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الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ: وَوَصَّيْنَا الْإِنْسَانَ بِوُلْدَيْهِ حَمَلَتْهُ أُمُّهُ وَهَنَا عَلَى
وَهْنٍ وَفِصْلُهُ فِي عَامَيْنِ أَنْ أَشْكُرَ لِي وَلَوْلَدَيْكَ إِلَيَّ الْمَصِيرُ.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.²

Dear blessed Muslims,

I humbly call upon all of us to strive in increasing our *taqwa* of Allah
Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala by fulfilling all His Commands and abandoning

¹ Luqmaan 31:14.

² Aal-‘Imraan 3:102.

His prohibitions. May we all be bestowed with success and blissfulness in this world and the Hereafter. Fellow congregants are reminded to not fiddle with the mobile phone while the *khutbah* is being delivered.

Today I will expound on a *khutbah* titled: **"A MOTHER'S TOUCH OF LOVE: THE FOUNDATION OF RAISING PIOUS INDIVIDUALS."**

Blessed Friday audience,

We are truly grateful to Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* for having blessed us with the favor that is the greatest, which is the *ni'mah* (favor) of being born in the *fitrah* (natural disposition) of Islam. Not everyone is given this very opportunity to know Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* since young. But we, by the permission of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*, were raised in the Islamic environment, taught to know Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* and His Messenger, trained to perform *salaah*, reciting al-Qur'an, and comprehend the boundaries of *halaal* (lawful) and *haraam* (unlawful) since the young age. Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* Himself acknowledged the sacrifices of the mother, as He mentions in verse 14 of Soorah Luqmaan:

"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."

Dear esteemed audience,

Who is that person that was the first to shape our lives with Islam? It is none other than our mothers, the first person who contributed the most in our lives. Even when we were in the womb, her love had already begun to flow. She endured the tremendous pain of pregnancy, endured the pain when giving

birth, and the willingness to stay awake all night and had patience just to fulfill our needs then.

In the *hadeeth* of Abu Hurayrah *radiyAllaahu 'anh*, Rasulullah ﷺ said:

"كُلُّ مَوْلُودٍ يُوَلَّدُ عَلَى الْفِطْرَةِ، فَأَبَوَاهُ يُهَوِّدَانِهِ، أَوْ يُنَصِّرَانِهِ،
أَوْ يُمَجِّسَانِهِ، كَمَثَلِ الْبَيْمَةِ تُنْتَجِ الْبَيْمَةُ، هَلْ تَرَى فِيهَا
جَدْعَاءَ."

"Every child is born upon al-fitrah and his parents convert him to Judaism or Christianity or Magianism, as an animal delivers a perfect baby animal. Do you find it mutilated?"

(al-Bukhaari)

Respected Friday audience,

Rasulullah ﷺ himself upheld the mother at a very lofty status. When inquired regarding who is the most deserving to be treated with kindness. He ﷺ said "your mother" three (3) times before stating, "your father."

In the *hadeeth* of Abu Hurayrah *radiyAllaahu 'anh*, a man had come to Rasulullah ﷺ and asked:

يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ، مَنْ أَحَقُّ النَّاسِ بِحُسْنِ صَحَابَتِي؟ قَالَ:
أُمُّكَ. قَالَ: ثُمَّ مَنْ؟ قَالَ: ثُمَّ أُمُّكَ. قَالَ: ثُمَّ مَنْ؟ قَالَ: ثُمَّ
أُمُّكَ. قَالَ: ثُمَّ مَنْ؟ قَالَ: ثُمَّ أَبُوكَ.

"O Allah's Messenger (ﷺ)! Who is more entitled to be treated with the best companionship by me?" The Prophet (ﷺ) said, "Your mother." The man said. "Who next?" The Prophet said, "Your mother." The man further said, "Who next?" The Prophet (ﷺ) said, "Your mother." The man asked, "Who next?" The Prophet (ﷺ) said, "Your father."

(al-Bukhaari and Muslim)

This *hadeeth* gave clear indication that Islam truly encourage its adherents to recognize, appreciate, and provide the best service to the person known as the mother. This is because it is through her love, *du'aa* (supplication), and upbringing that made the us the person that we are today.

Beloved Friday audience,

There are many prominent individuals that were raised from the upbringing of the mother who was patient and firm. Among them is the story of the mother of al-Imaam ash-Shaafi'i named Faatimah bint 'Ubaydillaah Azdiyah, who gave clear example how the love, tenacity, and wisdom of a mother can develop a child unto becoming a great individual that benefitted the *ummah* throughout the ages.

She was not only a mother, but the first individual to shape the personality and comprehension of Imaam ash-Shaafi'i in learning the religion and loving knowledge. After the death of her husband at a young age, she did not inherit any wealth, but she did not use poverty as an obstacle in providing the best education to her son. She was willing to make hijrah from Ghazza to Makkah, just to enable her son to seek knowledge and memorize al-Qur'an from a young age. She had also sent her son to the village areas, where the originality of the Arabic language was still preserved, so that the tongue and language comprehension of her son is safeguarded.

Resulting from the nurturing of a passionate mother like her, an erudite scholar was born, who was qualified to issue *fataawa* from the tender age of 15, under the tutelage of Imaam Maalik. Today, a significant portion of the Muslim world are the followers of the Shaafi'i *madhhab* (juristic school of thought). Hence, the upbringing and services rendered by his mother not only were successful in shaping the abilities of Imaam ash-Shaafi'i but it was successful in leaving significant impact upon the civilization of the Islamic world.

Such is the reality of the touch of the mother's love, not hoping for any recognition but capable of leaving impact upon the heart and *akhlaaq* (character) development of her offspring. A mother would always gaze at her son with full hope, always thinking positively in all circumstances whether during times of ease or hardship. In her sincere *du'aa*, there is solid certainty that her son will become a beneficial person. Due to that, the mother is not only celebrated on a particular day. Instead, Islam necessitate that we continue to render kind treatment to the mother and supplicate for them for as long as we are breathing.

Dear blessed Friday congregants,

Let us reflect upon a story recorded in *Saheeh Muslim*, in a very long *hadeeth*, Rasulullah ﷺ mentioned about a man named Jurayj, a pious worshipper from among *Banu Israa'eel*. He was famous for his acts of worship and diligence in performing *'ibaadah* to Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. However, Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* tested him, not to humiliate him, but as grave reminder for the Muslim *ummah*.

From the gist of this story, one day while Jurayj was performing his *sunnah* (supererogatory) prayer with full *khushoo'* (humility), his mother came and called him. But because he wanted to complete his *salaah*, he did not answer his mother's call. The incident repeated a few times where in the end his mother was very disappointed, so she supplicated:

"O Allah, do not let him die until he has seen the faces of the prostitutes."

Hence, Jurayj was greatly tested, he was slandered for fornicating with a woman that she gave birth to a child. The people then cursed him, and his place of worship was demolished. However, by the leave of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*, the infant that was accused of being his illegitimate child spoke and cleared Jurayj from those false accusations.

In this story, Rasulullah ﷺ reminds his *ummah* to not prioritize *'ibaadah* that are *sunnah* beyond the responsibility towards the mother. This is not to downplay the value of *'ibaadah*, but to correct our priorities. Preserving the relationship with the parents is an obligation, while the *sunnah* prayer is an *'ibaadah* that is recommended, and it can be delayed if there is a greater need to be fulfilled.

Blessed Friday audience,

Remember, the mother is a person whose supplication serves as the fortress and *rahmah* (mercy) throughout our lives. Hence, our duty as children is not just to fulfill her needs, but to be mindful of her feelings, always supplicating for her, treating her kindly, and never to raise our voice in front of her even when we are upset.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 23 of Soorah al-Israa':

"... say not to them [so much as], "uff," and do not repel them but speak to them a noble word."

Such is that Islam forbade us to utter unpleasant words even as trivial as "hah" or "ahh" to our parents. So, what more in raising our voice or hurting their feelings. Do not be heedless that we become disobedient or undutiful toward them. That without mercy, we are willing to neglect our aging parents just because we got caught up in work duties. It is only befitting that we ponder upon this predicament.

In the *hadeeth* of Abu Hurayrah *radiyAllaahu 'anh*, Rasulullah ﷺ said:

"May he be disgraced! May he be disgraced! May he be disgraced!"
It was said: "Allah's Messenger, who is he?" He said: "He who finds his parents in old age, either one or both of them, and does not enter Paradise."

(Muslim)

Therefore, let us preserve our relationship with our parents, whether they are still alive or have returned to their Maker. Supplicate for them, serve them in the best manner possible, and make their affection as a source of inspiration to become persons of *taqwa*, having virtuous *akhlaaq*, and beneficial to the *ummah*. May all our righteous deeds serve as the means for goodness and that it continues to flow as rewards for them, by His Permission.

Beloved Friday congregation,

To end the *khutbah* today, let us derive several lessons as guidance in our daily lives, namely:

1. The Muslim *ummah* must realize that the status of a mother is very noble in Islam, that Rasulullah ﷺ himself would place the rights and kind treatment towards the mother above other matters.
2. The children must care and render service in the best manner to the parents, for obedience and affection towards them is the key for *barakah* (blessings) in this life and it is a path towards the pleasure of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.
3. The Muslim *ummah* must be grateful for having been born and raised as Muslims, blessed by the guidance and upbringing of our parents.

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ
وَأَخْفِضْ لَهُمَا جَنَاحَ الذُّلِّ مِنَ الرَّحْمَةِ وَقُلْ رَبِّ أَرْحَمْهُمَا كَمَا رَبَّيَانِي
صَغِيرًا ﴿٢٤﴾

"And lower to them the wing of humility out of mercy and say, "My Lord, have mercy upon them as they brought me up [when I was] small.""

(Soorah al-Israa' 17:24)

بَارَكَ 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 أَوْصِيَكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ فَقَدْ
فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ.

إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَمَلَائِكَتَهُ يُصَلُّونَ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا صَلُّوا عَلَيْهِ
وَسَلِّمُوا تَسْلِيمًا.³

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 وَوُلَاةَ أُمُورِهِمْ وَجَمِيعَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ.
اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ وَنَتَوَسَّلُ إِلَيْكَ بِنَبِيِّكَ الْأَمِينِ، وَنَسْأَلُكَ
بِأَسْمَائِكَ الْحُسْنَى، وَصِفَاتِكَ الْعُظْمَى، أَنْ تَحْفَظَ بَعِيْنَ

³ al-Ahzaab 33:56.

عَنَاتِكَ الرَّبَّانِيَّةِ، وَبِحِفْظِ وَقَايَتِكَ الصَّمَدَانِيَّةِ، جَلَالَةَ مَلِكِنَا
الْمُعْظَمِ، سُلْطَانَ سَلَاطُور، سُلْطَانَ شَرْفِ الدِّينِ ادریس شاه
الحاج ابن المرحوم سُلْطَانَ صَلَاحِ الدِّينِ عبد العزيز شاه
الحاج. اَللّٰهُمَّ اَدِمِ الْعَوْنَ وَالْهِدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ
وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْكَ، لَوْلِيَّ عَهْدِ سَلَاطُور، تَعَكُّوْ اَمِيرِ شَاهِ ابْنِ
السُّلْطَانَ شَرْفِ الدِّينِ ادریس شاه الحاج، فِيْ اَمْنٍ وَصَلَاحٍ
وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنْكَ وَكَرَمِكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْاِكْرَامِ. اَللّٰهُمَّ اَطْلُ
عُمْرَهُمَا مُصْلِحَيْنِ لِلْمَوْظَفَيْنِ وَالرَّعِيَّةِ وَالْبِلَادِ، وَبَلِّغْ
مَقَاصِدَهُمَا لِطَرِيقِ الْهُدَى وَالرَّشَادِ.

O Allah! Have mercy and preserve the pilgrims who will be the guests of
The Most Merciful (*Duyoof ar-Rahmaan*) this year. Protect them from all
difficulties and hardships throughout their stay in the land of Makkah and
Madeenah.

اَللّٰهُمَّ اجْعَلْ حَجَّهٖمْ حَجًّا مَبْرُورًا، وَسَعْيَهُمْ سَعْيًا مَشْكُورًا،
وَذَنْبَهُمْ ذَنْبًا مَغْفُورًا، وَتِجَارَتَهُمْ تِجَارَةً لَّنْ تَبُورَ.

O Allah! Grant their 'ibaadah (worship) of hajj as hajj that is *mabroor*
(accepted), their *sa'ie* accepted, their sins forgiven, their expenditures are well

spent, their *wuqoof* filled with penitence, and return them to their homeland safely, in good health, and filled with blessings.

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 who 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 *masaajid* 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! Protect the Muslims and Masjid al-Aqsa in Palestine. Safeguard them from oppression and evil, and bestow upon them determination, courage, and victory.

O Allah! Strengthen the '*aqeedah* of the Muslims in this state, '*aqeedah* that is upon the creed of *Ahl as-Sunnah wal-Jamaa'ah*, which is upon the path of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ and his Companions *radiyAllaahu 'anhum*, and spare us from all of the *fitan* that can harm the union and unity of the Muslim *ummah*.

رَبَّنَا هَبْ لَنَا مِنْ أَزْوَاجِنَا وَذُرِّيَّتِنَا قُرَّةَ أَعْيُنٍ وَاجْعَلْنَا لِلْمُتَّقِينَ إِمَامًا.⁴

⁴ al-Furqaan 25:74.

رَبَّنَا ءَاتِنَا فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِي الْآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ.⁵
عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ وَالْإِحْسَنِ وَإِيتَايِ ذِي الْقُرْبَى وَيَنْهَى عَنِ
الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَالْبَغْيِ يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ.⁶
فَاذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ يَذْكُرْكُمْ وَاشْكُرُواهُ عَلَى نِعَمِهِ يَزِدْكُمْ،
وَاسْأَلُوهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ يُعْطِيكُمْ وَلَذِكْرُ اللَّهِ أَكْبَرُ وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا
تَصْنَعُونَ.

⁵ al-Baqarah 2:201.

⁶ an-Nahl 16:90.