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I humbly call upon all of us to altogether strive in enhancing our taqwa of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala by performing all

His Commands and abandoning all matters that He prohibited. May we all be bestowed with blissfulness and success in this world and the Hereafter.

Fellow congregants are reminded to not fiddle with the mobile while the phone being sermon is delivered.

On this very noble day, I will discuss upon a *khutbah*.

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Islam is a religion that conveys the message of peace and security in all facets of life. This principle is firmly emphasized numerous times in both al-Qur'an

and as-Sunnah, proving that Islam never encourage any type of or hostility, violence when except peacefulness has been threatened or violated.

Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala has reminded us that the ni'mah (favor) of peacefulness is not something that is permanent if we are not grateful upon it.

Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala mentions in verse 112 of Soorah an-Nahl:

"And Allah presents an example: a city which was safe and secure, its provision coming to it in abundance from every location, but it

denied the favors of Allah. So, Allah made it taste the envelopment of hunger and fear for what they had been doing."

The gist of this verse explains that the favor of peace and security is not something that can be guaranteed forever if mankind is heedless in their

responsibility absolute towards Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala. Hence, Islam enjoins us to preserve the peacefulness not only through avoiding

conflicts, by but the implementing stipulations within the Sharee'ah of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala as the basis of living.

In Islam, the principles of peace have been taught from the most trivial matter to the biggest matter, where it is not only limited to the context nationhood of international relations,

but it encompasses daily living matters beginning safeguarding from relationship within the family, neighborhood, and relatives whether among the Muslims or non-Muslims that are

comprised of diverse background. This coincides with what Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala mentions in verse 36 of Soorah an-Nisaa':

"Worship Allah and associate nothing with Him, and to parents do good, and to relatives, orphans, the needy, the near neighbor, the neighbor farther away, the companion at your

side, the traveler, and those whom your right hands possess. Indeed, Allah does not like those who are selfdeluding and boastful."

that Allah Such is Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala stresses upon the significance of preserving rights among fellow human beings, maintaining

well as peace, as nurturing mutual respect and having great concern for those around us as the early step in building a peaceful society.

In the political and nationhood affairs, Islam outlines that the leader is obligated to be honest, just, and prioritize upon the welfare of the citizens above personal interests. Therefore, in

making decisions, it behooves the leader to prioritize the general welfare of the masses. This adheres to the well-known fiqhi (legal) maxim:

تَصرَونُ الإمَامِ عَلَى الرَّعِيَّةِ مَنُوطٌ بِالْمَصنْلَحَةِ مَنُوطٌ بِالْمَصنْلَحَةِ

"The action of a ruler for his people is based on maslahah (goodness)."

The Muslim scholars have stipulated that any policies, instructions, or decisions made by the government must be centered on the general welfare of the people and directed towards the

overall benefit of the under people its administrative responsibility. the decision deviates from principles the of maslahah and contradicts the

principles of the Sharee'ah, then it is no longer deemed as valid or applicable from the perspective of the shara'.

At the same time, the citizens are called upon to abide by the laws and regulations that have been enacted based on the principles of truth, justice, and universal welfare. To preserve

peace and stability within society, Islam has stipulated criminal laws that function as one of the ways for prevention and social rehabilitation. Among them is the hudood that is imposed

upon serious crimes such as adultery, stealing, and other offenses that involves hudood punishment.

Similarly with the punishment of qisaas that guarantees justice within criminal cases that involves life and physical harm, by providing the rights of retribution for the victim or heirs.

The punishment of ta'zeer provides the avenue for the authorities to impose appropriate punishment based on wisdom, current circumstances, and fair consideration.

The truth is that not all of these are intended solely to punish but it intends to function as a guardian of peace that includes the physical, social, and moral aspects that are in line with the higher

objectives of the Sharee'ah, which is highly emphasized, so that the society can live in peace and free from chaos and injustices.

Al-Qur'an also has taught us to always remain just and do good towards anyone that this does not oppose religion and does not expel us from our homeland.

Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala mentions in verse 8 of Soorah al-Mumtahinah:

"Allah does not forbid you from those who do not fight you because of religion and do not expel you from your homes from being righteous

toward them and acting justly toward them. Indeed, Allah loves those who act justly."

This verse shows that Islam demands justice and good treatment upon those that do not oppose the Muslims irrespective of their religious or ethnic background. The principles outlined in this

verse also serves as the backbone for the relationship and mu'ammalaat between Muslim and non-Muslim societies.

Furthermore, Islam clearly forbade the Muslims from insulting the belief of others, as He mentions in verse 108 of Soorah al-An'aam:

"And do not insult those they invoke other than Allah, lest they insult Allah in enmity without knowledge. Thus, We have made pleasing

to every community their deeds. Then to their Lord is their return, and He will inform them about what they used to do."

prohibition This is purely due to adab (etiquette) but conforms with the principle of Sadd adh-Dhara'i' (سَدُّ الذَّرَائِع), which is one of the principles

in the science of Usool al-Figh (Principles of Islamic Jurisprudence) that explains on the preference to block all means that leads to destruction or harm. Know that insulting the

religion of others has a high potential of causing a great conflict and enmity. Therefore, Islam shuts all these doors before it can take place.

In preserving the favor of peacefulness that we have been enjoying for a long while, we must acknowledge that differences of opinion are a reality that cannot be avoided living in a

society. However, Islam does not at all allow for such disagreement to be addressed with hatred, insults, or provocations that can threaten the harmony.

Moreover, in interactions with fellow Muslims or even non-Muslims, we have been taught to unravel those differences with noble akhlaaq, clinging onto meaningful arguments and advise.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 125 of Soorah an-Nahl:

"Invite to the way of your Lord with wisdom and good instruction

and argue with them in a way that is best. Indeed, your Lord is most knowing of who has strayed from His way, and He is most knowing of who is [rightly] guided."

This advice did not just end with verses of al-Qur'an but it was further explained in the narration of the Prophet that necessitates for us to utilize good words or to remain silent as

measures in avoiding conflicts and preserving the harmonious atmosphere within the society.

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

"Whoever believes in Allah and the Last Day should speak what is good or keep silent."

(al-Bukhaari and Muslim)

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

1. The Muslim ummah are called upon to always preserve social relations in a diverse society by having noble akhlaaq, respect differences

and diversity, and remain just, in accordance with the objective of preserving universal peace.

2. The Muslim ummah must be cognizant that favor the of peacefulness is not something that is permanent. Furthermore, it can be

revoked at any time, if we remain ungrateful upon the favors from Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala and negligent in His implementing Sharee'ah.

3. Islam emphasizes on adab in interactions by selecting words that are kind or remain silent, especially when encountering differences of opinion.

"And not equal are the good deed and the bad. Repel [evil] by that [deed] which is better; and thereupon the one

whom between you and him is enmity [will become] as though he was a devoted friend."

(Soorah Fussilat 41:34)

## THE SECOND KHUTBAH

## O Allah! Make us among Your slaves that preserves the amaanah. Protect our state and nation from destruction due to bribery, embezzlement, and power

abuse. Bestow upon us a leader that is trustworthy, honest, and firm 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 'ageedah of the Muslims in this state, 'ageedah that is upon the creed of Ahl as-Sunnah wal-Jamaa'ah, which is upon the path of

Prophet Muhammad Companions and radiyAllaahu 'anhum, and spare us from all of the fitan that can harm the union and unity of the Muslim ummah.

