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الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ : قَالَتْ لَهُمْ رُسُلُهُمْ إِنْ نَحْنُ إِلَّا بَشَرٌ مِّثْلُكُمْ
وَلَكِنَّ اللَّهَ يَمُنُّ عَلَىٰ مَنْ يَشَاءُ مِنْ عِبَادِهِ ۖ وَمَا كَانَ لَنَا أَنْ نَأْتِيَكُمْ
بِسُلْطَانٍ إِلَّا بِإِذْنِ اللَّهِ وَعَلَىٰ اللَّهِ فَلْيَتَوَكَّلِ الْمُؤْمِنُونَ¹

أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا
عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَىٰ سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَىٰ 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 sincerely implore that we altogether strive in increasing our *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* by fulfilling all of His Commands and

¹ Ibraaheem 14:11.

² Aal 'Imraan 3:102.

abandoning everything that He forbade. May we all be bestowed with blissfulness and salvation in this world and the Hereafter. Fellow congregation is reminded to not talk and fiddle with the mobile phone while the *khutbah* is being delivered.

On this glorious day, I will expound on a *khutbah* titled **"MAWLID AR-RASOOL: CELEBRATION WITH FULL REVERENCE."**

Dear blessed Friday audience,

Alhamdulillah, all praise be to Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* who had sent our Prophet, Muhammad ﷺ, as *rahmah* (mercy) to the worlds. *Salawaat* (blessings) and *salaam* (peace) upon our beloved ﷺ, his noble family, his loyal Companions, and his entire *ummah* who remained *istiqamah* (steadfast) in following his *sunnah* until the Last Day.

We are truly grateful that the zeal and awareness of the Muslims today in commemorating the birthday of Rasulullah ﷺ are becoming more apparent year by year. Every time 12 Rabee' al-Awwal comes, various celebrations are held including recitation of the *salawaat*, *qaseedah* (poetry), *marhaban* (welcoming), *berzanji* (praises), *nasheed*, and many others as our sign of love for the Prophet ﷺ. This atmosphere is truly beautiful and brings joyfulness. However, the question begs, how far do these celebrations truly drive us in internalizing the *qudwah* (exemplary) and *sunnah* left by the Messenger ﷺ? Does it awaken our resolve in emulating the way of life of the Prophet ﷺ or does it all end with the excitement from the celebration that we commemorate every year?

We are worried that without sound internalization, the celebration that is laden with *dhikr* (remembrance of Allah) and *salawaat* will only remain as an

annual event that ends just like that, without leaving a mark in our hearts or pushing for change upon our behaviors and daily practice unto becoming more obedient and submissive to Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.

Beloved Muslims,

As the *ummah* of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, we must have love for Rasulullah ﷺ in its absoluteness. In addition to the *salawaat*, we also must manifest our efforts in getting to know Rasulullah ﷺ through *Shamaa'il Muhammadiyah* that is beautiful, traversing through the *seerah* (biography) of his life, understanding *hasaa'is* which are privileges that Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* had bestowed upon Rasulullah ﷺ.

Similarly, with exemplifying the *jihad* struggle of Rasulullah ﷺ, having *yaqeen* (certainty) upon the miracles that proved his messengership, *tadabbur* (reflecting) upon *dala'il an-Nubuwwah* which are signs of prophethood that affirms and strengthens his messengership ﷺ, and internalizing on the reality of the *sharee'ah* brought by Rasulullah ﷺ as guidance throughout time. This is how our love for Rasulullah ﷺ will remain alive and leaves impact in our daily lives.

However, we must comprehend that the prophets and messengers are normal human beings who ate, drank, married and had families. But they were chosen individuals bestowed with *wahy* (revelation), supported with *mu'jizah* (miracles), and lifted as exemplary for the *ummah*.

As Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 11 of Soorah Ibraaheem that was recited at the early part of the *khutbah*:

"Their messengers said to them, "We are only men like you, but Allah confers favor upon whom He wills of His servants. It has never

been for us to bring you evidence except by permission of Allah. And upon Allah let the believers rely.'"

Dear respected Muslims,

Even though the prophets including our beloved Prophet Muhammad ﷺ has the attribute of *bashariyyah*, which is human nature, he ﷺ was bestowed by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* with very special virtues. Rasulullah ﷺ hailed from a noble lineage, he possessed a charming appearance, he is the leader of all creations, having extraordinary physical and spiritual strength, as well as possessing excellent *akhlaaq* (character), as Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 4 of Soorah al-Qalam:

وَإِنَّكَ لَعَلَىٰ خُلُقٍ عَظِيمٍ

"And indeed, you are of a great moral character."

However, in manifesting our love for Rasulullah ﷺ, we are demanded to prioritize in internalizing and implementing the *risaalah* (message) and *sunnah* that he ﷺ had left us with.

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

"And whatever the Messenger has given you - take; and what he has forbidden you - refrain from. And fear Allah; indeed, Allah is severe in penalty."

Esteemed Muslims,

In this very opportunity, let us altogether manifest our gratefulness for being part of the *ummah* of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ and attain the *hikmah*

(wisdom) that is implicit behind his messengership. Even prior to his birth, Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* had always safeguarded and preserved his lineage ﷺ. After his birth, Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* had purified his heart and thoughts, until he ﷺ was honored with the ordainment as Prophet and Messenger.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* had also bestowed upon the Messenger ﷺ with the attribute of *jawaami' al-Kaalim*, which is the ability to utter simple words but full of meaning and wisdom. Each of his utterances, *akhlaaq*, and actions are Divine guidance that are filled with secrets and lessons. This is as mentioned by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* in verse 3 of Soorah an-Najm:

"Nor does he speak from [his own] inclination."

Hence, the love for Rasulullah ﷺ must be nurtured with love for the *sunnah* and *risaalah* that he ﷺ left behind through the Companions *radiyAllaahu 'anhum*. It is as mentioned in the *wasiyyah* (will) of Rasulullah ﷺ that was narrated by al-'Irbaad bin Saariyah as-Sulamiy *radiyAllaahu 'anh*:

... فَمَنْ أَدْرَكَ ذَلِكَ مِنْكُمْ فَعَلَيْهِ بِسُنَّتِي وَسُنَّةِ الْخُلَفَاءِ
الرَّاشِدِينَ الْمُهْدِيِّينَ، عَضُّوا عَلَيْهَا بِالنَّوَاجِدِ

"...Whoever among you sees that [i.e. disagreement], then he must stick to my sunnah and the sunnah of the rightly guided Caliphs, cling to it with the molars."

(at-Tirmidhi)

The demand to follow the *sunnah* and *risaalah* of Rasulullah ﷺ is also accompanied by the demand to follow the teachings of the Companions *radiyAllaahu 'anhum* and the *salaaf as-saalih* (pious predecessors) from among their '*ulamaa*' (scholars). This is because they are the heirs of the legacy of knowledge of Rasulullah ﷺ.

Such is the love that necessitates for us to revive the *sunnah* of Rasulullah ﷺ in all aspects of our lives by frequenting *majaalis 'ilm* (knowledge circles) that strengthens our understanding of *seerah*, learning and reading the *ahaadeeth* of the Prophet ﷺ along with its explanations with religious scholars, always striving to practice them in our lives, whether in '*ibaadah* (worship), *akhlaaq*, including matters of *mu'aamalaat* (transactions) and others. This is because the love for the Prophet ﷺ indicates our love for Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*, and this love is only truly meaningful if it drives us to abide by His Commands and abandon His prohibitions, as demonstrated by His beloved, Rasulullah ﷺ.

Blessed congregation,

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

1. The Muslim *ummah* must manifest its love for Rasulullah ﷺ that is translated into internalization and practice upon his *sunnah* ﷺ, not merely having celebration that is commemorated every year.
2. The Muslim *ummah* must remain penitent that loving Rasulullah ﷺ necessitate attending sittings of knowledge, learning the *seerah* and practicing the *sunnah* in '*ibaadah*, *akhlaaq*, and daily *mu'aamalaat*.
3. The Muslim *ummah* must comprehend that reviving the *sunnah* and *risalaah* of Rasulullah ﷺ means obeying Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.

This includes clinging firmly upon the *sunnah* of *Khulafaa' ar-Raashideen* with great determination.

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ
قُلْ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ تُحِبُّونَ اللَّهَ فَاتَّبِعُونِي يُحْبِبْكُمُ اللَّهُ وَيَغْفِرْ لَكُمْ ذُنُوبَكُمْ
وَاللَّهُ غَفُورٌ رَحِيمٌ

“Say, [O Muhammad], “If you should love Allah, then follow me, [so] Allah will love you and forgive you your sins. And Allah is Forgiving and Merciful.””

(Soorah Aal ‘Imraan 3:31)

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ
مِنَ الْآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ وَتَقَبَّلْ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتُهُ 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 أَنْزَلَ الشَّرِيعَةَ هُدًى لِلنَّاسِ وَرَحْمَةً،



أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ 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.³

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ.

اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِلْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ، بِرَحْمَتِكَ يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ.

اللَّهُمَّ أَعِزَّ الْإِسْلَامَ وَالْمُسْلِمِينَ، وَأَذِلَّ الشِّرْكَ وَالْمُشْرِكِينَ، وَدَمِّرْ أَعْدَاءَ الدِّينِ، وَاجْعَلْ هَذَا الْبَلَدَ آمِنًا مُطْمَئِنًّا وَسَائِرَ بِلَادِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ.

³ al-Ahzaab 33:56.



اَللّٰهُمَّ وَفِّقْ اَئِمَّةَ الْمُسْلِمِيْنَ وَوُلَاةَ اُمُوْرِهِمْ وَجَمِيْعَ الْمُسْلِمِيْنَ
لِمَا فِيْهِ صَلاَحُ الْبِلَادِ وَالْعِبَادِ.

اَللّٰهُمَّ اِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ وَنَتَوَسَّلُ اِلَيْكَ بِنَبِيِّكَ الْاَمِيْنِ، وَنَسْأَلُكَ
بِاسْمَائِكَ الْحُسْنٰى، وَصِفَاتِكَ الْعُظْمٰى، اَنْ تَحْفَظَ بَعِيْنَ
عِنَايَتِكَ الرَّبَّانِيَّةِ، وَبِحِفْظِ وَقَايَتِكَ الصِّمَدَانِيَّةِ، جَلَالَةَ مَلِكِنَا
الْمُعَظَّمِ، سُلْطَانَ سَلَاطُوْر، سُلْطَانَ شَرَفُ الدِّيْنِ اَدْرِيسِ شَاهِ
الْحَاجِ ابْنِ الْمَرْحُوْمِ سُلْطَانَ صَلَاحُ الدِّيْنِ عَبْدِ الْعَزِيْزِ شَاهِ
الْحَاجِ. اَللّٰهُمَّ اَدِمِ الْعَوْنَ وَالْهِدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيْقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ
وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْكَ، لَوْلِيَّ عَهْدِ سَلَاطُوْر، تَغْكُوْ اَمِيْر شَاهِ ابْنِ
السُّلْطَانَ شَرَفُ الدِّيْنِ اَدْرِيسِ شَاهِ الْحَاجِ، فِيْ اَمْنٍ وَصَلَاحٍ
وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنْكَ وَكَرَمِكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْاِكْرَامِ. اَللّٰهُمَّ اَطْلُ
عُمْرَهُمَا مُصْلِحِيْنَ لِلْمَوْظَفِيْنَ وَالرَّعِيَّةِ وَالْبِلَادِ، وَبَلِّغْ
مَقَاصِدَهُمَا لِطَرِيْقِ الْهُدٰى وَالرَّشَادِ.

O Allah! Strengthen the 'aqeedah of the Muslims upon the creed of *Ahl as-Sunnah wal-Jamaa'ah*, which is upon the path of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ and his Companions *radiyAllaahu 'anhum*. Spare us from all forms of bribery

and abuse of power, as well as misguidance, shirk and superstition, and protect us from *fitan* that can harm the union and unity of the Muslim *ummah*.

O Allah! Bestow peace and prosperity upon our state and nation. Protect us from all forms of *fitnah* and calamities such as murder, bullying, and oppressing others. Bestow upon us leaders that have utmost integrity, firmness, and courage in upholding the Truth according to Your *Sharee'ah*.

O Allah! We beseech Your protection from the evil of the enemies and traitors. Protect us from the temptations of *shaytaan* and his armies. Guide us to always remain *istiqaamah* in fulfilling all of Your Commands and abandoning all of Your prohibitions.

رَبَّنَا هَبْ لَنَا مِنْ أَزْوَاجِنَا وَذُرِّيَّتِنَا قُرَّةَ أَعْيُنٍ وَاجْعَلْنَا لِلْمُتَّقِينَ إِمَامًا.⁴
رَبَّنَا ءَاتِنَا فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِي الْآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ.⁵
عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ وَالْإِحْسَنِ وَإِيتَايَ ذِي الْقُرْبَىٰ وَيَنْهَىٰ
عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَالْبَغْيِ يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ.⁶
فَاذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ يَذْكُرْكُمْ وَاشْكُرُوهُ عَلَىٰ نِعَمِهِ يَزِدْكُمْ،
وَاسْأَلُوهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ يُعْطِيكُمْ وَلَذِكْرُ اللَّهِ أَكْبَرُ وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا
تَصْنَعُونَ.

⁴ al-Furqaan 25:74.

⁵ al-Baqarah 2:201.

⁶ an-Nahl 16:90.