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الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ : مَا أَصَابَ مِنْ مُصِيبَةٍ فِي الْأَرْضِ وَلَا فِي أَنْفُسِكُمْ إِلَّا فِي كِتَابٍ مِّن قَبْلِ أَنْ نَبْرَأَهَا إِنَّ ذَلِكَ عَلَى اللَّهِ يَسِيرٌ 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 implore all of us to altogether strive in increasing our *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* by performing all of His Commands and abandoning all the things that He prohibited.

¹ al-Hadeed 57:22.

² Aal 'Imraan 3:102.

On this glorious day, I will discuss upon a *khutbah* titled "**CALAMITY: EXPIATES SIN, ELEVATES RANK.**"

Dear blessed Friday audience,

In our daily life journey, who among us has never been tested? Surely among us are those that have lost their loved ones, loss of properties, destitution, pain and emotional stress. And this week, many among us are struggling with the *museebah* (calamity) of flooding. Some had their abode submerged under water, while some were afflicted with property damage that they had to relocate empty-handed to a safe area.

Know that Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* will never allow us to drown in calamity in vain. Whatever *museebah* that befalls the *mu'min* (believer), even with the prick of a thorn, all will be recorded as reward if the person has *sabr* (patience) and remain pleased. Surely, behind all of the *museebah* that occurs, there is wisdom that is only known to Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* reminds us in verse 22 of Soorah al-Hadeed that was recited during the early part of the *khutbah*:

"No disaster strikes upon the earth or among yourselves except that it is in a register before We bring it into being - indeed that, for Allah, is easy."

Let us observe how Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions two forms of *museebah* at once, namely disaster that strikes upon the earth and upon oneself. Both are within the knowledge of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. And both have their own *hikmah* (wisdom) that perhaps we have yet to see today. Hence, when a *museebah* afflicts, Islam teaches us to not despair but instead

to return to Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*, beseeching strength, and aid those that are being tested.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* wants to see our *sabr*, efforts, and how we would return the matter to Him.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 156 of Soorah al-Baqarah:

الَّذِينَ إِذَا أَصَابَتْهُمْ مُصِيبَةٌ قَالُوا إِنَّا لِلَّهِ وَإِنَّا إِلَيْهِ رَاجِعُونَ .

"Who, when disaster strikes them, say, "Indeed we belong to Allah, and indeed to Him we will return.""

Verily, the *lafzh* (words) found in this verse teaches that everything that we possess is just loaned out to us. When Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* takes them back, it means that Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* is preparing something to strengthen our soul and atone our sins.

Esteemed audience,

Remember, when Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* loves a servant, He will not allow that person to walk on the face of earth while carrying unforgiven sins. On the contrary, Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* will purify and elevate his or her *darajah* (degree or rank) through trials and calamities afflicting them.

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

مَا يُصِيبُ الْمُسْلِمَ مِنْ نَصَبٍ وَلَا وَصَبٍ وَلَا هَمٍّ وَلَا حُزْنٍ وَلَا
أَذًى وَلَا غَمٍّ، حَتَّى الشَّوْكَةِ يُشَاكُمُهَا إِلَّا كَفَّرَ اللَّهُ بِهَا مِنْ
خَطَايَاهُ.

“No fatigue, nor disease, nor sorrow, nor sadness, nor hurt, nor distress befalls a Muslim, even if it were the prick he receives from a thorn, but that Allah expiates some of his sins for that.”

(al-Bukhaari)

Blessed Friday attendees,

Even though we know that *museebah* brings *hikmah*, many among us would feel heavy-hearted when being tested. However, know that those trials themselves are signs of attention from Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.

In the *hadeeth* of Anas bin Maalik *radiyAllaahu ‘anh*, Rasulullah ﷺ said:

إِذَا أَرَادَ اللَّهُ بِعَبْدِهِ الْخَيْرَ عَجَّلَ لَهُ الْعُقُوبَةَ فِي الدُّنْيَا، وَإِذَا
أَرَادَ اللَّهُ بِعَبْدِهِ الشَّرَّ أَمْسَكَ عَنْهُ بِذَنْبِهِ، حَتَّى يُوَافِيَ بِهِ يَوْمَ
الْقِيَامَةِ

“When Allah intends good for His slave, He punishes him in this world, but when He intends an evil for His slave, He does not hasten to take him to task but calls him to account on the Day of Resurrection.”

(at-Tirmidhi)

This *hadeeth* reminds us that every *museebah* that befalls us is not rendered in vain. Hardship, fatigue, emotional stress and losses incurred are reasons for Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* to erase sins, increase rank, and bring the servant closer to Him. Calamities that are heavy to the human eyes actually carry great *rahmah* (mercy) in the sight of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* for those that are patient and continue to depend upon Him.

Therefore, let us have *sabr* and remain content whenever we are tested. Have certainty that such *museebah* came to expiate sins and as a way for Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* to bring us closer to Him. Let us not complain, whine, or point fingers in finding the fault of others. Furthermore, let us not cast aspersion upon the decree of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* by claiming that such calamity is a punishment specifically upon certain quarters.

Such action will only destroy the *akhlaaq* (character) and tarnish our own dignity. A mature believer will deem *museebah* as a way to return and perform *muhaasabah* (self-evaluation), not as a reason to condemn or seek faults. Hence, let us beseech Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* to bestow strength upon us in accepting all of His Will with cleansed hearts and souls that are tranquil and firm with *sabr*.

Dear blessed audience,

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

1. We must have certainty that every *museebah* is a decree of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* that is full of *hikmah*. Indeed, trials that afflict, whether sadness, losses, or disaster are never in vain. The *mu'min* must deem

it as an opportunity to return to Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*, solidify the *imaan* (faith), and improve oneself.

2. We must realize that *museebah* can eradicate sins and elevate one's *darajah*. Whatever felt by a Muslim, even the prick of a thorn, will serve as the reason for Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* to expiate his sins and elevate his dignity. *Sabr* and contentment is the key to attaining this tremendous reward.

3. We must be mindful of our *akhlaaq* whenever afflicted with calamity. Verily, *museebah* is not the reason for us to point fingers or condemn others. The believer is to always preserve his or her *adab* (manners), safeguard the tongue, and embracing the trial as an opportunity to improve and becoming closer to Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ
وَلَنَبْلُوَنَّكُمْ بِشَيْءٍ مِّنَ الْخَوْفِ وَالْجُوعِ وَنَقْصٍ مِّنَ الْأَمْوَالِ
وَالْأَنْفُسِ وَالثَّمَرَاتِ وَبَشِّرِ الصَّابِرِينَ .

"And We will surely test you with something of fear and hunger and a loss of wealth and lives and fruits but give good tidings to the patient."

(Soorah al-Baqarah 2:155)

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 أَنْزَلَ الشَّرِيعَةَ، هَدَى 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 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، بِرَحْمَتِكَ يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ.
اللَّهُمَّ أَعِزِّ الْإِسْلَامَ وَالْمُسْلِمِينَ، وَأَذِلَّ الشِّرْكَ وَالْمُشْرِكِينَ،
وَدَمِّرْ أَعْدَاءَ الدِّينِ، وَاجْعَلْ هَذَا الْبَلَدَ آمِنًا مُطْمَئِنًّا وَسَائِرَ
بِلَادِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ.

اللَّهُمَّ وَفِّقْ أَيْمَةَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَوُلَاةَ أُمُورِهِمْ وَجَمِيعَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ
لِمَا فِيهِ صَلَاحُ الْبِلَادِ وَالْعِبَادِ.

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ وَنَتَوَسَّلُ إِلَيْكَ بِنَبِيِّكَ الْأَمِينِ، وَنَسْأَلُكَ
بِأَسْمَائِكَ الْحُسْنَى، وَصِفَاتِكَ الْعُظْمَى، أَنْ تَحْفَظَ بَعِينَ
عِنَايَتِكَ الرَّبَّانِيَّةِ، وَبِحِفْظِ وَقَايَتِكَ الصِّمَدَانِيَّةِ، جَلَالَةَ مَلِكِنَا
الْمُعَظَّمِ، سُلْطَانَ سَلَاطُور، سُلْطَانَ شَرَفُ الدِّينِ اَادِرِيس شاه

³ al-Ahzaab 33:56.

الحاج ابن المرحوم سُلْطَان صَلَاحُ الدِّين عبد العزيز شاه
الحاج. اَللّٰهُمَّ اَدِمِ الْعَوْنَ وَالْهِدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ
وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْكَ، لَوْلِيَّ عَهْدٍ سَلَاطُور، تَغْكُو أَمِير شَاهِ ابْنِ
السُّلْطَانِ شَرْفُ الدِّينِ ادریس شاه الحاج، فِي أَمْنٍ وَصَلَاحٍ
وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنْكَ وَكَرَمِكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ. اَللّٰهُمَّ أَطْلُ
عُمْرَهُمَا مُصْلِحَيْنِ لِلْمُوظَّفَيْنِ وَالرَّعِيَّةِ وَالْبِلَادِ، وَبَلِّغْ
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! Protect the Muslim *ummah* and Masjid al-Aqsa in Palestine. Preserve them from oppression and evil, and bestow upon them steadfastness, strength, and victory.

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 وَالْإِحْسَانِ وَإِيتَايَ ذِي الْقُرْبَىٰ وَيَنْهَىٰ
عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَالْبَغْيِ يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ.⁶
فَاذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ يَذْكُرْكُمْ وَاشْكُرُواهُ عَلَىٰ نِعَمِهِ يَزِدْكُمْ،
وَاسْأَلُوهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ يُعْطِكُمْ وَلَذِكْرُ اللَّهِ أَكْبَرُ وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا
تَصْنَعُونَ.

⁴ al-Furqaan 25:74.

⁵ al-Baqarah 2:201.

⁶ an-Nahl 16:90.