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الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ: وَالْعَصْرُ ﴿١﴾ إِنَّ الْإِنْسَانَ لَفِي خُسْرٍ ﴿٢﴾ إِلَّا
الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ وَتَوَاصَوْا بِالْحَقِّ وَتَوَاصَوْا بِالصَّبْرِ
﴿٣﴾¹

أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ
وَرَسُولُهُ. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى ءَالِهِ 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 ﴿١٠٢﴾²

Dear blessed Muslims,

Let us altogether strive to increase our *taqwa* of Allah by performing all of His Commands and avoiding all of His prohibitions. May we become among His servants that attain *rahmah* (mercy) and love, as well as the protection of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.

On the very occasion of this glorious day, let us altogether ponder upon a *khutbah* titled “**SEEKING THE BLESSINGS OF TIME.**”

¹ al-‘Asr 103:1-3.

² Aal ‘Imraan 3:102.



Dear blessed audience,

Time and the journey of time are from among the marvels of the creation of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*, as He *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verses 1-3 of soorah al-'Asr that was recited in the beginning of the *khutbah*, what means:

"By time, Indeed, mankind is in loss, Except for those who have believed and done righteous deeds and advised each other to truth and advised each other to patience."

In those verses, Allah asserted that mankind living in this world are all in loss. What can save them is that when they fulfill those characteristics mentioned; namely *imaan* (belief), *'amal saalih* (righteous deeds), and advising one another to the truth and patience (*sabr*). This means that this life remains imperfect if one merely believe and practice, but that it necessitate striving for *'imaan* and *'amal* by giving reminder, engaging in *da'wah* (calling to Islam) effort, inviting people to the truth while exerting full patience. Truth refers to everything that was taught by Allah and His Messenger, and one must remain patient in wading through the struggle in upholding that truth.

Respected audience,

Rasulullah ﷺ was an individual that was truly concerned about the importance of time management in life. He ﷺ had reminded us to make full benefit of our time in the best possible manner. In the *hadeeth* of 'Abdullah ibn 'Abbaas *radiallaahu 'anhuma*, Rasulullah ﷺ said:

"Take advantage of five before five: your youth before your old age, your health before your sickness, your wealth before your poverty, your free time before you are preoccupied, and your life before your death."



(al-Haakim)

Based on this *hadeeth*, it clearly gives an idea to all of us that every second that had passed in our lives is truly precious. Therefore, a Muslim must give serious attention towards his or her time and utilize them as beneficial as possible in attaining the ambition and goal of a blissful life in this world and the Hereafter.

Dear blessed congregation,

There are many factors causing mankind to become negligent and heedless in managing their time. Among the factors for our failure in managing time the best way possible are:

1. Not understanding the actual purpose of life in this world.

This is the very main factor for mankind's failure in managing their time in the best manner. They lack the right understanding, more so they do not even comprehend the actual purpose for their creation and objective on the face of earth. Such matter may be due to their shallowness in religious understanding, further added with heedlessness in chasing after worldly gain and rewards alone that they become blind from religious values.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 56 of soorah adh-Dhaariyaat:

﴿٥٦﴾ وَمَا خَلَقْتُ الْجِنَّ وَالْإِنْسَ إِلَّا لِيَعْبُدُونِ

"And I did not create the jinn and mankind except to worship Me."

2. Laziness and lackadaisical attitude.



Such attitude are truly blameworthy in Islam. Individuals possessing these attitudes will not progress and advance in life. The Prophet ﷺ had taught us a *du'aa* (supplication) so that we are spared from dispraised attitudes, mentioned in the *hadeeth* of Anas bin Maalik *radiyAllaahu 'anh*, where Rasulullah ﷺ would supplicate:

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنَ الهمِّ وَالْحَزَنِ، وَالْعَجْزِ وَالْكَسَلِ،
وَالْجُبْنِ وَالْبُخْلِ، وَضَلَعِ الدِّينِ، وَغَلْبَةِ الرِّجَالِ

“O Allah! I seek refuge with You from worry and grief, from incapacity and laziness, from cowardice and miserliness, from being heavily in debt and from being overpowered by (other) men.”

(al-Bukhaari)

3. The habit of procrastinating and wasting time.

Such habit is also despised and rebuked by our beloved Prophet ﷺ, as ‘Abdullah bin ‘Umar *radiyAllaahu ‘anhuma* narrated that he ﷺ said:

إِذَا أَمْسَيْتَ فَلَا تَنْتَظِرُ الصَّبَّاحَ، وَإِذَا أَصْبَحْتَ فَلَا
تَنْتَظِرُ الْمَسَاءَ

“When you survive till the evening do not expect to live until the morning; and when you survive till the morning do not expect to live until the evening.”

(al-Bukhaari)

All of these bad habits are to be faced with solid *mujaahadah* (striving) in fighting against our own desire. Those having *mujaahadah* will



not allow themselves from becoming enslaved by their own desire, while on the contrary, it is they who would suppress their carnal desire.

Dearest Muslims,

Mankind would always supplicate to Allah beseeching for a long life. However, death is *qadaa' mubram* (inevitable fate) that has been pre-determined by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* and will not change. What is meant by a long life is life that is full of *barakah*, followed by acts of devotions and granted *barakah* upon the increased age bestowed by Allah.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 96 of soorah al-A'raaf:

وَلَوْ أَنَّ أَهْلَ الْقُرَىٰ ءَامَنُوا وَاتَّقَوْا لَفَتَحْنَا عَلَيْهِم بَرَكَاتٍ مِّنَ
السَّمَاءِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَلَٰكِن كَذَّبُوا فَأَخَذْنَاهُم بِمَا كَانُوا يَكْسِبُونَ ﴿٩٦﴾

“And if only the people of the cities had believed and feared Allah, We would have opened upon them blessings from the heaven and the earth; but they denied [the messengers], so We seized them for what they were earning.”

This verse touched upon the matter regarding *barakah*. *Barakah* means increasing or expanding. Hence, *barakah* is the increase or continuance in goodness or Allah's Grace upon something. If Allah blesses our time, then it means that there has been an increase and goodness. Hence, one hour with *barakah* is definitely different than one hour that is void of *barakah*. A year that is blessed is definitely different than a year that is not blessed.

Therefore, we find individuals whom rendered service for the betterment of humanity, Allah had blessed their lives. The outcomes that



they have achieved and service rendered, many a times would not be attainable by others even if they are granted with double the amount of time.

Dear blessed Friday congregation,

In ending the *khutbah* today, let it be known that time is our age. Therefore:

1. The Muslim *ummah* must appreciate time as much as possible, for once it has passed, it will never return again, not even once.
2. The Muslim *ummah* must fill its time with beneficial deeds and do not let them go in vain.
3. The Muslim *ummah* must manage time in the best possible way for time is like a sword. If you do not cut it, it will cut you.

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ
وَقُلْ أَعْمَلُوا فَسَيَرَى اللَّهُ عَمَلَكُمْ وَرَسُولُهُ وَالْمُؤْمِنُونَ ^ص وَسَتُرَدُّونَ
إِلَىٰ عِلْمِ الْغَيْبِ وَالشَّهَادَةِ فَيُنبِّئُكُمْ بِمَا كُنْتُمْ تَعْمَلُونَ ﴿١٠٥﴾

“And say, “Do [as you will], for Allah will see your deeds, and [so, will] His Messenger and the believers. And you will be returned to the Knower of the unseen and the witnessed, and He will inform you of what you used to do.””

(Soorah at-Tawbah 9:105)



بَارِكْ 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، 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.

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 الصِّمْدَانِيَّةِ، جَلَّالَةَ 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، لِيَوْلِيِّ عَهْدِ سَلَاطُونِ، تَعَكَوْ أَمِيرِ شَاهِ ابْنِ
السُّلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ ادریس شاه الحاج، فِي أَمْنٍ وَصَلَاحِ
وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنْكَ وَكَرَمِكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ. اللَّهُمَّ أَطْلُ



عُمْرُهُمَا مُصْلِحِينَ لِلْمُوظَّفِينَ وَالرَّعِيَّةِ وَالْبِلَادِ، وَبَلِّغْ
مَقَاصِدَهُمَا لِطَرِيقِ الْهُدَى وَالرِّشَادِ.

O Allah, grant us guidance in performing the five obligatory prayers in congregation, fulfilling *zakaat* through Selangor *Zakaat* Board (LZS), making endowment (*waqf*) through *Perbadanan Wakaf Selangor* (Selangor Endowment Corporation) and giving away (*infaq*) our wealth through *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، اِدْفَعْ عَنَّا هَذَا الْوَبَاءَ وَالْبَلَاءَ 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 ﴿٢٠١﴾.
عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ وَالْإِحْسَانِ وَإِيتَايَ ذِي الْقُرْبَى
وَيَنْهَى عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَالْبَغْيِ يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ



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