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## “STRENGTHEN THE RESOLUTION, UNITE THE MUSLIM UMMAH”

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ : وَالَّذِينَ جَاهَدُوا فِينَا لَنَهْدِيَنَّهُمْ سُبُلَنَا وَإِنَّ اللَّهَ  
لَمَعَ الْمُحْسِنِينَ ﴿٦٩﴾<sup>1</sup>

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 تَقَاتِهِ وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ  
إِلَّا وَأَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ ﴿١٠٢﴾<sup>2</sup>

Dear blessed Muslims,

I humbly implore all of us to altogether strive in increasing of *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* by performing all of His Commands and avoiding all of His prohibitions. May we all be bestowed with happiness and

<sup>1</sup> al-‘Ankaboot 29:69

<sup>2</sup> Aal ‘Imraan 3:102.



salvation in this world and the Hereafter. Fellow audience is reminded not to use the cellular phone while the sermon is being delivered.

On this very noble day, I will discuss upon a *khutbah* titled **"STRENGTHEN THE RESOLUTION, UNITE THE MUSLIM UMMAH."**

**Blessed Friday congregation,**

All praise is due to Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* who has showered His love and grace to all of us that we have now entered the new year of 2025. This new year reminds us that our age is increasing, and the remaining of our life is decreasing, bringing us a step closer to the reckoning of the Hereafter.

Let us take this very opportunity to evaluate ourselves with full penitence. What are the righteous deeds that we have added and improved on, and what are the sins that still shackle us? Beseech for protection from Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* against the deception of *shaytaan* and his cohorts, as well as the temptation of the *nafs* (desire) that would always drag us into the valley of humiliation.

To thwart the devil's deception and suppress the temptation of the lustful desire, let us improve and increase our supererogatory acts such as the *sunnah* prayer and fasting, recitation of al-Qur'an, engaging in *dhikr* (remembrance of Allah), and giving charity. These deeds not only complement the obligatory acts that have been determined, they signify our gratitude to Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*, symbolizing our nearness to Him, and serve as potent fortress preventing us from falling into the valley of disobedience and heedlessness. Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 69 of Soorah al-'Ankaboot that was recited in the early part of the *khutbah*:



**“And those who strive for Us - We will surely guide them to Our ways. And indeed, Allah is with the doers of good.”**

Actions and speech that are unlawful, vile, and despicable are the results of encouragements from the *shaytaan* and his cohorts, born from *nafs ammaarah* (evil-commanding soul). The attitude of unwillingness in accepting criticism, thinking that one is always right, always feeling dissatisfied, hating others, looking down upon others, backstabbing one another, humiliating one another, and refusing to investigate upon an issue or the actual matter before issuing a statement are all characters driven by *shaytaan* and *nafs*. It is these traits that will contribute to division within the *ummah*, as it had happened during the beginning of the fall of the Islamic empire and civilization. These adverse traits will continue to remain as the main cause that destroys the unity and union of the *ummah* today. It erases values of mutual respect for one another, eradicating tolerance, and using difference of opinion as the reason for quarrels and feuds.

**Dear blessed Friday audience,**

The unity of the Muslim *ummah* is the foundation of its very strength and truly a great blessing. Without solid unity and union, the Muslim *ummah* will become weak even though having a large quantity but devoid of strength or influence, to the point of losing its stature as leaders and role models in resolving worldly affairs. This weakness will only harm the Muslims, as well as providing the very opportunity to be manipulated as a stooge by the enemies who are always striving to achieve their agenda. A weak *ummah* will be easily deceived by worldly beauties, willing to sacrifice the precious value of brotherhood and the interests of fellow Muslims.

With the *ni'mah* (favours) of *imaan* (faith) and Islam as guidance in life, let us altogether exit this darkness and rush into the light of truth of al-Islam. Let us unite upon the basis of 'aqeedah and uphold the *risaalah* (message) of al-Islam brought by Prophet Muhammad ﷺ who had united the hearts of mankind under the banner of Islam, founded on love and fraternity. This coincides with what Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 103 of Soorah Aal 'Imraan:

***“And hold firmly to the rope of Allah all together and do not become divided. And remember the favor of Allah upon you - when you were enemies and He brought your hearts together and you became, by His favor, brothers. And you were on the edge of a pit of the Fire, and He saved you from it. Thus does Allah make clear to you His verses that you may be guided.”***

**Beloved congregants,**

Today, we are witnessing a very saddening reality. Even though Islam has outlined clear guidance regarding the attitude and *akhlaaq* (character) when encountering disagreement, however differences in the *madhhab* (juristic school of thought), political views, and other issues would often lead to neverending strife and enmity among the Muslims. Have we forgotten that the Muslims are brothers to one another?

History has witnessed that the fall of the Islamic civilization in Andalusia, weaknesses in the administrative affairs during the era of 'Abbassiyah Caliphate, and the division during the 'Uthmaniyyah Caliphate had all begun from internal conflicts. When the Muslim *ummah* fails to unite, then that very opportunity is seized by the enemy to destroy us, one by one.

It must be remembered that disunity within the Muslim *ummah* is a severe threat from within that will destroy the *ummah's* strength, undermines the solidarity, and making us easy to be divided, as in the Malay proverb that we often hear "*United We Stand, Divided We Fall.*" This saying reminds us that unity is the source of strength, while division will only lead to weakness and destruction.

### **Dear blessed Muslims,**

Differences that should have led to maturity within the Muslim *ummah* have turned into the most potent weapon to create enmity and sever the ties of *ukhuwwah* (brotherhood). Do not allow matters that can be discussed in harmony become the source for the collapse of *ukhuwwah Islamiyyah*. Islam teaches us to mutually respect one another despite having differing views and thoughts.

Let us ponder and reflect upon the exemplary displayed by the Companions of Rasulullah ﷺ. They had disagreements in various significant matters such as in the division of war booty, war strategy, selection of caliph after the demise of Rasulullah ﷺ, and other matters pertaining to the *ahkaam* (juristic rulings), and yet they remained united in their struggle in upholding Islam. This is the best example from the generation of the Companions that we must emulate.

Verily, *khilaaf* (disagreement) within the Muslim *ummah* is not a *museebah* (calamity), but instead it is *rahmah* (mercy). Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*, in His infinite wisdom, has created diversity within the Muslim *ummah* so that we will complement one another, learn from each other, and widen our worldview when resolving a matter. Disagreement is a gift that allows us to

comprehend views from varying aspects, for as long as we observe proper *adab* (decorum) and intention in addressing those differences.

### **Beloved Friday congregation,**

As Muslims, we must acknowledge that the strength of this *ummah* lies within our capability in accepting difference of opinions, respecting the view of others, and prioritizing upon the common interest in upholding Islam.

We must stay away from the culture of ostracizing and making *takfeer* (declaring other Muslims as disbelievers) upon other Muslims, for it not only disrupts the harmony within the *ummah* but also contributes to greater division. Therefore, do not even once allow ourselves to fall into this major sin, especially when the differing views only revolve around trivial matters that do not even affect the fundamentals of *'aqeedah* or the main principles of Islam.

Al-Imaam Abu al-Hasan al-Ash'ari *rahimahullaah* said to his student, Abu 'Ali Zaahir bin Ahmad as-Sarakhsi:

*"Be my witness that i do not make takfeer on anyone among the people of qiblah because they all worship one God and all this disagreement is on Ibaraat."*

### **Dear esteemed audience,**

Let us make the new year 2025 as an important point for the Muslim *ummah* to rectify its relationship, uniting the hearts, and strengthening Islamic brotherhood. In confronting differences of opinion, background, ethnicities, and religion, the Muslim *ummah* must firmly cling upon the principles of the religion that upholds firmness and the spirit of tolerance, in accordance with the stipulations of the *Sharee'ah*.

Know that true unity can only be achieved when we fully surrender to the will of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*, observe virtuous *adab* and *akhlaaq*, and abstaining from all forms of deviations and actions that contradict His teachings. It is only in this manner that we can enjoy harmony within societal living.

Let us altogether remain resolute in eradicating elements that can yield seeds of enmity within the Muslim *ummah*, and within a multi-racial society, earnestly supplicating to Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* to make our hearts firm in unity and make the Muslim *ummah* as the best *ummah* that brings *rahmah* to all creations.

In the *hadeeth* of 'Abdullah bin 'Amr bin al-'As *radiyAllaahu 'anhuma*, he heard that Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم said:

إِنَّ قُلُوبَ بَنِي آدَمَ كُلَّهَا بَيْنَ إصْبَعَيْنِ مِنْ أَصَابِعِ الرَّحْمَنِ،  
كَقَلْبٍ وَاحِدٍ يُصَرِّفُهُ حَيْثُ يَشَاءُ ثُمَّ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى  
اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ: اللَّهُمَّ مُصَرِّفَ الْقُلُوبِ صَرِّفْ قُلُوبَنَا عَلَى  
طَاعَتِكَ.

**“Verily, the hearts of all the sons of Adam are between the two fingers out of the Fingers of the Compassionate Lord as one heart. He turns that to any (direction) He likes. Then Allah’s Messenger (ﷺ) said: “O Allah, the Turner of the hearts, turn our hearts to Thine obedience.””**

(Muslim)



## Respected Friday audience,

To end the sermon today, let us derive several important lessons as guidance in our daily lives:

1. The Muslim *ummah* must prioritize upon fraternity and *ukhuwwah Islamiyyah* according to the teachings of al-Qur'an and *as-Sunnah*, which are the foundations for the strength of the *ummah* and nation.
2. The Muslim *ummah* must comprehend that differences in views are *rahmah* that must be addressed with *adab*, mutual respect, and focus in finding the common ground for the common good.
3. Every Muslim individual must take proactive measures to strengthen the *ukhuwwah*, strive in increasing religious understanding, and support efforts towards unity at both community and institutional levels.

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ  
إِنَّمَا الْمُؤْمِنُونَ إِخْوَةٌ فَأَصْلِحُوا بَيْنَ أَخَوَيْكُمْ وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ لَعَلَّكُمْ

تُرْحَمُونَ ﴿١٠﴾

**“The believers are but brothers, so make settlement between your brothers. And fear Allah that you may receive mercy.”**

(Soorah al-Hujuraat 49:10)

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 أَيْمَةَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَوَلَاةَ أُمُورِهِمْ وَجَمِيعَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ  
اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ وَنَتَوَسَّلُ إِلَيْكَ بِنَبِيِّكَ الْأَمِينِ، وَنَسْأَلُكَ  
بِأَسْمَائِكَ الْحُسْنَى، وَصِفَاتِكَ الْعُظْمَى، أَنْ تَحْفَظَ بَعَيْنِ  
عِنَايَتِكَ الرَّبَّانِيَّةِ، وَبِحِفْظِ وَقَايَتِكَ الصِّمْدَانِيَّةِ، جَلَالَةَ مَلِكِنَا  
الْمُعَظَّمِ، 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 اِبْنِ  
السُّلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ ادریس شاه الحاج، فِي أَمْنٍ وَصَلَاحِ  
وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنِّكَ وَكَرَمِكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ. اللَّهُمَّ أَطْلُ  
عُمْرَهُمَا مُصْلِحِينَ لِلْمُؤَظَّفِينَ 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.

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 paths 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 ﴿٢١﴾  
عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ وَالْإِحْسَانِ وَإِيتَايَ ذِي الْقُرْبَى وَيَنْهَى عَنِ  
الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَالْبَغْيِ يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ ﴿٩٠﴾  
فَاذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ يَذْكُرْكُمْ وَاشْكُرُوا لَهُ عَلَى نِعْمِهِ يَزِدْكُمْ،  
وَاسْأَلُوهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ يُعْطِكُمْ وَلَذِكْرُ اللَّهِ أَكْبَرُ وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا  
تَصْنَعُونَ.