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الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ : نَحْنُ نَقُصُّ عَلَيْكَ نَبَأَهُم بِالْحَقِّ إِنَّهُمْ فِتْيَةٌ
ءَامَنُوا بِرَبِّهِمْ وَزِدْنَاهُمْ هُدًى ﴿١٣﴾ وَرَبَطْنَا عَلَى قُلُوبِهِمْ إِذْ قَامُوا فَقَالُوا
رَبُّنَا رَبُّ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ لَنْ نَدْعُوَ مِنْ دُونِهِ إِلهًا لَقَدْ قُلْنَا إِذَا
شَطَطًا ﴿١٤﴾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 humbly implore all of us to altogether strive in increasing our
taqwa of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* by fulfilling all of His Commands

¹ al-Kahf 18:1 3-14

² Aal 'Imraan 3:102.

and leaving out all of His prohibitions. May we be blessed with happiness and success in this world and the Hereafter. Respected audience is reminded to not use the mobile phone while the sermon is being delivered.

On this glorious day, I will expound on a *khutbah* titled "**MUSLIM TEENAGERS ARE GREAT.**"

Dear blessed Friday audience,

According to Islam, teenagers are those that have reached the age of *baaligh* (puberty), possessing intelligence, and bearing responsibility upon the *takleef* (divine obligation) of the *shara'*. This means that at this age, the teenager has shouldered the very consequences of their own actions, sins and rewards. The terminology "teenager" often refers to the youth in the Arabic language, with the term *shabaab* (شَبَاب) or *fataa* (فَتَى), where al-Qur'an gives specific attention to the teenagers as a generation bringing hope and change.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verses 59-60 of soorah al-Anbiyaa', which details the bravery of Prophet Ibraaheem *'alayhissalaam*:

قَالُوا مَنْ فَعَلَ هَذَا بِآلِهَتِنَا إِنَّهُ وَ لَمِنَ الظَّالِمِينَ ﴿٥٩﴾ قَالُوا سَمِعْنَا فَتًى
يَذُكُرُهُمْ يُقَالُ لَهُ وَ إِبْرَاهِيمُ ﴿٦٠﴾

"They said, "Who has done this to our gods? Indeed, he is of the wrongdoers." They said, "We heard a young man mention them who is called Abraham.""

Beloved Friday congregants,

Teenagers are the pillar of the Muslim *ummah's* future and a very important asset in shaping a nation that is blessed, *baldatun tayyibah warabbun ghafoor*. They are not only heirs of the previous generation, but also agents of change that will determine the direction of the *ummah* and nation.

In developing a nation that is highly civilized, the young generation must have firm *'aqeedah* with full conviction, fulfilling religious obligation with full cognizance as servants of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*, and possessing Islamic *akhlaaq* (character) in all aspects of life. These attributes are vital to ensure that they are capable of making decisions based on certainty, knowledge, priority, and wisdom, in accordance with *shar'i* stipulations and fundamentals of religious obligations.

However today, Muslim teenagers' self-identity is seen as becoming increasingly eroded and faded. Aside from contemporary challenges that are becoming greater, the certainty within the teenagers regarding Islam as the way of life is getting weaker. Teenagers today are more inclined to a culture of negativity, endorsing new ideologies and thoughts without the consideration for Islamic knowledge and its principles. That some teenagers would even neglect the basics and fundamentals of the religion, specifically the five daily prayers. *Salaah* (prayer) is not just a primary obligation, but it is the pillar of religion that distinguishes between a Muslim and non-Muslim.

Beloved Friday congregation,

Muslim teenagers are to be empowered with the knowledge of al-Qur'an, nurtured with the guidance to practice them in their daily affairs. Al-Qur'an, also known as al-Furqaan (the Criterion between truth and falsehood),

provides inspiration that the Muslim youth are to be prominent than other youths.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in the first verse of soorah al-Furqaan:

تَبَارَكَ الَّذِي نَزَّلَ الْفُرْقَانَ عَلَى عَبْدِهِ لِيَكُونَ لِلْعَالَمِينَ نَذِيرًا ﴿١﴾

"Blessed is He who sent down the Criterion upon His Servant that he may be to the worlds a warner ."

Muslim teenagers possessing self-identity must have pride and certainty as true Muslims without feeling shameful or inferior in practicing Islamic teachings wherever they may be. Even though they may be deemed as strange from the norm of other teenagers, yet they remain steadfast with firm confidence and self-esteem, engaging in righteous deeds, and sparing themselves from fitnah and division. This "difference" is to be a process of self-maturation, not just being different for the sake of fanaticism or extreme tendencies.

In the *hadeeth* of Abu Hurayrah *radiyAllaahu 'anh*, Rasulullah صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم said:

"بَدَأَ الْإِسْلَامُ غَرِيبًا وَسَيَعُودُ كَمَا بَدَأَ غَرِيبًا. فَطُوبَى

لِلْغُرَبَاءِ"

"Islam began as something strange and will go back to being strange, so glad tidings to the strangers."

(Muslim)

Dear beloved audience,

Deriving inspiration from verses 13 and 14 of soorah al-Kahf, as recited at the beginning of the *khutbah*, it depicted the story of ‘*as-haab al-Kahf*’ (the people of the Cave), a group of youth who were patient and firm in safeguarding their ‘*aqeedah*’ though having to endure threats and intimidation. With extraordinary bravery, they proclaimed:

“Our Lord is the Lord of the heavens and the earth. Never will we invoke besides Him any deity!”

The soundness of the *imaan* (faith) of ‘*as-haab al-Kahf*’ is to be emulated by the teenagers, youths, and the entire Muslim *ummah* in proudly stating, **“I am a Muslim!”** Believing individuals will remain steadfast in clinging to Islamic principles without any iota of doubt or shame. With full courage, we should firmly state our ground when invited to matters that are prohibited by the religion:

“My religion does not allow this act! I fulfill the obligations for it is the command of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta’aala and His Messenger! I abandon wrongdoings for fear of incurring His Wrath.”

Dear respected Muslims,

History has proven that the Muslims had once become pioneers and leaders in the development of knowledge and science, which had changed the course of the world. Unfortunately, a plethora from the treasures of Islamic knowledge were seized, eliminated, and pillaged by the enemies of Islam. The reality is that knowledge today that is being utilized as reference globally is deeply rooted in the works of Muslim scholars of the past. Today, the world is

witnessing how developed nations are utilizing a blend of principles and formulas from past Muslim scholars in carving their greatness. By mastering knowledge, now they are able to create innovations, build their own civilization, and dominate the world through the power of technology and economy.

Hence, do not neglect the importance of seeking knowledge simply to pursue a bit of monetary gain or fulfill personal desires. Let us restore the strength and civilization of our beloved nation with Muslim youths that are awakened in prioritizing and pioneering both religious and worldly knowledge. With knowledge as the guide of truth, Muslim teenagers not only are far superior in quality, moreover they are able to attain success in this world and the Hereafter. As stated by Imaam ash-Shaafi'i *rahimahullaah*:

"Whoever desires the world, then upon him is knowledge. And whoever desires the Hereafter, then upon him is knowledge. And whoever desires them both, then upon him is knowledge"

Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم had also emphasized on the importance of seeking knowledge in forming noble personalities and a prosperous society. In the *hadeeth* of Abu Hurayrah *radiallaahu 'anh*, Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم said:

وَمَنْ سَلَكَ طَرِيقًا يَلْتَمِسُ فِيهِ عِلْمًا سَهَّلَ اللَّهُ لَهُ بِهِ
طَرِيقًا إِلَى الْجَنَّةِ

"And whoever follows a path to seek knowledge therein, Allah will make easy for him a path to Paradise."

(Muslim)

Therefore, O Muslim teenagers! Seek knowledge with earnestness, do not waste your youth with propaganda and the glitters of this world that are only temporary.

Dear blessed Friday congregants,

To end the sermon today, let us altogether internalize and derive lessons as in the following:

1. Teenagers must have pride in their identity as Muslims, proclaiming with full certainty that **'I am a Muslim'** and cling firmly upon the Islamic *sharee'ah*.
2. Teenagers must elevate themselves with authentic knowledge, preserve their *'ibadah* (worship), and remain steadfast with Islamic *akhlaaq* in becoming successful individuals.
3. Teenagers must take advantage of their youth, good health, and free time in the best manner for the benefit of themselves, their families and society, and contribute to the religion and nation.

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

قُلْ إِنَّ صَلَاتِي وَنُسُكِي وَمَحْيَايَ وَمَمَاتِي لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ ﴿١٦٢﴾ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ ۗ وَبِذَلِكَ أُمِرْتُ وَأَنَا أَوَّلُ الْمُسْلِمِينَ ﴿١٦٣﴾

“Say, “Indeed, my prayer, my rites of sacrifice, my living and my dying are for Allah, Lord of the worlds. No partner has He. And this I have been commanded, and I am the first [among you] of the Muslims.””

(Soorah al-An'aam 6:162-163)

بَارِكَ 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 وَالْهُدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ
وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْكَ، لِيُؤَيِّدَ عَهْدَ سَلَاطُونِ، تَعَكُّوْا أَمِيرَ شَاهِ ابْنِ
السُّلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ ادریس شاه الحاج، فِي أَمْنٍ وَصَلَاحٍ
وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنِّكَ وَكَرَمِكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ. اللَّهُمَّ أَطْلُ

عُمْرُهُمَا مُصْلِحِينَ لِلْمُوظَّفِينَ وَالرَّعِيَّةِ وَالْبِلَادِ، وَبَلِّغْ
مَقاصِدَهُمَا 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! Open up 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 الْآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ ﴿٢٠١﴾
عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ وَالْإِحْسَانِ وَإِيتَايِ 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.