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الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ : وَأَقِيمُوا الصَّلَاةَ وَعَاتُوا الزَّكَاةَ وَمَا تُقَدِّمُوا
لِأَنْفُسِكُمْ مِنْ خَيْرٍ تَجِدُوهُ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ إِنَّ اللَّهَ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ بَصِيرٌ.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 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 leaving out all matters that He prohibited. May we all be blessed with blissfulness and success in this world and the Hereafter.

¹ al-Baqarah 2:110.

² Aal 'Imraan 3:102.

On this noble day, I will expound on a *khutbah* titled **"ZAKAAT IS THE KEY TO BLESSINGS."**

Dear blessed Friday audience,

Imaam an-Nawawi *Rahimahullaah* mentioned in *Sharh Saheeh Muslim* that *barakah* means increase and continuity in enjoying something good. The essence of *barakah* (blessings) is not only in the manifestation of abundance of *ni'mah* (favours) but it encompasses *qanaa'ah*, which is to feel sufficient and spaciousness in both spiritual and physical aspects that Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* had instilled within the heart and life of a servant, as a result of his or her *istiqaamah* (steadfastness) in obedience to Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.

Therefore, it is this *barakah* that must be sought after, for it serves as the core to a peaceful survival in this world and true happiness in the everlasting abode. Without *barakah*, however great abundant wealth and opulence possessed, especially if earned through unlawful means or without fulfilling the rights of others, then the heart will always feel constricted, empty, and insufficient.

In the meantime, fulfilling *zakaah* is one of the main doors in attaining blessings because the obligation fulfilled can truly purify the wealth and expand it. Those that fulfilled *zakaah* with complete *imaan* (belief) and obedience, their *rizq* (provision) is not only fulfilled, but even their life affairs are facilitated. Hence, it is inaccurate for those that deemed *zakaat* reduces the wealth or even equating it with taxation or other financial obligations, for in reality *zakaat* is *'ibaadah* (worship) that opens the door of *barakah*, not something that is detrimental.

Esteemed Friday audience,

For the year 2024, its data indicated that only 380,000 Muslims in the state of Selangor had fulfilled *zakaah*. However, this figure is only approximately 20% of the total Muslim population that are supposed to fulfill such obligation. This reality gives a clear signal that there are still many Muslims within this state that have yet to complete the third pillar of Islam, maybe due to negligence, ignorance, or disobedience against fatwas and rulings of religious authorities regarding the obligation of fulfilling *zakaat* in the state of Selangor.

Know that the total amount of *asnaf* (*zakaat* recipients or beneficiaries) in Selangor is very large and necessitates serious attention from all of us. The *fuqaraa'* (poor) and *masaakeen* (needy) category alone comprise of over 70,000 families that fully depend on *zakaat* assistance for their survival. For the period of January until September 2025, the Selangor *Zakaat* Board (LZS) had disbursed a total of RM916 million for various basic needs such as house rent, education, medical treatment, *mu'allaf* (reverts) welfare, and KAFA teachers' allowance. This is a clear picture on the vastness of the *amaanah* (trust) upon *zakaah* and the great hope of the *ummah* upon those that are capable so that they would fulfill this very obligation with full responsibility and penitence.

In accordance with the wishes and decree of His Royal Highness the Sultan of Selangor, the obligation of *zakaah* must be fulfilled in the state of Selangor and not transferred to another location without a legitimate need. The Government of Selangor Gazette (January 2025) also asserted through a fatwa that was consented by His Majesty, whereby Non-Governmental Organization (NGO), individuals or other bodies that collects *zakaah* in the

state of Selangor or disburses it without the permission of His Highness the Sultan through Selangor Islamic Religious Council (MAIS) or Selangor *Zakaat* Board (LZS) is rendered as invalid according to *shar'i* rulings. This ruling aims to ensure that *zakaat* funds would reach *asnafs* who are entitled, in accordance with managerial methods that are orderly and trustworthy.

Blessed congregation,

Zakaat is not just a *shar'i* requirement, but it is a manifestation of *imaan* and *taqwa* that leads to blessings. With this *barakah*, our lives will be filled with tranquility, sufficient sustenance, and abundance of blessings from Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* that can be enjoyed together with the family and society.

Let us together observe and examine how *zakaah* becomes the key to blessings in life:

First, *zakaat* enriches one's *rizq*. Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 261 of Soorah al-Baqarah:

مَثَلُ الَّذِينَ يُنْفِقُونَ أَمْوَالَهُمْ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ كَمَثَلِ حَبَّةٍ أَنْبَتَتْ سَبْعَ سَنَابِلَ فِي كُلِّ سُنْبُلَةٍ مِائَةُ حَبَّةٍ وَاللَّهُ يُضَاعِفُ لِمَنْ يَشَاءُ وَاللَّهُ وَاسِعٌ عَلِيمٌ.

"The example of those who spend their wealth in the way of Allah is like a seed [of grain] which grows seven spikes; in each spike is a hundred grains. And Allah multiplies [His reward] for whom He wills. And Allah is all-Encompassing and Knowing."

The scholars of *tafseer* explained that this verse depicts the generosity of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* who bestowed multiplied rewards to those

that spent their wealth in His Path. This includes any form of giving such as *sadaqah* (charity) and *zakaah*. The parable of seeds indicates how each *sadaqah* and *zakaah*, no matter how minute or insignificant, will grow tremendous rewards, just like one seed that grows many spikes with abundant output.

Second, *zakaat* will not reduce one's wealth. This is based on the *hadeeth* of Abu Hurayrah *radiyAllaahu 'anh*, where Rasulullah ﷺ said:

مَا نَقَصَتْ صَدَقَةٌ مِنْ مَالٍ

"Charity does not decrease wealth."

(Muslim)

This *hadeeth* can be understood from two angles. Imaam an-Nawawi explained in *Sharh Saheeh Muslim* that wealth given in charity will continue to increase due to the *barakah* gained. Similarly, those giving charity will be increased in their rewards manifold.

Third, we are honored with a special *du'aa* (supplication) from the angels, as mentioned in the *hadeeth* of Abu Hurayrah *radiyAllaahu 'anh*, where Rasulullah ﷺ said:

مَا مِنْ يَوْمٍ يُصْبِحُ الْعِبَادُ فِيهِ إِلَّا مَلَكَانِ يَنْزِلَانِ، فَيَقُولُ أَحَدُهُمَا: اللَّهُمَّ أَعْطِ مُنْفِقًا خَلْفًا، وَيَقُولُ الْآخَرُ: اللَّهُمَّ أَعْطِ مُمْسِكًا تَلَفًا

“Two angels descend every morning, and one says: ‘O Allah, give him who spends something, in place of what he spends.’ The other one says: ‘O Allah, give destruction to him who withholds.’”

(al-Bukhaari)

Imaam ibn Battaal stated in *Sharh Saheeh al-Bukhaari* that this *hadeeth* is an encouragement to give away one’s wealth whether in the form of *zakaah*, fulfilling the *nafaqah* (financial support) or even give *sadaqah*. Those that give away their wealth in the path of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta’aala* will have the angels supplicating for them, and the *du’aa* of the angels are *mustajab* (answered).

Noble guests of Allah,

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

1. We must comprehend that *zakaah* is an *‘ibaadah* that can yield blessings from Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta’aala*, bringing goodness and prosperity in our lives in this world and the Hereafter.
2. We must realize that *zakaat* provides the medium for us to cleanse our hearts and soul, keeping away from stinginess and greed, also nurtures generosity and affection within us.
3. We must obey the commands of His Majesty the Sultan of Selangor by fulfilling *zakaah* according to the stipulated fatwa, which is those employed or residing in the state of Selangor must channel their *zakaat* through the Selangor *Zakaat* Board, who will ensure that all beneficiaries that are deserving of aid will be assisted in the best manner.

أَعُوذُ بِاللّٰهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ
إِنَّمَا وَلِيُّكُمُ اللّٰهُ وَرَسُولُهُ وَالَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا الَّذِينَ يُقِيمُونَ الصَّلَاةَ
وَيُؤْتُونَ الزَّكَاةَ وَهُمْ رَاكِعُونَ.

“Your ally is none but Allah and [therefore] His Messenger and those who have believed - those who establish prayer and give zakaah, and they bow [in worship].”

(Soorah al-Maa'idah 5:55)

بَارَكَ اللّٰهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ وَنَفَعَنِيْ وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ
مِنَ الْآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ وَتَقَبَّلْ مِنِّيْ وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتُهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ
السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ.

أَقُولُ قَوْلِيْ هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللّٰهَ الْعَظِيمَ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ
الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ.

THE SECOND KHUTBAH

الْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ 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 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 الْمَرْحُومِ 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 لِلْمُوظَّفِيْنَ وَالرَّعِيَّةِ وَالْبِلَادِ، وَبَلِّغْ
مَقَاصِدَهُمَا لِطَرِيْقِ الْهُدٰى وَالرِّشَادِ.

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! Bestow tremendous reward upon those who fulfill their *zakaah*, bless their wealth and lives, replace the *zakaah* that they have fulfilled with something better, and accept their *zakaah* as purification for all sins.

O Allah! Open up the hearts of Muslims that are eligible to give *zakaah* in fulfilling their obligations upon their wealth. Keep us away from stinginess, cultivate compassion, and unite our hearts in goodness.

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 وَالْإِحْسَانِ وَإِيتَايَ ذِي الْقُرْبَىٰ وَيَنْهَىٰ
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 وَاشْكُرُواهُ عَلَى نِعَمِهِ يَزِدْكُمْ،
وَاسْأَلُوهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ يُعْطِيكُمْ وَلَذِكْرُ اللَّهِ أَكْبَرُ وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا
تَصْنَعُونَ.