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## “COVID-19: AVOID IDLE TALK”

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ: ﴿لَا يُحِبُّ اللَّهُ الْجَهْرَ بِالسُّوءِ مِنَ الْقَوْلِ إِلَّا مَنْ ظَلِمَ  
وَكَانَ اللَّهُ سَمِيعًا عَلِيمًا﴾<sup>1</sup>

أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ  
وَرَسُولُهُ. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَىٰ آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ  
أَجْمَعِينَ.

أَمَّا بَعْدُ، فَيَا أَيُّهَا الْمُسْلِمُونَ! اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ! أُوصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ  
فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ.

قَالَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى: يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تُقَاتِهِ وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا  
وَأَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ<sup>2</sup>

**Dear blessed Muslims,**

Let us strive to increase our *imaan* (faith) and *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* by diligently performing all of His Commands and avoiding all of His prohibitions. May we attain success in this world and the Hereafter.

The *khutbah* this time is titled “**COVID-19: AVOID IDLE TALK.**”

**Esteemed Muslims,**

<sup>1</sup> an-Nisaa’ 4:148.

<sup>2</sup> Aal ‘Imraan 3:102.



In an atmosphere of uncertainty nowadays due to the Covid-19 pandemic and various other threats that are snatching away happiness from humanity, there are just too many negative elements that have emerged and truly affecting human character. Some are faced with conflicts of the inner self, values, kinship, and companionship. Also, the conflict of earning income that is plaguing the lives of many that some are forced to live in destitution. The Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) imposed for the Covid-19 pandemic, of which some is based on distance when communicating, to a certain extent yield considerable effect not only upon the patterns and forms for communication, but what is greater than that is the verbal and physical conduct which at times reflect that we are all living under pressure that is severe in nature. However, humans with sound intellect will utilize the luxury of 'time' bestowed by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* to rectify the shortcomings within their lives. This is because this life is short. Whatever time left remaining is very minute. From the signs of the End of Time, the resurrection by Allah is approaching very near and has been clearly shown by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* but yet we are still with our old temperament, as if we are not going to die.

Therefore, let us perform righteous deeds as best as possible. For the time that we have presently and in the future should be benefited appropriately. Let us strive to seek the pleasure of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. We never know when we will meet Allah. Our righteous deeds are very little, and our misdeeds are tremendously many. We have wasted our lives in heedlessness. Let us take advantage of our remaining lives including our tongues. With the tongue, we are able to engage in *dhikr* (remembrance of Allah) or advice one another so that we can "save up" on a lot of good deeds. However, on the contrary, the tongue can diminish one's own savings



of good deeds, thus dragging the person into the Fire if the tongue is not utilized in attaining good. Therefore, one's own cognizance upon the function and danger of the tongue will motivate oneself to safeguard the tongue, in other words, not speaking unless if such speech is beneficial that in the end it gets rewarded by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.

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

مِنْ حُسْنِ إِسْلَامِ الْمَرْءِ تَرْكُهُ مَا لَا يَعْنِيهِ

***"Part of the perfection of one's Islam is his leaving that which does not concern him."***

(at-Tirmidhi)

**Dearest audience,**

Matter that is of no concern or unbeneficial matter mentioned in this *hadeeth* can be understood in the form of speech or action, matters that are *haraam* (impermissible) or *makrooh* (detested) or permissible but non-beneficial. Hence, to avoid from idle talk and speech, we must strive to only utter things that are beneficial. What if we are not able to fulfill that? Then, remain quiet, for that is the action that is most befitting, as in the *hadeeth* narrated by Abu Hurayrah *radiallāhu 'anh*, where Rasulullah ﷺ said:

مَنْ كَانَ يُؤْمِنُ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ فَلْيَقُلْ خَيْرًا أَوْ

لِيَصْمُتْ

***"Whoever believes in Allah and the Last Day should speak good or keep silent."***



(al-Bukhaari and Muslim)

Idle talk also means uttering words that are considered vile for everyday speech. Usually, utterances having elements of profanities or obscenities, or anything of that sort whether in the form of sarcasm or even much worse, up front. However, for those believing in Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*, surely they will not debase their tongue with vulgar speech and language.

In the *hadeeth* of 'Abdullah bin Mas'ood *radiyAllaahu 'anhuma*, Rasulullah ﷺ said:

لَيْسَ الْمُؤْمِنُ بِالطَّعَّانِ وَلَا اللَّعَّانِ وَلَا الْفَاحِشِ وَلَا  
الْبَذِيءِ

***"The believer is not a slanderer, nor does he curse others, and nor is he immoral, nor is he foul."***

(at-Tirmidhi)

Actually, those with bad attitudes will look down upon others. They will always think bad of others. In fact, they will assume others not possessing *ikhlaas* (sincerity), having personal interest, yearning fame, and others. In reality, they are the ones possessing those bad qualities. An example that took place during this Covid-19 outbreak is that there are those that do not abide by the decree limiting the number of attendees for the Friday and daily congregational prayer by openly accusing certain quarters of earning salary without doing work, only protecting their rice bowl, and enjoy skipping the Friday prayer.



## Beloved Muslims,

Indeed, the catastrophe in the evil of the tongue, if we are to further scrutinize, it will be just too many such as lying, backbiting, instigating, and others. However, what is important is that all of those are due to the evil of the tongue. Sometimes, it is extremely difficult to control the tongue by frequently mentioning only good, but rest assured that if day after day our tongues are trained, nurtured, and taught to indulge in *dhikr* or sending *salawaat* upon the Prophet ﷺ, or kept moist with the recitation of al-Qur'an, then it is not impossible that we will be able to master the wants and desires of the tongue. How fortunate will we be in those moments, the lips twitching into a smile of happiness, imagining the reward and pleasure of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* while the tongue remains busy with *tasbeeh*, *tahmeed*, and *takbeer*.

Verily, there is no word that is uttered that will escape from Allah's records. Nothing is uttered except that there is an accompanying angel who is ever ready to monitor and record everything, as Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 18 of soorah Qaf:

مَا يَلْفِظُ مِنْ قَوْلٍ إِلَّا لَدَيْهِ رَقِيبٌ عَتِيدٌ ﴿١٨﴾

***“Man does not utter any word except that with him is an observer prepared [to record].”***

Indeed, not only words but even actions that indicates words such as using the fingers will not escape from Allah's Judgment. The recordings by obedient angels and the weighing of the scale of deeds by Allah *Ta'aala* in the Hereafter will be held fully accountable upon us.



**Dear beloved Muslims,**

To end the *khutbah* today, let us internalize upon its lessons to be utilized as guidelines in our lives. Among them:

1. The Muslim *ummah* must maintain self-discipline throughout the Covid-19 pandemic by strictly adhering the SOP determined by the authority.
2. The Muslim *ummah* must utilize the tongue as a tool in “saving up” and increasing rewards through sending *salawaat*, engaging in *dhikr*, or only speak good.
3. The Muslim *ummah* must prioritize on *adab* (etiquette) in speech so that the harmony of life throughout the trial of Covid-19 will be preserved.

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ  
﴿لَا خَيْرَ فِي كَثِيرٍ مِّنْ نَّجْوَاهُمْ إِلَّا مَنْ أَمَرَ بِصَدَقَةٍ أَوْ مَعْرُوفٍ أَوْ إِصْلَاحٍ بَيْنَ  
النَّاسِ وَمَن يَفْعَلْ ذَلِكَ ابْتِغَاءَ مَرْضَاتِ اللَّهِ فَسَوْفَ نُؤْتِيهِ أَجْرًا عَظِيمًا﴾<sup>(١١٤)</sup>

**“No good is there in much of their private conversation, except for those who enjoin charity or that which is right or conciliation between people. And whoever does that seeking means to the approval of Allah - then We are going to give him a great reward.”**

(Soorah an-Nisaa' 4:114)

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِيْ 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 جَعَلَنَا مِنَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ، وَرَزَقَنَا مِنَ الطَّيِّبَاتِ.  
أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا  
عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ  
وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ وَمَنْ تَبِعَهُمْ بِإِحْسَانٍ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ. أَمَّا  
بَعْدُ، فَيَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ، أَوْصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ  
فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ.

**Dear blessed audience,**

Once more, I would like to remind all of us to always have the *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* by guarding ourselves and our families from abominable deeds and disobedience against Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. At the same time, we will continue to pray so that our country will always remain blessed and protected from all forms of threat, as well as contagions from the Covid-19 pandemic. For that, let us graciously accept the government's recommendation by registering ourselves through the *MySejahtera* application in order to obtain vaccine shots that have been authorized by the Ministry of Health Malaysia.

May we become among the slaves of Allah that are patient while enduring all diseases afflicted, disciplined in adhering to the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) and the new normal practices in overcoming the Covid-19 pandemic, for the sake of our own safety and the community.



While dealing with this pandemic, let us not take the easiest way out by harming and injuring ourselves. We must be selfless, patient, and strong mentally and physically, built upon solid *imaan*.

Let us altogether increase our *salawaat* upon our beloved Prophet Muhammad ﷺ as Allah has commanded:

إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَمَلَائِكَتَهُ يُصَلُّونَ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا صَلُّوا عَلَيْهِ  
وَسَلِّمُوا تَسْلِيمًا ﴿٥٦﴾

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا وَمَوْلَانَا مُحَمَّدٍ سَيِّدِ الْمُرْسَلِينَ  
وَارْضَ اللَّهُمَّ عَنْ أَصْحَابِهِ وَقَرَابَتِهِ وَأَزْوَاجِهِ وَذُرِّيَّاتِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ.

اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِلْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ الْأَحْيَاءِ  
مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ، إِنَّكَ سَمِيعٌ قَرِيبٌ مُجِيبُ الدَّعَوَاتِ يَا قَاضِيَ  
الْحَاجَاتِ. اللَّهُمَّ أَعِزِّ الْإِسْلَامَ وَالْمُسْلِمِينَ، وَأَهْلِكَ الْكُفْرَةَ  
وَالْمُبْتَدِعَةَ وَالْمُشْرِكِينَ وَدَمِّرْ أَعْدَاءَكَ أَعْدَاءَ الدِّينِ. وَانصُرْنَا  
عَلَى الْقَوْمِ الْكَافِرِينَ.

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ وَنَتَوَسَّلُ إِلَيْكَ بِنَبِيِّكَ الْأَمِينِ، وَنَسْأَلُكَ  
بِأَسْمَائِكَ الْحُسْنَى، وَصِفَاتِكَ الْعُظْمَى، أَنْ تَحْفَظَ بَعِيْنَ  
عِنَايَتِكَ الرَّبَّانِيَّةِ، وَبِحِفْظِ وَقَايَتِكَ الصَّمَدَانِيَّةِ، جَلَالَةَ مَلِكِنَا



المُعْظَمِ، سُلْطَانَ سَلَاطُورِ، سُلْطَانَ شَرْفِ الدِّينِ اَدْرِيسِ شَاهِ  
الْحَاجِ ابْنِ الْمَرْحُومِ سُلْطَانَ صَلَاحِ الدِّينِ عَبْدِ الْعَزِيزِ شَاهِ  
الْحَاجِ. اَللّٰهُمَّ اَدِمِ الْعَوْنَ وَالْهِدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ  
وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْكَ، لِيَوْلِيِّ عَهْدِ سَلَاطُورِ، تَعَكُّوْا اَمِيْرَ شَاهِ ابْنِ  
السُّلْطَانَ شَرْفِ الدِّينِ اَدْرِيسِ شَاهِ الْحَاجِ، فِيْ اَمْنٍ وَصَلَاحٍ  
وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنْتِكَ وَكَرَمِكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْاِكْرَامِ. اَللّٰهُمَّ اَطْلُ  
عُمْرَهُمَا مُصْلِحِيْنَ لِلْمُوظَّفِيْنَ وَالرَّعِيَّةِ وَالْبِلَادِ، وَبَلِّغْ  
مَقَاصِدَهُمَا لِطَرِيْقِ الْهُدَى وَالرِّشَادِ.

O Allah, You are the Lord that is All Mighty, we are grateful to You for having bestowed upon us *rahmah* and blessings upon this state that continues to prosper and progress, and that its residents remain united, under the auspices and leadership of our Ruler as the Head of Islamic affairs in this state.

O Allah, make us among Your slaves whom are always exalting Your Word and Religion. Keep us away from groups and those that like to criticize, curse, and insult Your Religion.

O Allah, grant us guidance in performing the five obligatory prayers in congregation, fulfilling *zakaat* through Selangor *Zakaat* Board (LZS), and give away our wealth and endowment (*waqf*) through *Perbadanan Wakaf Selangor* (Selangor Endowment Corporation) and *Tabung Infak Jariah Umat Islam Selangor* (TIJARI, Selangor Continuous Charity for Muslims Fund), and to the orphans through Darul Ehsan Islamic Foundation (YIDE).



اللَّهُمَّ يَا دَافِعَ الْبَلَاءِ، اذْفَعْ عَنَّا هَذَا الْوَبَاءَ وَالْبَلَاءَ وَالْمَرَضَ  
وَالشَّدَائِدَ وَالْمِحْنَ، بِلُطْفِكَ يَا لَطِيفُ إِنَّكَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ  
وَبِالإِجَابَةِ جَدِيرٌ.

رَبَّنَا هَبْ لَنَا مِنْ أَزْوَاجِنَا وَذُرِّيَّتِنَا قُرَّةَ أَعْيُنٍ وَاجْعَلْنَا لِلْمُتَّقِينَ إِمَامًا.  
رَبَّنَا ءَاتِنَا فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِي الآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ ﴿٢٠١﴾.

عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ وَالْإِحْسَانِ وَإِيتَايَ ذِي الْقُرْبَى وَيَنْهَى  
عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَالْبَغْيِ يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ ﴿٩٠﴾

فَاذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ يَذْكُرْكُمْ وَاشْكُرُوهُ عَلَى نِعَمِهِ يَزِدْكُمْ،  
وَاسْأَلُوهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ يُعْطِكُمْ وَلَذِكْرُ اللَّهِ أَكْبَرُ وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا  
تَصْنَعُونَ.