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الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ: وَأَعْتَصِمُوا بِحَبْلِ اللَّهِ جَمِيعًا وَلَا تَفَرَّقُوا وَاذْكُرُوا نِعْمَتَ اللَّهِ عَلَيْكُمْ إِذْ كُنْتُمْ أَعْدَاءً فَأَلَّفَ بَيْنَ قُلُوبِكُمْ فَأَصْبَحْتُمْ بِنِعْمَتِهِ إِخْوَانًا وَكُنْتُمْ عَلَى شَفَا حُفْرَةٍ مِنَ النَّارِ فَأَنْقَذَكُمْ مِنْهَا كَذَلِكَ يُبَيِّنُ اللَّهُ لَكُمْ آيَاتِهِ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَهْتَدُونَ.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,

¹ Aal 'Imraan 3:103

² Aal 'Imraan 3:102.

I sincerely 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 that He forbade. May we be bestowed with happiness and salvation in this world and the Hereafter.

On this noble day, I will discuss upon a *khutbah* titled **“ISLAM IS THE BASIS OF UNITY OF THE UMMAH.”**

Dear blessed Friday audience,

Before the advent of Islam, humans lived in a state of disunity that was filled with oppression. The Arabs at that time were hostile to one another, fighting and killing each other. Then, the light of Islam came with the word *Laa Ilaaha Illaallah* that united their hearts, which was previously hardened and adversarial. The unity of the *ummah* is not a calling to be manipulated as cheap rhetorics or vague agenda. Instead, it is the outcome of true *imaan* (faith). When *imaan* penetrates through the soul, love and affection are born, respect will flourish, and the spirit of mutual aiding among fellow Muslim emerges, as Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta’aala* mentions in verse 103 of Soorah Aal ‘Imraan that served as the *muqaddimah* (introduction) of this *khutbah*:

“And hold firmly to the rope of Allah all together and do not become divided. And remember the favor of Allah upon you - when you were enemies and He brought your hearts together and you became, by His favor, brothers. And you were on the edge of a pit of the Fire, and He saved you from it. Thus does Allah make clear to you His verses that you may be guided.”

Respected audience,

We must comprehend that Islam greatly demands the Muslims to live as one *jamaa'ah* (congregation or community) that is well-organized and well-structured, with leadership that is followed, and working collectively for the sake of attaining the pleasure of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* and the *maslahah* (general benefit) of the *ummah*.

In the *hadeeth* of Hudhayfah bin al-Yaman *radiyAllaahu 'anhu*, Rasulullah ﷺ said:

تَلَزِمُ جَمَاعَةَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَإِمَامَهُمْ

"Adhere to the group of Muslims and their Imaam (ruler)."

(*al-Bukhaari*)

The question begs, how far and deep is the importance of living in *jamaa'ah* in the worldly affairs of a *mu'min* (believer)? Without the culture of living in *jamaa'ah*, the unity of the *ummah* will not be achieved. Moreover, it will incur conflicts and incompetence that will then collapse. Hence, living in *jamaa'ah* develops *ukhuwwah* (brotherhood) and strengthens one another. Moreover, the nation's governance, whether economy, education, and social aspects, even building diplomatic relations at the global stage can be executed with perfection.

When the empire of *Dawlah Islaamiyyah* (Islamic State or Sovereignty) expanded through the Hijrah mission, Rasulullah ﷺ did not just stop with the building of a masjid, but joining both Ansaar and Muhaajireen as brothers became a major *da'wah* agenda for him ﷺ. Here is where the spirit of

ukhuwwah (brotherhood) that was nurtured by Rasulullah ﷺ quickly manifested by the Ansaar in aiding and sharing for as long as they can, and their union was translated as a symbol of extraordinary strength.

Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala had recorded praises for them in verse 9 of Soorah al-Hashr:

وَالَّذِينَ تَبَوَّءُوا الدَّارَ وَالْإِيمَانَ مِنْ قَبْلِهِمْ يُحِبُّونَ مَنْ هَاجَرَ إِلَيْهِمْ وَلَا يَجِدُونَ فِي صُدُورِهِمْ حَاجَةً مِمَّا أُوتُوا وَيُؤْثِرُونَ عَلَىٰ أَنْفُسِهِمْ وَلَوْ كَانَ بِهِمْ خَصَاصَةٌ وَمَنْ يُوقِ شَحْنًا نَفْسِهِ فَأُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الْمُفْلِحُونَ .

“And [also for] those who were settled in al-Madeenah and [adopted] the faith before them. They love those who emigrated to them and find not any want in their breasts of what the emigrants were given but give [them] preference over themselves, even though they are in privation. And whoever is protected from the stinginess of his soul - it is those who will be the successful.”

When hearts are united, all hardships seem small when burdened. In fact, it strengthens the soul and uplifts the spirit. This is the factor that made Madeenah al-Munawwarah successful in carving its name in the history of the world as a well-respected government, not due to its military might but “armed” with mutual consensus and solid brotherhood.

Beloved Friday audience,

Know that the dark history of the division of the *ummah* is often tainted by the cunning of the enemies and traitors of the religion. When the Muslim *ummah* was united, a great civilization was established. When the Muslim *ummah* was afflicted with the virus of *'asabiyyah* (tribalism), *ta'assub* (fanaticism) and internal conflicts that escalated, the enemies were quick to take advantage, leading to plunder and humiliating colonization. Therefore, the unity of the *ummah* is a *jihad* in protecting its honor from destructive external elements. Failure in preserving that dignity is a great calamity that is very detrimental, as endured by previous Islamic ruling dynasties.

When the *ummah* is united, that potent strength will be rebuilt, the economy will be empowered, social well-being will be strengthened, and education will be enhanced. On the contrary, division that stems from *'asabiyyah*, *ta'assub*, and narrow interests are among matters that are loathed by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. It not only weakens the *ummah* but opens up avenues for the foes to capitalize on them.

My dearest brothers

Realize that the fall of the Ottoman empire that survived for over 600 years as the bastion of protection for the Muslim *ummah* is just too heartbreaking to reminisce. It is a no brainer, because due to internal division, the *ummah's* union was infiltrated with the pervasive propaganda of nationalism and separation of conquered territories. The Muslim *ummah* slowly abandoned the value of loyalty and obedience to the Ruler, hence the great powers of Europe took advantage in putting an end to the Caliphate's existence with its last breath, then buried without a tombstone in the tomb of history on 3rd March 1924.

Let us remain penitent upon the plights of our brethren in Palestine, who are still unprotected and continued to be oppressed until today. It is very heartrending to see homes being savagely demolished, houses of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* being desecrated at will, parents and young children murdered mercilessly. They live in the grip of hardship and misery, waiting for their lives to be sacrificed. While we here audaciously claim that they are our brethren in faith, and yet we remain powerless in rescuing them.

Now, have we realized why Palestine is still occupied? Because we only unite upon fake words and false sympathy. It is befitting that we are only great in numbers, but nothing more than foam in the ocean. *Inna Lillaahi Wa Inna Ilayhi Raaj'oon.*

These are the series of bitter experiences that teach us how the progress of a nation and well-being of the *ummah* can be destroyed in the blink of an eye, when union and unity no longer have any meaning, where the same fate can happen at a different location and time. If we are together in uniting the ranks and stand tall, the Muslim *ummah* today will become a force to be reckoned with, in fending off all threats that endangers the '*aqeedah* and moral compass that are disastrous.

Dear blessed congregants,

To end the *khutbah* today, let us derive several lessons that can serve as guidance in daily life:

1. The Muslim *ummah* must firmly cling upon authentic Islamic teachings as a *jamaa'ah* and avoid disunity, for union is the basis of strength and it is pleasing to Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.

2. The Muslim *ummah* must avoid 'asabiyyah, ta'assub, and internal conflicts that can weaken the *ummah* and opens up room for the enemies to take advantage.

3. The Muslim *ummah* is allowed to have differences of opinion that can lead to benefits for the *ummah*, by mutually assisting and advising each other in nurturing a society that is well-organized, having integrity, and capable of wading through challenges collectively.

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ
إِنَّ هَذِهِ أُمَّتُكُمْ أُمَّةً وَاحِدَةً وَأَنَا رَبُّكُمْ فَاعْبُدُونِ .

"Indeed this, your religion, is one religion, and I am your Lord, so worship Me."

(Soorah al-Anbiyaa' 21:92)

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، 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 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.

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

³ al-Ahzaab 33:56.

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 شَرْفِ الدِّيْنِ اَدْرِيسِ شَاهِ
الْحَاجِ ابْنِ الْمَرْحُومِ سُلْطَانَ صَلَاحِ الدِّيْنِ عَبْدِ الْعَزِيْزِ شَاهِ
الْحَاجِ. اَللّٰهُمَّ اَدِمِ الْعَوْنَ وَالْهِدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيْقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ
وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْكَ، لَوْلِيَّ عَهْدِ سَلَاطُوْر، تَعْكُوْا اَمِيْرَ شَاهِ ابْنِ
السُّلْطَانَ شَرْفِ الدِّيْنِ اَدْرِيسِ شَاهِ الْحَاجِ، فِيْ اَمْنٍ وَصَلَاحٍ
وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنْكَ وَكَرَمِكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْاِكْرَامِ. اَللّٰهُمَّ اَطْلُ
عُمْرَهُمَا مُصْلِحِيْنَ لِلْمُؤَظَّفِيْنَ 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*, as formulated by Imaam Abu Hasan al-Ash'ari and Imaam Abu Mansoor al-Maatureedi, practicing upon the Shaafi'i *Madhhab* (juristic school of thought) while accepting the other three *madhaahib*, practicing *tasawwuf* upon the way of Imaam Junayd al-Baghdaadi and Imaam al-Ghazaali. Spare us from all forms of bribery and abuse of power,

as well as misguidance and extremism, 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 وَإِيتَايَ ذِي الْقُرْبَى وَيَنْهَى
عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَالْبَغْيِ يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ.⁶
فَاذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ يَذْكُرْكُمْ وَاشْكُرُوهُ عَلَى 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 26:90.