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الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ : خُذْ مِنْ أَمْوَالِهِمْ صَدَقَةً تُطَهِّرُهُمْ وَتُزَكِّيهِمْ بِهَا
وَصَلِّ عَلَيْهِمْ إِنَّ صَلَاتَكَ سَكَنٌ لَهُمْ وَاللَّهُ سَمِيعٌ عَلِيمٌ 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، أُوصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى
اللَّهِ فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ.

قَالَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى: يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تُقَاتِهِ وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ
إِلَّا وَأَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ ²

Dear blessed Muslims,

I humbly implore all of us to strive in increasing our *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* by performing all of His Commands and leaving out all of His prohibitions. May we be bestowed with happiness and success in this world and the Hereafter. Esteemed audiences are reminded to not use cellular phones while the *khutbah* is being delivered.

¹ at-Tawbah 9:103

² Aal 'Imraan 3:102.

On this very noble day, I will discuss upon a *khutbah* titled **"ZAKAAT BUILDS A DIGNIFIED UMMAH."**

Blessed Friday audience,

Zakaat is an *'ibaadah* (worship) that was legislated to uplift the dignity of the Muslim *ummah*. History has proven that zakaat is not only an individual *'ibaadah*, but it is a social system that preserves human rights, protecting human dignity, and upholding *maqasid sharee'ah* (higher objectives of Islamic law), specifically in the preservation of the religion and wealth.

Looking at the history of the Makkan period, as mentioned by Prof. Dr. Yousuf al-Qaradaawi in his book *Fiqh az-Zakaah*, zakaat was obligated during that era but its details were yet to be determined. The poor, needy, and slaves, especially those that had recently embraced Islam, were all the main recipients of zakaat. This is the proof how zakaat defends their dignity, protecting them from humiliation by the Quraysh, and at the same time strengthens their *'aqeedah*.

However, during the Madinan era, Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* through His *wahy* (revelation) had determined the zakaat recipients into eight groups. They are the *fuqaraa'* (poor), *masaakeen* (needy), those that administers zakaat (*'aamil*), those that had recently embraced Islam (*mu'allaf*), those in debt (*al-gharimeen*), those that strive in upholding the religion of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* (*fee sabeelillaah*), those that are seeking freedom from the shackles of slavery or captivity (*ar-Riqaab*) and travelers that are in need of aid (*ibn as-sabeel*). This is the manifestation of Islam's justice in preserving social stability, strengthening the *'aqeedah*, and striving for the well-being of the *ummah*.

Blessed Friday congregation,

Until now in the state of Selangor, over 70,000 families from among the poor, needy, and *mu'allaf* (reverts) have received benefits from zakaat collection, with a total disbursement reaching hundreds of million Ringgit every year.

With zakaat, we ensure that no Muslims would have to jeopardize their *'aqeedah* due to the burden of destitution. Also, with zakaat, the education of the children from among the poor, needy, and *fee sabeelillaah* is guaranteed for the sake of survivability.

The reality is that zakaat not only touches on the aspect of material wealth, but it leaves profound impact on spiritual well-being, as Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 103 of soorah at-Tawbah that was recited at the beginning of the *khutbah*:

"Take, [O, Muhammad], from their wealth a charity by which you purify them and cause them increase and invoke [Allah's blessings] upon them. Indeed, your invocations are reassurance for them. And Allah is Hearing and Knowing."

It is also through this verse that we comprehend how zakaat purifies our soul from greed and miserliness, in addition to being *waseelah* (means) to cleanse our wealth from doubtful elements, causing its blessings to increase.

Dear blessed Friday congregants,

From the socio-economic aspect, zakaat has the role of being the mechanism for wealth distribution that is just and equitable. In Selangor

alone, thousands of families from among the poor and needy had successfully exited the vicious cycle of poverty through zakaat assistance that was channeled. Some are now living independently while running small businesses financed by zakaat funds. There are those *asnaf* (recipient) whose children have successfully continued their tertiary education and are currently giving back to the community.

This is based on the *hadeeth* of ibn 'Abbaas *radiyAllaahu 'anhuma* when Rasulullah ﷺ had sent Mu'aadh bin Jabal *radiyAllaahu 'anh* to Yemen, where he ﷺ told Mu'aadh:

ادْعُهُمْ إِلَى شَهَادَةِ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ، وَأَنِّي رَسُولُ اللَّهِ،
فَإِنْ هُمْ أَطَاعُوا لَذَلِكَ، فَأَعْلِمِهِمْ أَنَّ اللَّهَ قَدِ افْتَرَضَ عَلَيْهِمْ
خَمْسَ صَلَوَاتٍ فِي كُلِّ يَوْمٍ وَلَيْلَةٍ، فَإِنْ هُمْ أَطَاعُوا لَذَلِكَ،
فَأَعْلِمِهِمْ أَنَّ اللَّهَ افْتَرَضَ عَلَيْهِمْ صَدَقَةً فِي أَمْوَالِهِمْ تُؤْخَذُ
مِنْ أَغْنِيَاءِهِمْ وَتُرَدُّ عَلَى فُقَرَائِهِمْ.

"Invite the people to testify that none has the right to be worshipped but Allah and I am Allah's Messenger (ﷺ), and if they obey you to do so, then teach them that Allah has enjoined on them five prayers in every day and night, and if they obey you to do so, then teach them that Allah has made it obligatory for them to pay the charity (zakaat) from their property and it is to be taken from the wealthy among them and given to the poor."

(*al-Bukhaari*)

It is through zakaat that the Muslim community can be spared from the threats of monopoly in wealth, causing the social gap to further widen without restriction, leading to moral destruction.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 7 of soorah al-Hashr:

كَيْ لَا يَكُونَ دُولَةً بَيْنَ الْأَغْنِيَاءِ مِنْكُمْ

“So that it will not be a perpetual distribution among the rich from among you.”

Blessed Friday audience,

Ibn Khaldoon mentioned in his magnum opus *al-Muqaddimah*, where he emphasized that one of the main tasks of the Muslim ruler is to ensure justice in the development of the *ummah*. This includes ensuring that every individual, especially those that are in need, is granted the opportunity to develop his or her self-potential through quality education. In Selangor, zakaat aid within the educational sector has been successful in producing children from among the *asnafs* of poor, needy and *fee sabeelillaah* who had successfully completed their tertiary education to the point of becoming academicians and professionals, where they are now making significant contributions to society.

Therefore, with the zakaat channeled, we not only fulfill our *'ibaadah* requirement but also carry out our very responsibility in upholding the religion of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. The children benefitting from zakaat funds

will one day become leaders, intellectuals, and specialists who will bring progress to the Muslim *ummah*.

Dear respected Friday audience,

It is imperative for us to comprehend that poverty not only open avenues for physical criminal activities but also potentially harm one's *'aqeedah*. The reality is that there are those among them that are forced to jeopardize their *'aqeedah* and dignity due to life pressure and destitution.

In this regard, Abu Bakrah Naafi' bin al-Haarith has narrated a supplication taught by the Prophet ﷺ:

"O Allah, I seek refuge with You from disbelief, poverty and the torment of the grave."

(an-Nasaa'i)

Let us ponder how zakaat is capable of changing one's life. From being one who is disgraced due to poverty unto becoming one having dignity, standing independently as a Muslim dedicated in giving back to the community.

By fulfilling our zakaat, may Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* forgive our sins, purify our soul and wealth, and make us from among those contributing to the development of Islamic societies that are dignified and blessed.

Dear beloved Friday congregants,

To end our sermon today, let us derive lessons by understanding, remembering, and practicing the following lessons in our daily life:

1. The Muslim *ummah* must comprehend that zakaat is not merely providing benefits to those in need but it also plays the role of preserving social harmony and sound 'aqeedah of the Muslim *ummah*.
2. The Muslim *ummah* must remain cognizant that zakaat is a pillar of Islam that is *wajib* (obligatory) to be fulfilled, with the purpose of cleansing the soul and purifying the wealth.
3. The Muslim *ummah* must exercise its responsibility in fulfilling zakaat through zakaat institutions that have been entrusted by *Ulil Amr* so that its disbursement can be executed with justice and fairness to those deserving.

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ
إِنَّمَا وَلِيُّكُمُ اللَّهُ وَرَسُولُهُ وَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا الَّذِينَ يُقِيمُونَ الصَّلَاةَ
وَيُؤْتُونَ الزَّكَاةَ وَهُمْ رَاكِعُونَ ﴿٥٥﴾

“Your ally is none but Allah and [therefore] His Messenger and those who have believed - those who establish prayer and give zakaah, and they bow [in worship].”

(Soorah al-Maa'idah 5:55)

بَارِكْ اللَّهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ
مِنَ الْآيَاتِ 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 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 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، لِيُوَلِّيَ عَهْدِ سَلَاطُونِ، تَعَكُّوْ أَمِيرِ شَاهِ ابْنِ السُّلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ ادریس شاه الحاج، فِي أَمْنٍ وَصَلَاحٍ وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنْكَ 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.

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 وَذُرِّيَّتِنَا قُرَّةَ أَعْيُنٍ وَاجْعَلْنَا لِلْمُتَّقِينَ إِمَامًا ﴿٧٤﴾

رَبَّنَا آتِنَا فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِي الآخِرَةِ 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 وَاشْكُرُوا لَهُ عَلَىٰ نِعْمِهِ يَزِدْكُمْ،
وَاسْأَلُوهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ يُعْطِكُمْ وَلَذِكْرُ اللَّهِ أَكْبَرُ وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا
تَصْنَعُونَ.