. The Muslim *ummah* must realize and have certainty that age is an *amaanah* and trial that must be benefited in the best manner by always striving to improve oneself, increasing good deeds, and beseeching forgiveness from Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.
3. The Muslim *ummah* must always remain grateful with the blessing of age granted by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* and not waste it with unbeneficial matters.

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

لَقَدْ خَلَقْنَا الْإِنْسَانَ فِي أَحْسَنِ تَقْوِيمٍ ﴿٤﴾ ثُمَّ رَدَدْنَاهُ أَسْفَلَ
سَافِلِينَ ﴿٥﴾ إِلَّا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ فَلَهُمْ أَجْرٌ غَيْرُ
مَمْنُونٍ ﴿٦﴾

"We have certainly created man in the best of stature; Then We return him to the lowest of the low, Except for those who believe and do righteous deeds, for they will have a reward uninterrupted."

(Soorah at-Teen 95:4-6)

بَارِكْ 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
الْمُعَظَّمِ، سُلْطَانَ سَلَاطُونَ، سُلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ ادریس شاه
الحاج ابن المرحوم سُلْطَانَ صَلَاحِ الدِّينِ عبد العزيز شاه
الحاج. اللَّهُمَّ أَدِمِ الْعُونَ وَالْهُدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ

وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْكَ، لَوْلِيَّ عَهْدِ سَلَاعُورِ، تَغْكُو أَمِيرِ شَاهِ إِبْنِ
السُّلْطَانِ شَرْفِ الدِّينِ ادریس شاه الحاج، فِي أَمْنٍ وَصَلَاحِ
وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنْكَ وَكَرْمِكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ. اَللّٰهُمَّ اَطْلُ
عُمْرَهُمَا مُصْلِحَيْنِ لِلْمَوْظَفَيْنِ 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.

O Allah, The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful, open the hearts of the Muslims, specifically in the state of Selangor, to fulfill their zakaat with full sincerity, in accordance with Your noble command. Shower blessings upon those that fulfill the obligation of zakaat in their wealth, income, and families. Keep them away from all types of calamities and difficulties and make zakaat as one of the path for them to attain Your mercy and the reward of paradise that is everlasting in the Hereafter.

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 نِعْمِهِ يَزِدْكُمْ،
وَاسْأَلُوهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ يُعْطِكُمْ وَلَذِكْرُ اللَّهِ أَكْبَرُ وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا
تَصْنَعُونَ.