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الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ : إِنَّ الَّذِينَ قَالُوا رَبُّنَا اللَّهُ ثُمَّ اسْتَقَمُوا فَلَا
خَوْفَ عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا هُمْ يَحْزَنُونَ ﴿١٣﴾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، أُوصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى
اللَّهِ فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ.

قَالَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى: يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تُقَاتِهِ وَلَا
تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ ﴿١٠٢﴾²

Dear blessed audience,

In conjunction with this glorious Friday, I remind myself and fellow audience that let us altogether strive to increase our *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* by performing all of His Commands and avoiding all of His prohibitions. May Allah bless our lives in this world with *ni'mah* (favours), *tawfeeq* (aid), and *hidaayah* (guidance) that are long-lasting, as well as attaining success in this world and the Hereafter.

Today, i invite upon respected audience to ponder upon a *khutbah* titled “**ISTIQAAMAH AFTER RAMADAAN.**”

¹ al-Ahqaaf 46:13

² Aal-'Imraan 3:102



Dear Respected Muslims,

Ramadaan that had just passed definitely left one thousand and one beautiful memories within ourselves. We can still feel the sweetness of fasting during the day and praying *taraweeh* in the night. On top of that, the rigorous recitation of al-Qur'an, *qiyaam al-layl* (night prayer), and other deeds. That is the distinctiveness of Ramadaan as compared to other months.

The feeling of sorrow leaving Ramadaan and yearning to experience Ramadaan in the coming year is from the *fitrah* (natural disposition) within the inner soul of those that love to indulge in righteous deeds, as stated by Mu'alla bin al-Fadl, one of the scholars of the *taabi' taabi'een*:

"They [the salaf] would supplicate to Allah for six months prior that they would reach Ramadaan. Then, they would supplicate to Him for six months afterward to accept their deeds."

Hence, as a manifestation of our gratefulness upon the bounty of the month of Ramadaan that had passed, let us continue to increase our righteous deeds such as going to the *surau* and masjid for the congregational prayers, frequenting the circles of knowledge, giving charity (*sadaqah*), reciting al-Qur'an, and supererogatory fasting such as the six days of Shawwaal.

In the *hadeeth* of Abu Ayyoob al-Ansaari *radiallahu 'anh*, Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم said:

" مَنْ صَامَ رَمَضَانَ، ثُمَّ أَتْبَعَهُ سِتًّا مِنْ شَوَّالٍ، كَانَ

كَصِيَامِ الدَّهْرِ "



“Whoever fasts during the month of Ramadaan and then follows it with six days of Shawwaal will be (rewarded) as if he had fasted the entire year.”

(Muslim)

Therefore, it is only befitting that our enthusiasm and earnestness in obeying the commands of Allah throughout this past Ramadaan are maintained throughout our lives. That is the true objective of Ramadaan in developing the individual unto becoming a person having *taqwa*.

Dear blessed audience,

Today, I would like to share a guideline for all of us in maintaining *istiqaamah* (steadfastness) with righteous deeds as it was achieved in Ramadaan. Among them:

1. Always have *ikhlaas* (sincerity) in all deeds performed. The question is, why is it our passion in performing righteous deeds during Ramadaan is greater as compared to our condition in other months? Are we doing good deeds just because of the month of Ramadaan? If the righteous deeds that we had performed were sincerely for the sake of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta’aala*, then we should maintain *istiqaamah* in performing those deeds throughout our entire lives. When we remain *istiqaamah* in increasing our deeds, then the *imaan* (faith) increases as well.

2. Increase in making *du’aa* (supplication) to Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta’aala* so that we will be bestowed with the strength to indulge in righteous deeds and remain protected from the temptations of *iblees* and *shaytaan*, whom are always enticing us to commit acts of disobedience. Rasulullah ﷺ would always supplicate, as narrated in the *hadeeth* of Shahr bin Hawshab *radiyAllaahu ‘anh* whom inquired from Umm Salamah



radiyAllaahu ‘anha, one of the wives of Rasulullah ﷺ, regarding the *du‘aa* that Rasulullah ﷺ would often invoke when at home with Umm Salamah *radiyAllaahu ‘anha*. She replied:

" كَانَ أَكْثَرَ دُعَائِهِ: يَا مُقَلِّبَ الْقُلُوبِ ثَبِّتْ قَلْبِي عَلَى دِينِكَ "

“The supplication he said most frequently was: “O Changer of the hearts, make my heart firm upon Your religion.””

(at-Tirmidhi)

3. Strive to seek companions that love to do good for they will always invite us to do good, and even rebuke us for the wrongdoings and sins committed. With regard to selecting good companions in this life, Abu Moosa al-Ash‘ari *radiyAllaahu ‘anh* narrated that Rasulullah ﷺ said:

“The example of a good companion in comparison with a bad one is like that of the musk seller and the blacksmith’s bellows; from the first you would either buy musk or enjoy its good smell while the bellows would either burn your clothes or your house, or you get a bad nasty smell thereof.”

(al-Bukhaari and Muslim)

4. Ponder and reflect upon the lives (*seerah*) of the Prophets and Messengers *‘alayhim as-salaatu was-salaam*, and also the lives of Rasulullah’s Companions *ridwanullaahi ‘alayhim*. We should emulate their struggle by always remaining *istiqamah* on the path of truth. They were not only severely tested with adversity, but they were insulted, reviled, boycotted, and many other tribulations, but none of those tests dampened their *imaan*, but instead they remained firm in obeying the commands of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta‘aala*.



5. Start performing righteous deeds gradually but continuous. Begin with smaller quantity and move towards larger quantity. In the *hadeeth* of 'A'ishah *radhiyAllahu 'anha*, she narrated that Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم said:

وَأَنَّ أَحَبَّ الْأَعْمَالِ إِلَى اللَّهِ أَدْوَمُهَا وَإِنْ قَلَّ

“And that the most beloved deed to Allah is the most regular and constant even if it were little.”

(al-Bukhaari)

As an example, let us begin the practice of reciting al-Qur'an with light and small amount. Similarly, with the supererogatory fasting, let us begin with the fasting on Mondays or Thursdays. Then proceed to practice them continuously without feeling tired until in the end, those *'ibaadah* becomes regular habit within us.

According to one *fiqh* maxim, it states that:

مَا لَا يُدْرِكُ كُلَّهُ، لَا يُتْرَكُ كُلَّهُ

“Whatever that cannot be achieved in all, then all should not be neglected.”

Dear beloved Muslims,

To end the *khutbah* this time, I implore and invite upon fellow Muslims to internalize upon the following lessons, as guidelines in our lives:



1. The Muslim *ummah* must strive to have *ikhlaas* within the hearts in performing good deeds throughout life.
2. The Muslim *ummah* must strengthen its relationship with Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* by increasing invocations so that the heart is strengthened in keeping *istiqamah* while upholding the *Sharee'ah* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.
3. The Muslim *ummah* must internalize the *seerah* of the Prophets and the Companions of Rasulullah *ridwanullaahi 'alayhim* whom earnestly implemented all of the commands of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*, for the sake of defending the *'aqeedah* and Religion of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.
4. Every Muslim must hasten to perform righteous deeds and do not delay, for procrastination opens up the door to failure and *shaytaan's* temptations.

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

وَسَارِعُوا إِلَىٰ مَغْفِرَةٍ مِّن رَّبِّكُمْ وَجَنَّةٍ عَرْضُهَا السَّمَاوَاتُ
وَالْأَرْضُ أُعِدَّتْ لِلْمُتَّقِينَ ﴿١٣٣﴾

“And hasten to forgiveness from your Lord and a garden as wide as the heavens and earth, prepared for the righteous.”

(Soorah Aal-'Imraan 3:133)



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.

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. We should not feel angry or doubtful when given the shots. This matter had been meticulously scrutinized and discussed in details, where its ruling of permissibility was reached during the 118th *Muzakarah* Committee Meeting of the National Council for Islamic Affairs (MKI) that convened on the 16th and 17th of February 2021 and also the Selangor *Fatwa* Committee Meeting that took place on the 9th of March, 2021.



Respected Muslims,

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. On this glorious day, let us altogether increase our *salawaat* upon our beloved Prophet Muhammad ﷺ as Allah has commanded:

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

قَالَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى : 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
وَيَا 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 بَعَيْنِ عِنَايَتِكَ الرَّبَّانِيَّةِ، وَبِحِفْظِ وَقَايَتِكَ الصَّمَدَانِيَّةِ، جَلَالَةَ مَلِكِنَا الْمُعْظَمِ، سُلْطَانَ سَلَاطُونِ، سُلْطَانَ شَرْفِ الدِّينِ اَدْرِيسِ شَاهِ الْحَاجِ ابْنِ الْمَرْحُومِ سُلْطَانَ صَلَاحِ الدِّينِ عَبْدِ الْعَزِيزِ شَاهِ الْحَاجِ. اللَّهُمَّ أَدِمِ الْعَوْنَ وَالْهِدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْكَ، لِوَلِيِّ عَهْدِ سَلَاطُونِ، تَعَكَوْ أَمِيرِ شَاهِ ابْنِ السُّلْطَانَ شَرْفِ الدِّينِ اَدْرِيسِ شَاهِ الْحَاجِ، فِي أَمْنٍ وَصَلَاحٍ وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنْكَ وَكَرَمِكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ. اللَّهُمَّ أَطْلُ عُمْرَهُمَا مُصْلِحَيْنِ لِلْمُؤَظَّفِينَ وَالرَّعِيَّةِ وَالْبِلَادِ، وَبَلِّغْ مَقَاصِدَهُمَا لِطَرِيقِ 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 وَالْبَلَاءِ وَالْمَرَضَ
وَالشَّدَائِدَ وَالْمِحْنَ، بِلُطْفِكَ يَا لَطِيفُ إِنَّكَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ
قَدِيرٌ وَبِالْإِجَابَةِ جَدِيرٌ.

رَبَّنَا هَبْ لَنَا مِنْ أَزْوَاجِنَا وَذُرِّيَّتِنَا قُرَّةَ أَعْيُنٍ وَاجْعَلْنَا لِلْمُتَّقِينَ إِمَامًا.
رَبَّنَا آتِنَا فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِي الْآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ ﴿٢١﴾
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.