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الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ: فَبِمَا رَحْمَةٍ مِّنَ اللَّهِ لِنْتَ لَهُمْ وَلَوْ كُنْتَ فَظًا غَلِيظَ الْقَلْبِ لَانْفَضُّوا مِنْ حَوْلِكَ فَاعْفُ عَنْهُمْ وَاسْتَغْفِرْ لَهُمْ وَشَاوِرْهُمْ فِي الْأَمْرِ فَإِذَا عَزَمْتَ فَتَوَكَّلْ عَلَى اللَّهِ إِنَّ اللَّهَ يُحِبُّ الْمُتَوَكِّلِينَ¹.

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,

¹ Aal 'Imraan 3:159.

² Aal 'Imraan 3:102.

I humbly call upon all of us to altogether strive in increasing our **taqwa** of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* by fulfilling all of His Commands and abandoning all matters that He prohibited. May we be bestowed with blissfulness and success in this world and the Hereafter. Fellow congregation is reminded to not fiddle with the cellular phone while the *khutbah* is in session.

On this very noble day, I will discuss upon a *khutbah* titled **"MUHAASABAH AND DETERMINATION IN BECOMING BETTER."**

Dear blessed Friday audience,

The year 2025 has left us, and today we have stepped into the year 2026. Living at the End of Time, we often feel that time passes by quickly that it is as if it was only yesterday that we entered the year 2025. This is the stark reality of time, where it never stops and will not wait for anyone. Time moves fast like the thrust of the sword, whoever is heedless in benefitting from it will be crushed in loss and exposed to the wrath of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.

In the narration of Anas bin Maalik *radiyAllaahu 'anh*, Rasulullah ﷺ had said:

"The Hour shall not be established until time is constricted, and the year is like a month, a month is like the week, and the week is like the day, and the day is like the hour, and the hour is like the flare of the fire."

(at-Tirmidhi)

This *hadeeth* asserts that among the signs that the Day of Judgment is encroaching is that time will pass by quickly. Being preoccupied in pursuing worldly affairs and immersed in their interests are among the reasons why time feels increasingly narrow and short. Hence, as servants of Allah *Subhaanahu*

Wa Ta'aala, we are to fill our time with *imaan* (faith), *'amal saalih* (righteous deeds), and *dhikr* (remembrance of Allah) as provision in the Hereafter.

Rasulullah ﷺ also had reminded his *ummah* to not delay obedience in Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*, and instead to hasten in fulfilling His Commandments. Whatever role that we shoulder must be fulfilled with the intention and purpose in attaining nearness with Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. What a great loss if this very short period of time passes by without obedience, that it further distance us away from the *rahmah* (mercy) and love of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*, and even incurs His Wrath. This matter was emphasized in the *hadeeth* of ibn 'Umar *radiyAllaahu 'anhuma*, where Rasulullah ﷺ said:

"Be in the world like a stranger or a wayfarer." And ibn 'Umar radiyAllaahu 'anhuma used to say: "In the evening do not expect [to live until] the morning, and in the morning do not expect [to live until] the evening. Take [advantage of] your health before times of sickness, and [take advantage of] your life before your death."

(*al-Bukhaari*)

Dear esteemed Friday congregants,

Throughout last year, did our *imaan* and *'amal* (deeds) increase or became increasingly weak? Has our relationship with Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* and fellow human beings become stronger, or further distanced due to the lustful desire and differing views? Are we truly sincere in carrying out our responsibilities that have been entrusted for the sake of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*, or purely chasing personal interest?

If we are still negligent, heedless, and forgetful upon the reality of life as a slave in this world, then let us rise with great resolution to improve ourselves. Know that our real enemy is not human, but *shaytaan* and its army, as well as the lustful desire that is always erupting and unsatisfied.

Without *imaan* and *'amal*, mankind will surely become among those who are at loss and regretful. When that moment arrives, there is no longer that opportunity to return to the worldly life to better one's deeds, increase obedience and servitude unto Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. For the everlasting life, its entrance is only one, which is *taqwa* that is born out of *imaan* that firmly clings upon Islam even if having to hold a hot coal, and upholding Islam as the way of life.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* recorded their remorse in verses 99 and 100 of Soorah al-Mu'minoon:

"[For such is the state of the disbelievers], until, when death comes to one of them, he says, "My Lord, send me back That I might do righteousness in that which I left behind." No! It is only a word he is saying; and behind them is a barrier until the Day they are resurrected."

Therefore, we must believe and perform righteous deeds with full servitude, for the life of this world is only a trial that is temporary in nature, while the world is getting older. Indeed, the wise ones are those that are always engaging in *muhaasabah* (self-evaluation) regarding their past, hastening to make *tawbah* (repentance), and increase their righteous deeds as sustenance in meeting Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.

In the *hadeeth* of Abi Ya'la Shaddaad bin Aws *radiyAllaahu 'anhuma*, where Rasulullah ﷺ said:

الْكَيْسُ مَنْ دَانَ نَفْسَهُ، وَعَمِلَ لِمَا بَعْدَ الْمَوْتِ

"A wise man is the one who calls himself to account and does noble deeds to benefit him after death."

(at-Tirmidhi)

Ennobled Friday audience,

Those that are always having *taqwa* and performing righteous deeds with diligence will be bestowed with knowledge from Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* as a guide and guidance for life. This is as Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 282 of Soorah al-Baqarah:

وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَيُعَلِّمُكُمُ اللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ بِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ عَلِيمٌ

"And fear Allah. And Allah teaches you. And Allah is Knowing of all things."

This verse explains that true knowledge will not be separated from *taqwa*. Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* does not promise knowledge purely due to one's intelligence or being well-read, but to those that preserve their relationship with Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* through *taqwa* and obedience. When one strives to fulfill the commandments of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* and abstain from His prohibitions with earnestness, then Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* Himself will open the door of religious comprehension upon him or her.

Aside from that, let us altogether perform the obligatory prayer in *jamaa'ah* (congregation) with *khushoo'* (humility) and diligence, as practiced by Rasulullah ﷺ and his Companions *radiyAllaahu 'anhum*.

Verily, only *salaah* that is done with earnestness can prevent vile deeds and *munkar* (evil), foster affection, mutual aiding and respect among us.

In this new year, let us give utmost priority upon the obligation of fulfilling *zakaat* for it not only purifies our wealth, but instills the caring attitude within the society, and cleanse the heart from traits of *mazhmoomah* (blameworthy) such as *bakheel* (stinginess) and *hasad* (envy).

Dear respected guests of Allah,

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

1. We must always perform *muhaasabah* and indulge in righteous deeds before we breathe our last. Verily, the smart ones are those that are always ready by preparing provision for life after death.
2. We must have the resolve and determination to change unto becoming servants of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* that are better and continue to strive in seeking the His pleasure in all aspects of life.
3. The Muslim *ummah* is reminded to remain *istiqamah* (steadfast) in performing the obligatory prayer in *jamaa'ah*, fulfill *zakaah* obligation, as well as preserving and practicing virtuous *akhlaaq* (character) in daily life.

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

يُنِّيْ أَقِمِ الصَّلَاةَ وَأْمُرْ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ وَأَنْهَ عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ وَأَصْبِرْ عَلَى
مَا أَصَابَكَ إِنَّ ذَلِكَ مِنْ عَزْمِ الْأُمُورِ..

“O my son, establish prayer, enjoin what is right, forbid what is wrong, and be patient over what befalls you. Indeed, [all] that is of the matters [requiring] determination.”

(Soorah Luqmaan 31:17)

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

اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ الَّذِيْ اَنْزَلَ الشَّرِيْعَةَ، هَدٰى لِلنَّاسِ وَرَحْمَةً،
اَشْهَدُ اَنْ لَا اِلٰهَ اِلَّا اللّٰهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيْكَ لَهُ، وَاَشْهَدُ اَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا
عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُوْلُهُ. اَللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ
وَعَلٰى اٰلِهِ وَاَصْحَابِهِ وَمَنْ تَبِعَهُمْ بِاِحْسَانٍ اِلٰى يَوْمِ الدِّيْنِ. اَمَّا
بَعْدُ، فَيَا عِبَادَ اللّٰهِ اتَّقُوا اللّٰهَ اَوْصِيْكُمْ وَاِيَّايَ بِتَقْوٰى اللّٰهِ فَقَدْ
فَازَ الْمُتَّقُوْنَ.

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.

اللَّهُمَّ وَفِّقْ أُمَّةَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَوُلاةَ أُمُورِهِمْ وَجَمِيعَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ لِمَا فِيهِ صَلَاحُ الْبِلَادِ وَالْعِبَادِ.

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ وَنَتَوَسَّلُ إِلَيْكَ بِنَبِيِّكَ الْأَمِينِ، وَنَسْأَلُكَ بِأَسْمَائِكَ الْحُسْنَى، وَصِفَاتِكَ الْعُظْمَى، أَنْ تَحْفَظَ بَعِينَ عِنَايَتِكَ الرَّبَّانِيَّةَ، وَبِحِفْظِ وَقَايَتِكَ الصِّمَدَانِيَّةَ، جَلَالَةَ مَلِكِنَا الْمُعَظَّمِ، سُلْطَانَ سَلَاطُونِ، سُلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ اأَدْرِيسِ شَاهِ

³ al-Ahzaab 33:56.

الحاج ابن المرحوم سُلطان صَلَاحُ الدِّين عبد العزيز شاه
الحاج. اَللّٰهُمَّ اَدِمِ الْعَوْنَ وَالْهِدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ
وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْكَ، لَوَلِيَّ عَهْدِ سَلَاطُونِ، تَغْكُو اَمِيرِ شَاهِ ابْنِ
السُّلْطَانِ شَرْفُ الدِّينِ ادریس شاه الحاج، فِي اَمْنٍ وَصَلَاحٍ
وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنْكَ وَكَرَمِكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْاِكْرَامِ. اَللّٰهُمَّ اَطْلُ
عُمْرَهُمَا مُصْلِحَيْنِ لِلْمَوْظَفَيْنِ وَالرَّعِيَّةِ وَالْبِلَادِ، وَبَلِّغْ
مَقاصِدَهُمَا 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 calamity. 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 وَالْإِحْسَنِ وَإِيتَايِ ذِي الْقُرْبَىٰ وَيَنْهَىٰ
عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَالْبَغْيِ يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ.⁶
فَاذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ يَذْكُرْكُمْ وَاشْكُرُوهُ 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.