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الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ: وَلَا تَقْتُلُوا أَنْفُسَكُمْ إِنَّ اللَّهَ كَانَ بِكُمْ رَحِيمًا.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 sincerely call upon all of us to altogether strive in increasing our *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* by performing all of His Commands and avoiding all matters that He prohibited. May we all be bestowed with happiness and salvation in this world and the Hereafter.

On this blessed day, I will expound on a *khutbah* titled “**MEREMPIT: PLEASURE OR DEATH.**”

¹ an-Nisaa' 4:29.

² Aal 'Imraan 3:102.

Dear blessed Friday audience,

Let us ponder for a moment, who is the actual owner of the life that we have today? Does it completely belong to us that we can do as we please, or is it an *amaanah* (trust) from Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* that is *waajib* (obligatory) to be preserved? In reality, Islam upholds life as one of *al-maqaasid ash-Sharee'ah* (higher objectives and wisdom of legislation) that cannot be taken lightly. Life is not the absolute possession of humans to be toyed with or jeopardized. On the contrary, it is an *amaanah* that will be questioned about in front of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* in the Afterlife.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 29 of Soorah an-Nisaa', as recited at the beginning of the *khutbah*:

"And do not kill yourselves [or one another]. Indeed, Allah is to you ever Merciful."

This verse serves as a clear reminder to all of us that every act that exposes us to danger and destruction upon the soul truly contradicts religious ideals. Hence, any action that can threaten our own lives and the lives of others is not only an offense from the legal standpoint, furthermore it is a violation upon basic principles in Islam.

Beloved Friday audience,

Beginning from the principle of life preservation that was explained earlier, I would like to mention just one of the many phenomena that occur within our society today, namely the *mat rempit* culture. It is crystal clear that this illegal street racing culture [often associated with hooliganism and daredevil stunts] challenges the principle of *Hifzh an-Nafs* (preservation of life).

Truthfully, *mat rempit* phenomenon is no longer a normal social issue, but an act that puts lives in danger, not only the life of the doer but threatens the safety of other road users.

How many cases have we heard, which ultimately ends with serious injuries, even with some losing their lives? All these had stemmed from negligence and the unfounded desire for pleasure.

Aside from endangering lives, many within the *mat rempit* crowd are involved in small bets in their illegal race. When there is betting, then it clearly falls within the category of gambling that has been forbidden by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 90 of Soorah al-Maa'idah:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا إِنَّمَا الْخَمْرُ وَالْمَيْسِرُ وَالْأَنْصَابُ وَالْأَزْلُمُ رِجْسٌ
مِّنْ عَمَلِ الشَّيْطَانِ فَاجْتَنِبُوهُ لَعَلَّكُمْ تُفْلِحُونَ .

“O you who have believed, indeed, intoxicants, gambling, [sacrificing on] stone altars [to other than Allah], and divining arrows are but defilement from the work of Satan, so avoid it that you may be successful.”

It is apparent here that not only gambling on the gaming table is deemed as detrimental to one's wealth, but even street betting that affects lives are also from among the “work of *Shaytaan*” that must be avoided at all costs.

Rasulullah ﷺ had laid out a major principle in Islam mentioned in the *hadeeth* of ‘Ubaadah bin as-Saamit *radiyAllaahu ‘anhu*, who narrated:

أَنَّ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ، قَضَى أَنْ لَا ضَرَرَ وَلَا ضِرَارَ

The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) ruled: "There should be neither harming nor reciprocating harm."

(ibn Maajah)

Based on these two evidences, the *mat rempit* disease clearly violates these two Islamic principles, namely preserving life and also preserving wealth (*Hifzh al-Maal*). *Merempit* is not merely gambling on the gaming table that wastes wealth, moreover it is gambling that jeopardizes life. The life being risked is not just the life of the doer, but it can even terminate the lives of others.

Esteemed Friday congregants,

Looking at the impact of serious injuries, permanent injuries, trauma endured by family members, and public nuisance, where is the role of all of us? In this regard, parents and society cannot just sit idle. Parents must have concerns by monitoring their children's whereabouts, knowing who they befriend, where they are off to, and how they spend their free time. Let us not come to our senses only after unwanted incidents have occurred.

It is best to start by approaching, listening, and guiding the children from an early age. Give them advice with full *hikmah* (wisdom), instill religious values, and be the best example for them to emulate. Remember, as in the Malay adage, "*wild bamboo is to be bent from its shoot*" [meaning: to train or educate children from a young age]. Children that are guided with affection

and care from early on, *insha Allah* they will become firmer in rejecting destructive influences.

At the same time, we are to prepare better alternatives for the youth. Islam does not reject their interests that are inclined to challenges and instead acknowledges such potential. However, such interest must be channeled to a safe and beneficial direction. Do not just prohibit without providing avenues and opportunities.

Let us altogether provide encouragement for them to partake in supervised sporting activities, religious programs in *masaajid* and *suraus*, as well as community activities that can develop self-esteem and discipline. If we do not properly guide the youth, it is feared that they will stray into the wrong path, akin to a kite with a broken string, swaying aimlessly.

Dearest Friday audience, our celebrated youth,

Let us never risk our lives on the road for the sake of pure adrenaline that is only temporary or gambling that is in vain, for every second of our lives is an *amaanah* that is priceless in the sight of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. Every breath brings responsibility, every step taken will be held accountable in front of Him. Do not allow our deviated desire to seize the *barakah* (blessings), personal safety, and even leaving grief and trauma upon our family and those around us.

Channel our energy, bravery, and interest towards that which is safe, beneficial, and blessed. Make our actions as the means for righteousness, not as the door towards destruction. May Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* protect us from dangerous activities that has casualties, turning us into servants that

are responsible, vigilant, and always preserving our own safety and the safety of others.

My dearest brothers and respected Friday audience,

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

1. We must preserve life as *amaanah* from Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* and realize that every second in life and steps taken will be questioned about in front of Him. Life is not our absolute ownership and exposing it to danger is a major sin according to the *shara'*.

2. We must reject all forms of harm and gambling, including street gambling and illegal street racing, for they not only threaten the life of the doer and others, but also open up the door of sinning and incurring losses.

3. We must exercise an active role as parents, members of society, and leaders for the youth by supervising, guiding, and providing safe and beneficial haven, so that their interest and bravery will be channeled towards that which is blessed and beneficial to oneself and others.

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ
وَأَنْفِقُوا فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ وَلَا تُلْقُوا بِأَيْدِيكُمْ إِلَى التَّهْلُكَةِ وَأَحْسِنُوا إِنَّ
اللَّهَ يُحِبُّ الْمُحْسِنِينَ.

“And spend in the way of Allah and do not throw [yourselves] with your [own] hands into destruction [by refraining]. And do good; indeed, Allah loves the doers of good.”

(Soorah al-Baqarah 2:195)

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 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

³ al-Ahzaab 33:56.

عَنَّايَتِكَ الرَّبَّانِيَّةِ، وَبِحِفْظِ وَقَايَتِكَ الصَّمَدَانِيَّةِ، جَلَالَةَ مَلِكِنَا
الْمُعَظَّمِ، سُلْطَانَ سَلَاطُور، سُلْطَانَ شَرْفِ الدِّينِ اَدْرِيسِ شَاهِ
الْحَاجِ ابْنِ الْمَرْحُومِ سُلْطَانَ صَلَاحِ الدِّينِ عَبْدِ الْعَزِيزِ شَاهِ
الْحَاجِ. اَللّٰهُمَّ اَدِمِ الْعَوْنَ وَالْهِدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ
وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْكَ، لَوْلِيَّ عَهْدِ سَلَاطُور، تَغْكُو اَمِيرِ شَاهِ ابْنِ
السُّلْطَانَ شَرْفِ الدِّينِ اَدْرِيسِ شَاهِ الْحَاجِ، فِي اَمْنٍ وَصَلَاحٍ
وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنْكَ وَكَرَمِكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْاِكْرَامِ. اَللّٰهُمَّ اَطْلُ
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*, 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 وَالْإِحْسَانِ وَإِيتَايَ 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.