



"ENLIVEN THE MOSQUE AND REAP ITS VIRTUES"

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ: إِنَّمَا يَعْمُرُ مَسْجِدَ اللَّهِ مَنَ ءَامِنَ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ وَأَقَامَ
الصَّلَاةَ وَآتَى الزَّكَاةَ وَلَمْ يَخْشَ إِلَّا اللَّهَ فَعَسَىٰ أُولَٰئِكَ أَن يَكُونُوا مِنَ
الْمُهْتَدِينَ ﴿١٨﴾¹

أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ. اللَّهُمَّ
صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ. أَمَّا بَعْدُ، فَيَا أَيُّهَا
الْمُسْلِمُونَ! اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ، أُوصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ. قَالَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى:
يَأَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تَقَاتِهِ وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ.

Dear blessed Muslims,

Let us altogether strive to increase our *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* with absolute obedience, certainty, and sincerity, which is by fulfilling all of His Commands and avoiding all of His prohibitions. May we all become among those having *taqwa*, attaining salvation and success in this world and the Hereafter.

Today I will expound on a *khutbah* titled "**ENLIVEN THE MOSQUE AND REAP ITS VIRTUES**".

Dear blessed audience,

The masjid is the noble House of Allah. Making *'imaarah* of the masjid means to enliven the House of Allah by actually constructing it and performing *'ibaadah* inside it. The mosque becomes a place of gathering for the Muslim *ummah* in conducting various activities of *'ibaadah*, fostering *ukhuwwah* (brotherhood), and aiding one another in matters that are good and righteous.

The significance of the status of the masjid in Islam that is to be kept abuzz can be seen since the arrival of the Prophet ﷺ in Madeenah. The Hijrah journey of the Prophet ﷺ ended with the construction of Masjid an-

¹ at-Tawbah 9:18



Nabawi, in addition to uniting the Ansaar and Muhaajireen, and establishing the Madeenah Charter.

Dear blessed Muslims,

Making *'imaarah* of the masjid is divided in two ways, namely physically and spiritually. Both are legislated in Islam with great rewards and virtues promised by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*, as described in the following:

First: The physical *'imaarah*,

Making *'imaarah* of the masjid physically is to actually build and complete the structure of the mosque so that the masses can perform their daily prayers inside it. The reward for those that contribute their wealth in the building of a mosque is that a similar structure will be built for them in Paradise. In the *hadeeth* of 'Uthmaan ibn 'Affaan *radiyAllaahu 'anh*, he narrated that Rasulullah صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم had said:

من بَنَى لِلَّهِ مَسْجِدًا، بَنَى اللَّهُ لَهُ مِثْلَهُ فِي الْجَنَّةِ

"Whoever builds a masjid for (the sake of) Allah, then Allah will build a similar house for him in Paradise."

(at-Tirmidhi)

It was narrated from Sayyidatina 'A'ishah *radiyAllaahu 'anha* that the Prophet صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم commanded that mosques to be built in (ad-Door) villages, and that they be purified and perfumed.

(ibn Maajah)

Based on those *ahaadeeth*, it is very clear upon the greatness of reward and virtues that Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* bestows upon those that would physically make *'imaarah* of the masjid by building, maintaining, and cleaning the mosque, as well as providing infrastructure or facilities for the convenience of the guests of the House of Allah *'Azza wa Jalla*.

Dear blessed audience,

Second: The spiritual *'imaarah*,

Making the spiritual *'imaarah* would be activities that are spiritual in nature such as performing *'ibaadah* in the masjid, whether *salaah*, *dhikr*,



i'tikaaf, Qur'anic recitation, and others. Also, from the meaning of *dhikr* is to have *majlis 'ilm* (Islamic lessons) in the masjid. Both parties, those organizing the lessons and those present to benefit, are deemed as making *'imaarah* of the mosque.

Even Rasulullah ﷺ had mentioned in a *hadeeth* narrated by Abu Hurayrah *radiyAllaahu 'anh*, where he ﷺ said:

"...The angels supplicate in favor of one of you so long as he remains in the place where he has performed salaah (prayer) in a state of wudoo'. They (the angels) say: 'O Allah! Forgive him, O Allah! Have mercy on him.' ..."

(al-Bukhaari)

Just imagine! Only by sitting in the masjid and the angels will supplicate for one's forgiveness, so what more for those that would head to the masjid and pray in congregation, with the intention of performing *i'tikaaf*, smiling and shaking hands with fellow Muslims, arranging and straightening the prayer mats, each and everyone will be granted with different virtues for their deeds. Not only that, for the one that performs *wudoo'* (ablution) at home and then heads out to the masjid, each steps taken will extinguish his sins and elevates his rank in the Sight of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.

Dear blessed Muslims,

Those that enliven the mosque by frequently attending it everyday are actual proofs and signs for the existence of *imaan* (faith). Furthermore, only those believing in Allah and the Day of Judgment that will make *'imaarah* of the masjid. While those having no *imaan* are not from those that would make *'imaarah* of the masjid in its true sense. Imaam Fakhr ad-Deen ar-Raazi mentioned in his work *at-Tafseer al-Kabeer* that when a *mushrik* (polytheist) was captured in the Battle of Badr, he said to the Muslims:

"Even though all of you have preceded us with Islam and Hijrah, and also jihaad, indeed we have made *'imaarah* of Masjid al-Haram."

Such claim by the *mushrik* was refuted by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* through verses 17-18 of Soorah at-Tawbah, which means:

"It is not for the polytheists to maintain the mosques of Allah [while] witnessing against themselves with disbelief. [For] those, their deeds have become worthless, and in the Fire they will abide eternally."



The mosques of Allah are only to be maintained by those who believe in Allah and the Last Day and establish prayer and give zakaah and do not fear except Allah, for it is expected that those will be of the [rightly] guided."

(at-Tawbah 9:17-18)

Therefore, it is only the believers that will make *'imaarah* of the masjid. That is why the Prophet ﷺ had asked the Muslim *ummah* to recognize those that would frequent the masjid as believers. In the *hadeeth* of Abu Sa'eed al-Khudri *radiallaahu 'anh*, the Prophet ﷺ said:

إِذَا رَأَيْتُمُ الرَّجُلَ يَعْتَادُ الْمَسْجِدَ فَاشْهَدُوا لَهُ بِالْإِيمَانِ

"When you see a man frequenting the mosque, testify that he is a believer..."

(Ahmad)

Dear audience,

Making *'imaarah* of the mosque also means to preserve the honor and sanctity of the mosque. The mosque must be managed and administered with honesty and full integrity, sincerely for the sake of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. Let us avoid disputes, fights, tussle for positions, slandering others, abusing the mosque's funds and properties, instigating and condemning others, which only leads to enmity and division. In all fairness, the mosque administrators should be united and shoulder the *amaanah* in preparing the community members to have tranquil hearts when meeting Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. Moreover, members of the community should embrace all of the programs organized with strong spirit of *ukhuwwah Islaamiyyah* (Islamic brotherhood).

The Prophet ﷺ had strongly prohibited anything that would desecrate the honor and sanctity of the masjid, whether by the masjid administrators or members of the community, which includes conversing about worldly matters. In the *hadeeth* of ibn Mas'ood *radiallaahu 'anh*, the Prophet ﷺ said:

"When the Last Day is near, there would be people who would sit in the mosque in circles, and their main concern (or talk) would be the worldly life. Do not sit with them as Allah has no need of them."

(at-Tabaraani)



Dear blessed Muslims,

To end the *khutbah* today, I would like to sincerely remind fellow audience with the following matters:

1. The Muslim *ummah* must firmly solidify their *imaan* unto Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* by making 'imaarah of the mosques.
2. The Muslim *ummah* must have full certainty upon the tremendous reward and virtues prepared for those that enliven the mosque.
3. The Muslim *ummah* must always ensure that the honor and sanctity of the mosques and *suraus* are always preserved.
4. The Muslims should question themselves, what are our contributions to the mosques, before we ask about the contribution of the mosques upon us.
5. All *masaajid* must inculcate the culture of reciting al-Qur'an and its meaning after the obligatory prayers so that the Muslim *ummah* will always be honored and blessed by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ
فِي بُيُوتِ أَدْنَى اللَّهِ أَنْ تُرْفَعَ وَيُذْكَرَ فِيهَا أَسْمُهُ يُسَبِّحُ لَهُ فِيهَا بِالْغُدُوِّ وَالْآصَالِ



"[Such niches are] in mosques which Allah has ordered to be raised and that His name be mentioned therein; exalting Him within them in the morning and the evenings."

(an-Noor 24:36)

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،
فَأَسْتَغْفِرُوهُ 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. اَللّٰهُمَّ 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 again, I would like to remind all of us to always have the *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* and realize that Islam teaches us to remain moderate in every actions and deeds. As Muslims, we are to manifest noble *akhlaaq*, having utmost personality and attitude for Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم was sent to perfect *akhlaaq* and as mercy for the entire mankind and the worlds.

إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَمَلَائِكَتَهُ يُصَلُّونَ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا صَلُّوا عَلَيْهِ وَسَلِّمُوا تَسْلِيمًا.

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 إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ وَنَتَوَسَّلُ إِلَيْكَ بِنَبِيِّكَ الْأَمِينِ، وَنَسْأَلُكَ بِأَسْمَائِكَ الْحُسْنَى وَصِفَاتِكَ الْعُظْمَى أَنْ تَحْفَظَ بَعَيْنِ عِنَايَتِكَ الرَّبَّانِيَّةِ وَبِحِفْظِ وَقَايَتِكَ الصِّمْدَانِيَّةِ، جَلَالَةَ مَلِكِنَا الْمُعْظَمِ سُلْطَانَ سَلَاطُورِ، سُلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ ادریس شاه الحاج ابن المرحوم سُلْطَانَ صَلَاحِ الدِّينِ عبد العزيز شاه الحاج. اللَّهُمَّ أَدِمِ الْعُونَ وَالْهَدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْكَ، لِيُولِّيَ عَهْدِ سَلَاطُورِ، تَعْكَو أَمِيرِ شَاهِ ابْنِ السُّلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ ادریس شاه الحاج فِي أَمْنٍ وَصَلَاحٍ وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنِّكَ وَكَرَمِكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ. اللَّهُمَّ أَطْلِعْ عُمْرَهُمَا مُصْلِحِينَ 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 *ni'mah*, that we are able to continue the effort in empowering the Muslim *ummah* especially in the state of Selangor, as an advanced state, prosperous and providing welfare, under the auspices and leadership of our Ruler as the Head of Islamic affairs in this state.

Hence, we sincerely beseech You, O Allah, strengthen our *imaan* and creed according to that of *Ahl as-Sunnah wal-Jamaa'ah*, accept our deeds, strengthen our unity, increase our *rizq*, enrich us with beneficial knowledge, cultivate our soul with good mannerisms, return us to the path that You are pleased with, protect us from disasters and Your severe trials, and protect us from the practices and *'aqeedah* that are deviating and astray such as *Shee'ah*, *Qadiyaani*, and other ideologies.

رَبَّنَا هَبْ لَنَا مِنْ أَزْوَاجِنَا وَذُرِّيَّاتِنَا قُرَّةَ أَعْيُنٍ وَأَجْعَلْنَا لِلْمُتَّقِينَ إِمَامًا. رَبَّنَا آتِنَا
فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِي الآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ. عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ
وَالْإِحْسَانِ وَإِيتَايِ ذِي الْقُرْبَىٰ وَيَنْهَىٰ عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَالْبَغْيِ عِظْمُكُمْ
لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ ﴿٦﴾

فَاذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ يَذْكُرْكُمْ وَاشْكُرُواهُ عَلَىٰ نِعْمِهِ يَزِدْكُمْ، وَاسْأَلُوهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ
يُعْطِكُمْ وَلَذِكْرُ اللَّهِ أَكْبَرُ وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا تَصْنَعُونَ.
