



"CULTIVATING OUR LIVES WITH AL-QUR'AN"

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ : يَتَأَيُّهَا النَّاسُ قَدْ جَاءَتْكُمْ مَوْعِظَةٌ مِّن رَّبِّكُمْ وَشِفَاءٌ لِّمَا فِي الصُّدُورِ وَهُدًى وَرَحْمَةٌ لِّلْمُؤْمِنِينَ ﴿٥٧﴾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: يَتَأَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تَقَاتِهِ وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ.

Dear blessed Muslims,

Let us altogether strive to increase our *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* by giving our best in fulfilling all of His Commands and avoiding all of His prohibitions. May we become among the *muttaqeen* (those having utmost *taqwa*).

On this noble day, let us listen and ponder upon a *khutbah* titled "**CULTIVATING OUR LIVES WITH AL-QUR'AN.**"

Respected audience,

Al-Qur'an is the holiest scripture for the Muslim *ummah* that was revealed to our beloved Prophet Muhammad صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم. Reciting al-Qur'an is deemed as *ibaadah* (worship), while practicing upon its rulings and teachings is an obligation. On the authority of ibn Mas'ood *radiallāhu 'anh*, Rasulullah صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم said:

مَنْ قَرَأَ حَرْفًا مِنْ كِتَابِ اللَّهِ فَلَهُ بِهِ حَسَنَةٌ. وَالْحَسَنَةُ بِعَشْرِ أَمْثَالِهَا لَا أُقُولُ: أَلِفٌ حَرْفٌ وَلَكِنْ أَلِفٌ حَرْفٌ، وَلَا مٌ حَرْفٌ، وَمِيمٌ حَرْفٌ.

"Whoever recites a letter from Allah's Book, then he receives the reward from it, and the reward of ten the like of it. I do not say that Alif Laam Meem is a letter, but Alif is a letter, Laam is a letter and Meem is a letter."

(at-Tirmidhi)

Such is the tremendous reward promised upon those that recite al-Qur'an. Hence, what more for those that actually memorize the entire al-Qur'an. However, today I would like to invite upon fellow audience to perform *muhaasabah* (self-evaluation) and ask ourselves, how many verses do we actually recite on a daily basis? And when was the last time that we actually did the *khatm* (completion) of al-Qur'an?

Blessed audience,

Fortunate are those that consistently recite al-Qur'an on a daily basis. Glad tidings to those that fully embrace al-Qur'an as guidance in their daily affairs. How unfortunate are those that do not practice upon the teachings of al-Qur'an in their lives, and even greater

¹ Yoonus 10:57



misfortune for those that still do not know how to recite al-Qur'an, furthermore neglecting its teachings. Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verses 89-91 of soorah al-Hijr:

وَقُلْ إِنِّي - أَنَا النَّذِيرُ الْمُبِينُ ﴿٨٩﴾ كَمَا أَنْزَلْنَا عَلَى الْمُقْتَسِمِينَ ﴿٩٠﴾ الَّذِينَ جَعَلُوا الْقُرْآنَ عِضِينَ ﴿٩١﴾

“And say, “Indeed, I am the clear warner” - Just as We had revealed [scriptures] to the separators. Who have made the Qur'an into portions.”

What is happening these days is that we find some individuals that would always cite the excuse of constantly being preoccupied and having no time to recite al-Qur'an. Instead, they would waste hours upon hours on social media such as Facebook, WhatsApp, Instagram, and many others. Even more unfortunate, there are those that would frequently dispute the practice of reciting al-Qur'an on certain nights.

Dearest Muslims,

In the effort of cultivating the recitation of al-Qur'an in our lives, let us not feel inferior if we are not proficient in reciting al-Qur'an. On the contrary, we must always seek the very opportunity to learn the knowledge of al-Qur'an and the sciences pertaining to it. In fact, the practice of *tadarrus* al-Qur'an (i.e. taking turns reciting) is one of the best avenues for us to correct our mistakes and enhance the quality of our Qur'anic recitation.

Sayyidatina 'A'ishah *radiyAllaahu 'anha* reported that Prophet Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم said:

الَّذِي يَقْرَأُ الْقُرْآنَ وَهُوَ مَاهِرٌ بِهِ مَعَ السَّفَرَةِ الْكِرَامِ الْبَرَّةِ. وَالَّذِي يَقْرَأُ الْقُرْآنَ وَهُوَ يَتَتَعْتَعُ فِيهِ وَهُوَ عَلَيْهِ شَاقٌّ لَهُ أَجْرَانِ.

“One who is proficient in the Qur'an is associated with the noble, upright, recording angels; and he who falters in it, and finds it difficult for him, will have a double reward.”

(al-Bukhaari and Muslim)

Therefore, we must always strive to remain connected with al-Qur'an, learning and delving into its sciences through programs and classes organized by the mosque or surau committees such as *Talaqqi*, *Tadabbur*, *Tajweed* classes and others, which are from among the efforts in the cultivation of al-Qur'an in our lives.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 29 of soorah Faatir:

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ يَتْلُونَ كِتَابَ اللَّهِ وَأَقَامُوا الصَّلَاةَ وَأَنْفَقُوا مِمَّا رَزَقْنَاهُمْ سِرًّا وَعَلَانِيَةً يَرِجُونَ تِجْرَةً لَنْ تَبُورَ ﴿٢٩﴾

“Indeed, those who recite the Book of Allah and establish prayer and spend [in His cause] out of what We have provided them, secretly and publicly, [can] expect a profit that will never perish.”

Dear respected audience,



Shaykh Muhammad al-Ghazzaali had explained in his book *كَيْفَ نَتَعَامَلُ مَعَ الْقُرْآنِ* (*How To Interact With al-Qur'an*) that the Muslim *ummah* must cultivate al-Qur'an in its daily lives. Cultivating the recitation of al-Qur'an from the aspects of its recitation, comprehension of its meaning, and practicing upon all of its teachings. This effort must be initiated from home, schools, and extended to the workplace. The same goes out to youth organizations and associations, whether private or governmental.

The culture of *tilaawah* (recitation) and *tadarrus* of al-Qur'an that is expanding within the society must be further continued. The parents must ensure that their children are proficient in reciting al-Qur'an by teaching them or sending them to Qur'anic classes.

Respected Muslims,

In continuing the cultivation of *tilaawah* al-Qur'an in our lives, the government of the state of Selangor will organize *majlis tilaawah* al-Qur'an at the state level, which will take place on the 22nd-25th of January 2019 at Dewan Syarahan dan Muzakarah Islam, Masjid Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah, Shah Alam.

The state government would like to express its gratitude to all *waqf* (endowment) donors, whom contributed through the Selangor *Waqf* Corporation, for providing *waqf* of al-Qur'an to the Islamic and KAFA primary schools that are administered by the Selangor Islamic Religious Department.

Dearest audience,

To end the *khutbah* today, let us altogether internalize upon several matters as in the following:

1. The Muslim *ummah* must have certainty that al-Qur'an provides the rules of life, revealed by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* for the entire mankind.
2. The Muslim *ummah* must thoroughly embrace al-Qur'an as guidance for life by reciting, comprehending, and practicing upon its teachings.
3. The Muslim *ummah* must fear the warnings and threats from Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* for abandoning and disconnecting from al-Qur'an.

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ
وَقَالَ الرَّسُولُ يَرْبِّ إِنَّ قَوْمِي اتَّخَذُوا هَذَا الْقُرْآنَ مَهْجُورًا

“And the Messenger has said, “O my Lord, indeed my people have taken this Qur'an as [a thing] abandoned.””

(*al-Furqaan* 25:30)

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ، وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ
وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ وَتَقَبَّلْ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتَهُ، إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ.



أَقُولُ قَوْلِي هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ لِي وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ،
فَأَسْتَغْفِرُوهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ.

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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 again, I would like to remind all of us to always have the *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* and diligently indulge in righteous deeds, as well as manifesting the *akhlaaq* of Rasulullah ﷺ. Therefore, let us always increase our *salawaat* and *salaam* upon our Prophet Muhammad ﷺ. Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions:

“Indeed, Allah confers blessing upon the Prophet, and His angels [ask Him to do so]. O you who have believed, ask [Allah to confer] blessing upon him and ask [Allah to grant him] peace.”

(al-Ahzaab 33:56)

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 أَعِزِّ الْإِسْلَامَ وَالْمُسْلِمِينَ، وَأَهْلِكَ الْكُفْرَةَ وَالْمُبْتَدِعَةَ وَالْمُشْرِكِينَ وَدَمَّرْ أَعْدَاءَكَ أَعْدَاءَ الدِّينِ. وَأَنْصُرْنَا عَلَى الْقَوْمِ الْكَافِرِينَ.

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ وَنَتَوَسَّلُ إِلَيْكَ بِنَبِيِّكَ الْأَمِينِ، وَنَسْأَلُكَ بِأَسْمَائِكَ الْحُسْنَى، وَصِفَاتِكَ الْعُظْمَى، أَنْ تَحْفَظَ بَعَيْنِ عِنَايَتِكَ الرَّبَّانِيَّةِ، وَبِحِفْظِ وَقَايَتِكَ الصِّمْدَانِيَّةِ، جَلَالَةَ مَلِكِنَا الْمُعْظَمِ، سُلْطَانَ سَلَغُورِ، سُلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ اَدْرِيسِ شَاهِ الْحَاجِ،



ابن المرحوم سُلْطَانِ صَلَاحِ الدِّينِ عَبْدِ الْعَزِيزِ شَاهِ الْحَاجِّ. اَللّٰهُمَّ اَدِمِ الْعَوْنَ
وَالْهِدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْكَ، لَوْلِيَّ عَهْدِ سَلَاطُوْرٍ، تَعْكُوْ اَمِيْرٍ
شَاهٍ، اِبْنِ السُّلْطَانِ شَرْفِ الدِّينِ اَدْرِيسِ شَاهِ الْحَاجِّ، فِيْ اَمْنٍ وَصَلَاحٍ وَعَافِيَةٍ
بِمَنِّكَ وَكَرَمِكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْاِكْرَامِ. اَللّٰهُمَّ اَطْلُ عُمْرَهُمَا، مُصْلِحِيْنَ لِلْمُوْظَفِيْنَ
وَالرَّعِيَّةِ وَالْبِلَادِ، وَبَلِّغْ مَقَاصِدَهُمَا لِطَرِيْقِ الْهُدَى وَالرَّشَادِ.

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*, 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-Jama'ah*, and protect us from teachings that are outside the fold of Islam such as *Qadiyaani* and deviant teachings such as *Shee'ah*. O Allah, *Ya Rahmaan, Ya Raheem*, unite our hearts, bestow upon us *rizq* with blessings, enrich us with beneficial knowledge, protect us from disasters. O Allah, bestow upon us guidance in performing the five daily prayers in congregation, fulfilling *zakaat* through *Lembaga Zakat Selangor* (Selangor *Zakaat* Board), making *waqf* and *infaaq* of our wealth to *Perbadanan Wakaf Negeri Selangor* (Selangor *Waqf* Corporation), and *Tabung Amanah Pembangunan Islam Selangor* (Islamic Development Trust Fund of Selangor).

رَبَّنَا هَبْ لَنَا مِنْ اَزْوَاجِنَا وَذُرِّيَّتِنَا قُرَّةَ اَعْيُنٍ وَاجْعَلْنَا لِلْمُتَّقِيْنَ اِمَامًا. رَبَّنَا اِنَّا
فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةٌ وَفِي الْاٰخِرَةِ حَسَنَةٌ وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ
عِبَادَ اللّٰهِ، اِنَّ اللّٰهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ وَالْاِحْسَانِ وَاِيتَايَ ذِي الْقُرْبَىٰ وَيَنْهَىٰ عَنِ
الْفَحْشَاۗءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَالْبَغْيِ يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُوْنَ ﴿١٠١﴾
فَاذْكُرُوْا اللّٰهَ الْعَظِيْمَ يَذْكُرْكُمْ وَاشْكُرُوْهُ عَلٰى نِعْمِهِۦٓ يَزِدْكُمْ، وَاَسْأَلُوْهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِۦٓ
يُعْطِكُمْ وَلَذِكْرُ اللّٰهِ اَكْبَرُ وَاللّٰهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا تَصْنَعُوْنَ.
