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الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ : وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَا مِنْ قَبْلِكَ إِلَّا رَجَالًا نُوحِيَ إِلَيْهِمْ فَسَلُّوا أَهْلَ الذِّكْرِ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ لَا تَعْلَمُونَ¹.

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 implore all of us to altogether strive in increasing our *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* by performing all of His Commands and abstain from all the things that He prohibited. May we all

¹ an-Nahl 16:43.

² Aal 'Imraan 3:102.



be bestowed with happiness and salvation in this world and the Hereafter. Fellow congregants are reminded to not converse and use the cellular phone while the sermon is being delivered.

On this glorious day, I will expound on a *khutbah* titled **"Avoid Misunderstanding al-Qur'an, Consult The Scholars Of Tafseer."**

Dear blessed Friday audience,

Al-Qur'an is guidance for the entire mankind. From the blessings of the efforts of our '*ulamaa*' (scholars), we now can recite various translations of its meanings in different languages. However, al-Qur'an is not merely to be recited, It must be learned and understood properly. Moreover, reciting its meaning alone does not mean that we have become an '*aalim* (learned scholar) and comprehends the entire meaning of al-Qur'an.

This is because if we limit ourselves to the translation of its meanings alone without looking into the contexts of the Qur'anic verses that we recite, we will only understand those verses superficially on the surface.

Hence, a thorough comprehension of al-Qur'an requires the science of *tafseer* (exegesis) through referring and learning from prominent scholars so that it can be properly understood as it was comprehended by the early generations.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 43 of Soorah an-Nahl that was recited at the beginning of the *khutbah*, what means:

"And We sent not before you except men to whom We revealed [Our message]. So ask the people of the message if you do not know."



In the *hadeeth* of Abu ad-Dardaa' *radiyAllaahu 'anh*, Rasulullah ﷺ said:

وَالْعُلَمَاءُ وَرَثَةُ الْأَنْبِيَاءِ وَإِنَّ الْأَنْبِيَاءَ لَمْ يُورَثُوا دِينَارًا وَلَا
دِرْهَمًا وَإِنَّمَا وَرَثُوا الْعِلْمَ فَمَنْ أَخَذَهُ أَخَذَ بِحِظٍّ وَافِرٍ

“The scholars are the heirs of the Prophets who bequeath neither dinar nor dirham but only that of knowledge; and he who acquires it, has in fact acquired an abundant portion.”

(Abu Dawood)

Dear respected audience,

Pondering upon the priority upon the scholars and the sciences mentioned, it is very clear upon the importance of learning and seeking *‘ilm* (knowledge) for the Muslim *ummah*. Especially regarding al-Qur'an, so that we will not be drowned in ignorance.

Life nowadays is quick, fast-paced, and instant, causing the Muslims to no longer appreciate the treasures of knowledge left behind by the scholars. Furthermore, al-Qur'an is only understood through sharings on the social media without any verification and questioning the validity of such information.

Therefore, today I humbly invite fellow audience to return in learning al-Qur'an from learned teachers and *tafseer* scholars by attending courses in a *talaqqi* manner, which is studying directly eye-to-eye with a teacher. Learn it in the proper manner according to a structured method and curriculum.



It would be great if the Muslim *ummah* today would return in referring to the scholars of *tafseer* in comprehending the *tafseer* of the verses of al-Qur'an, so as to not plunge into misunderstandings that can corrupt the actual meaning and purpose of *Kalaam* (Word) of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.

Rasulullah ﷺ himself had reminded us and even guaranteed felicity upon those that learn the science of al-Qur'an for the sake of attaining benefit from *Kitaabullaah* (the Book of Allah). Not just to recite it, but to understand, internalize, and practice its teachings in our daily lives.

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

“Those persons who assemble in the house among the houses of Allah (masaajid) and recite the Book of Allah and they learn and teach the Qur'an (among themselves) there would descend upon them tranquility and mercy would cover them, and the angels would surround them, and Allah mentions them in the presence of those near Him, and he who is slow-paced in doing good deeds, his (high) lineage does not make him go ahead.”

(Muslim)

Dear esteemed Muslims,

Since the early days of Islam, al-Qur'an was memorized, comprehended, and practiced through the teachings of Rasulullah ﷺ. From among the Companions, some were authorized as the main teachers to teach other Companions. This is because the population of the Muslims were rapidly growing. There is a significant need for teachers or specialists to teach those



that had recently embraced Islam, and they were even sent to certain localities.

In our country, the 'ulamaa' specifically local *tafseer* scholars are no exception from efforts in spreading the knowledge of al-Qur'an. Studies in al-Qur'an and *tafseer* in Malaysia had begun long ago, whether formal or informal. Its studies began at the homes of teachers, *suraus*, madrasahs, *masaajid*, and others.

Studying in the form of *talaqqi* also has been preserved until today and it needs to be expanded. I call upon fellow audience today to continue the effort of expanding and preserving Islamic sciences by consistently attending lessons in the *talaqqi* format.

Among renowned classical works that become references for the scholars and students of knowledge are *Tafseer al-Jalaalayn* of Imaam Jalaal ad-Deen al-Mahalli and Imaam Jalaal ad-Deen as-Suyooti. This *tafseer* book, which is concise, thorough, and easy to understand, often serves as reference by the scholars whether at traditional or modern learning centers.

In fact, the influence of *Tafseer al-Jalaalayn* is so great that both Shaykh Faisal Othman and Shaykh Abdullah Basmeih had frequently referred to it for the early translation of the meanings of al-Qur'an in our country, which is *Tafsir Pimpinan al-Rahman*.

Aside from *Tafseer al-Jalaalayn*, *Tafseer ibn Katheer* also served as reference for both pioneers in the translation of the meaning of al-Qur'an in our country. May Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* bless the early scholars for



their earnest efforts in explaining the meanings of al-Qur'an through a chain of knowledge that traces back all the way to Rasulullah ﷺ.

Dear blessed Friday attendees,

Based on the highlights of the history of Qur'anic sciences that was laid out today, let us ponder our situation and attitude when interacting with al-Qur'an. Are we truly diligent in understanding al-Qur'an by attempting to learn the sciences relating to it? Have we tried to spare time to perform *tadabbur* (internalize) and seek the meanings of words that we did not understand when reciting them? Or do we only recite without having comprehension, hence causing us to not attain benefit and multifold reward?

All of these questions must be pondered upon.

Of course, the answer to the questions raised by the *khateeb* today necessitates diligence and sacrifice. However, at a time that is very challenging and fast-paced, it behooves us to perform *muhaasabah* (self-evaluation) as to how much time have we allocated in increasing our understanding of *Kalaamullaah*, the Word of the Creator that has provided guidance without an iota of doubt within it.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in the second verse of Soorah al-Baqarah:

"This is the Book about which there is no doubt, a guidance for those conscious of Allah."

Beloved audience,



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

1. The Muslim *ummah* must have certainty that understanding and reflecting upon the sciences of al-Qur'an with diligence will cause a person to remain upon good and spares a person from ignorance.
2. The Muslim *ummah* must recite and further deepen the knowledge of al-Qur'an not only by reciting, but involves comprehension, internalization, and practice. That is the path in attaining nearness to Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* and becoming a person of noble *akhlaaq* (character).
3. The Muslim *ummah* must have certainty that anyone who recites and attempts to learn al-Qur'an with full sincerity will attain *shafaa'ah* (intercession) from it, and that al-Qur'an will serve as *hujjah* (proof) in his or her defense when standing before Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* in the Hereafter.

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ
إِنَّ الَّذِينَ يَتْلُونَ كِتَابَ اللَّهِ وَأَقَامُوا الصَّلَاةَ وَأَنْفَقُوا مِمَّا رَزَقْنَاهُمْ
سِرًّا وَعَلَانِيَةً يَرْجُونَ تَجْرَةً لَّنْ تَبُورَ.

"Indeed, those who recite the Book of Allah and establish prayer and spend [in His cause] out of what We have provided them, secretly and publicly, [can] expect a profit that will never perish."

(Soorah Faatir 35:29)



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 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.

³ al-Ahzaab 33:56.



اَللّٰهُمَّ اَعِزَّ الْاِسْلَامَ وَالْمُسْلِمِيْنَ، وَاَذِلَّ الشِّرْكَ وَالْمُشْرِكِيْنَ،
وَدَمِّرْ اَعْدَاءَ الدِّيْنِ، وَاَجْعَلْ هَذَا الْبَلَدَ اَمِنًا مُّطْمَئِنًّا وَسَائِرَ
بِلَادِ الْمُسْلِمِيْنَ.

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

اَللّٰهُمَّ اِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ وَنَتَوَسَّلُ اِلَيْكَ بِنَبِيِّكَ الْاَمِيْنِ، وَنَسْأَلُكَ
بِاسْمَائِكَ الْحُسْنَى، وَصِفَاتِكَ الْعُظْمَى، اَنْ تَحْفَظَ بَعِيْنَ
عِنَايَتِكَ الرَّبَّانِيَّةَ، وَبِحِفْظِ وَقَايَتِكَ الصَّمَدَانِيَّةَ، جَلَالَةَ مَلِكِنَا
الْمُعَظَّمِ، سُلْطَانَ سَلَاطُوْر، سُلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّيْنِ اَدْرِيسِ شَاهِ
الْحَاجِ ابْنِ الْمَرْحُومِ سُلْطَانَ صَلَاحِ الدِّيْنِ عَبْدِ الْعَزِيْزِ شَاهِ
الْحَاجِ. اَللّٰهُمَّ اَدِمِ الْعَوْنَ وَالْهِدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيْقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ
وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْكَ، لَوْلِيِّ عَهْدِ سَلَاطُوْر، تَعْكُوْ اَمِيْر شَاهِ ابْنِ
السُّلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّيْنِ اَدْرِيسِ شَاهِ الْحَاجِ، فِيْ اَمْنٍ وَصَلَاحٍ
وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنْكَ وَكَرَمِكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْاِكْرَامِ. اَللّٰهُمَّ اَطْلُ



عُمْرُهُمَا مُصْلِحَيْنِ لِلْمُوظَّفِينَ وَالرَّعِيَّةِ وَالْبِلَادِ، وَبَلَّغَ
مَقَاصِدَهُمَا لِطَرِيقِ الْهُدَى 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 disaster, 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 our enemies and traitors. Safeguard us from the temptations of *shaytaan* and its armies and guide us to always draw closer to You.

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

⁴ al-Furqaan 25:74.

⁵ al-Baqarah 2:201.

⁶ an-Nahl 16:90.



فَاذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ يَذْكُرْكُمْ وَاشْكُرُوهُ عَلَى نِعَمِهِ يَزِدْكُمْ،
وَاسْأَلُوهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ يُعْطِيكُمْ وَلَذِكْرُ اللَّهِ أَكْبَرُ وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا
تَصْنَعُونَ.