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الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ : وَلَنَبْلُوَنَّكُمْ بِشَيْءٍ مِّنَ الْخَوْفِ وَالْجُوعِ وَنَقْصٍ
مِّنَ الْأَمْوَالِ وَالْأَنْفُسِ وَالثَّمَرَاتِ وَبَشِّرِ الصَّابِرِينَ ﴿١٥٥﴾¹
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.²

Dear blessed Muslims,

Let us altogether solidify our *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* by performing all of His Commands and avoiding all of His prohibitions. May we all attain blissfulness in this world and the Hereafter.

Today I would like to expound on a *khutbah* titled “**WISDOM BEHIND CALAMITY.**”

Museebah (calamity) means a form of trial and reminder sent by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* to mankind. It not only inflicts the heedless and negligent alone, but also those having believed and performs righteous deeds. Definitely those having *imaan* (belief) will not be spared from the trials of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 1-2 of soorah al-‘Ankaboot:

¹ al-Baqarah 2:155.

² Aal-‘Imraan 3:102.



آلَمْ أَحْسِبَ النَّاسُ أَنْ يُتْرَكُوا أَنْ يَقُولُوا ءَامَنَّا وَهُمْ لَا يُفْتَنُونَ ﴿١﴾

﴿٢﴾

"Alif, Laam, Meem. Do the people think that they will be left to say, "We believe" and they will not be tried?"

Those who successfully endured the trials from Allah in this world will say: **"Indeed we belong to Allah, and indeed to Him we will return,"** and they will attain goodness, *rahmah* (mercy), and guidance from Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. This is as Allah mentioned in verse 157 of soorah al-Baqarah:

أُولَئِكَ عَلَيْهِمْ صَلَوَاتٌ مِّن رَّبِّهِمْ وَرَحْمَةٌ وَأُولَئِكَ هُمُ الْمُهْتَدُونَ ﴿١٥٧﴾

﴿١٥٧﴾

"Those are the ones upon whom are blessings from their Lord and mercy. And it is those who are the [rightly] guided."

Dear blessed audience,

The believers must have certainty that every *museebah* and tribulation inflicted upon them have its implicit *hikmah* (wisdom) that is only known to Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.

When Allah tests us with one form of trial, then we must ponder thoroughly through the eyes of the heart and intellect, so that its *hikmah* will be revealed. Hence, every tribulation such as agony, accident, misfortune, and property damage, as well as the Covid-19 pandemic, would have *hikmah* behind them.



Dearest Muslims,

Verily, the Messengers and Prophets were the most patient in enduring trials from Allah, to the point that several of them were deemed as *Ulul 'Azim* (those of determination). In the *hadeeth* of Sa'ad bin Abi Waqqaas *radiyAllaahu 'anh*, Rasulullah ﷺ said:

أَشَدُّ النَّاسِ بَلَاءَ الْأَنْبِيَاءِ، ثُمَّ الْأَمْثَلُ فَأَلْأَمْثَلُ، يُبْتَلَى
النَّاسُ عَلَى قَدْرِ دِينِهِمْ

"The people that are the most severely tested are the Prophets, then the next best and the next best. A person is tested in accordance with his level of religious commitment."

(Ahmad)

In reality, the *museebah* taking place teaches our heart and soul to further strengthen our *imaan* and identity. Definitely, the believers have *yaqeen* (certainty) that all of Allah's Will have its own *hikmah*, by pondering positively in contemplating upon the power of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. Sometimes, such *hikmah* is capable of being comprehended by the human mind, while at other times they are not. However, it must be remembered that excessive grief upon the calamity endured to the point that one begins to have suspicion upon the decree of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* is truly a sin, and even a greater *museebah*.

Dear blessed Muslims,

Verily, *museebah* and trials are signs of Allah's love. It is through those *museebah* and tribulations that Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* will remove the sins and raise one's *darajah* (rank). In the *hadeeth* of 'A'ishah *radiyAllaahu 'anha*, Rasulullah ﷺ said:



لَا يُصِيبُ الْمُؤْمِنَ مِنْ شَوْكَةٍ فَمَا فَوْقَهَا إِلَّا رَفَعَهُ اللَّهُ بِهَا
دَرَجَةً أَوْ حَطَّ عَنْهُ بِهَا خَطِيئَةً

"A believer does not receive (the trouble) of running a thorn or more than that but Allah elevates him in rank or effaces his sins because of that."

(al-Bukhaari)

Respected audience,

We are highly recommended to always perform *muhaasabah* (self-evaluation) upon ourselves, for it is possible that disasters and calamities that occur are due to mankind's own doing. It is high time for the Muslim *ummah* to revisit the admonitions from Allah and return to the path of Truth. Whatever has happened should remind us to fear Allah, fulfill all of His Ordainments, and abandon all of His prohibitions.

Let us altogether endure the trials and *museebah* with full patience, for it will bring us closer to Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* and we will be bestowed with protection under the *rahmah* of Allah.

Dear beloved audience,

To end the *khutbah* this time, let us altogether derive lessons and internalize, utilizing them as guidance in this life. Among them:

1. The Muslim *ummah* must have *yaqeen* that behind every trial and calamity, definitely there is *hikmah* of its own to be pondered together.
2. The Muslim *ummah* must increase in *istighfaar* (seeking forgiveness) and *tawbah* (repentance) to Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* so that all sadness within will soon disappear and granted facilitation.



3. The Muslim *ummah* must utter the phrase **إِنَّا لِلَّهِ وَإِنَّا إِلَيْهِ رَاجِعُونَ** every time it is afflicted with trial and calamity.

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ
الَّذِينَ إِذَا أَصَابَتْهُمْ مُصِيبَةٌ قَالُوا إِنَّا لِلَّهِ وَإِنَّا إِلَيْهِ رَاجِعُونَ ﴿١٥٦﴾

"Who, when disaster strikes them, say, "Indeed we belong to Allah, and indeed to Him we will return.""

(al-Baqarah 2:156)

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 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، أُوصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ
فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ.

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

Respected audience,

Let us unite upon the basis of authentic Islamic *'aqeedah* that is certain and solidified. Let us unite upon any situations, firmly united facing any circumstances and enemy's threat, whether hidden or apparent. The unity of the Muslim *ummah* is the foundational strength towards the nurturing of *Khayra Ummah* (the best nation). Muslims are entitled to have differing views, what more in worldly matters, but the Muslim *ummah* must continue to unite in *fikrah* (thoughts) and understanding according to the guidelines of the *kalimah* (phrase) لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ, affirmative principles within al-Qur'an and *al-Hadeeth*, as well as sound Islamic brotherhood principles.

In our effort to break the chain of Covid-19, it necessitates every Masjid attendee to remain disciplined and that it is *wajib* (obligatory) to abide by the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) that has been outlined by JAIS (Selangor Islamic Religious Department), specifically in performing the *wudoo'* (ablution) at home, bringing one's own prayer mat, wearing the face



mask while at the Masjid and Surau, and practicing social distancing. Those that are unhealthy or unwell are prohibited from performing *salaah* in the Masjid and Surau.

اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِلْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ، إِنَّكَ سَمِيعٌ قَرِيبٌ مُجِيبُ الدَّعَوَاتِ يَا قَاضِيَ الْحَاجَاتِ. اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ وَنَتَوَسَّلُ إِلَيْكَ بِنَبِيِّكَ الْأَمِينِ، وَنَسْأَلُكَ بِأَسْمَائِكَ الْحُسْنَى، وَصِفَاتِكَ الْعُظْمَى، أَنْ تَحْفَظَ بَعَيْنِ عِنَايَتِكَ الرَّبَّانِيَّةِ، وَبِحِفْظِ وَقَايَتِكَ الصَّمَدَانِيَّةِ، جَلَالَةَ مَلِكِنَا الْمُعْظَمِ، سُلْطَانَ سَلَاطُونِ، سُلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ ادریس شاه الحاج، ابن المرحوم سُلْطَانَ صَلَاحِ الدِّينِ عبد العزيز شاه الحاج. اللَّهُمَّ أَدِمِ الْعُونَ وَالْهَدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْكَ، لَوْلِيَّ عَهْدِ سَلَاطُونِ، تَعَكَوْ أَمِيرِ شَاهِ، ابْنِ السُّلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ ادریس شاه الحاج، فِي أَمْنٍ وَصَلَاحٍ وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنِّكَ وَكَرَمِكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ. اللَّهُمَّ أَطْلُ عُمْرَهُمَا، مُصْلِحِينَ لِلْمَوْظَفِينَ وَالرَّعِيَّةِ وَالْبِلَادِ، وَبَلِّغْ مَقَاصِدَهُمَا لِطَرِيقِ الْهُدَى وَالرَّشَادِ.

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, protect us from calamities and pandemic such as Covid-19.

اللَّهُمَّ يَا دَافِعَ الْبَلَاءِ، اِدْفَعْ عَنَّا هَذَا الْوَبَاءَ وَالْبَلَاءِ 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 وَإِيتَايِ 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.