



“PRESERVING THE NOBILITY AND SANCTITY OF THE MASJID”

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ: إِنَّمَا يَعْمُرُ مَسْجِدَ اللَّهِ مِمَّنْ ءَامَنَ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ وَأَقَامَ
الصَّلَاةَ وَءَاتَى الزَّكَاةَ وَلَمْ يَخْشَ إِلَّا اللَّهَ فَعَسَىٰ أُولَٰئِكَ أَنْ 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 وَعَلَىٰ 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,

I remind myself and respected audience to altogether strive in empowering our *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* with absolute *taqwa*, by fulfilling all of His Commands and avoiding all of His prohibitions. May we always attain blissfulness and prosperity in this world and the Hereafter.

Today I will be expounding on a *khutbah* titled **“PRESERVING THE NOBILITY AND SANCTITY OF THE MASJID.”**

Blessed Muslims,

Masjid is a place where the *shi'aar* (symbols) of Islam would manifest and flourish in a locality. An avenue for the empowerment of knowledge, *imaan* (belief), and *akhlaaq*, it is the center for the unity of the *ummah*, and serves the hub for the *ummah's* development. Masjid is also a safe and secure zone area. From the history of the glory days of Islam, the masjid became the starting point for the development and glory of the Islamic civilization. The masjid would give birth to an *ummah* of excellent quality and capable of advancing forward, leading other nations. The masjid is also a place where Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم had guaranteed Allah's protection on a day where there is no other protection, referring to a man whose heart is always attached to the masjid, yearning to perform *salaah* (prayer), *i'tikaf*, making *dhikr*, *tadabbur* (contemplate) upon al-Qur'an, attending Islamic lectures and lessons, and other activities. Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 18 of soorah at-Tawbah, which was recited earlier in the *khutbah*, which means:

“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.”

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* has explained that the believers are those that are qualified to maintain the mosques of Allah. Building and maintaining mosques are among

¹ at-Tawbah 9:18



the ways in attaining nearness to Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. Islam greatly emphasize on preserving the sanctity of the mosque that it prohibits those with bad odor from entering the mosque after consuming smelly items such as *petai* (stink bean), onions, durian, and cigarette, which can create discomfort within the *jamaa'ah* (congregation). Aside from that, we must maintain the cleanliness of our body and clothing, cleaning the mouth from unpleasant odor, and cleaning the place of *ibadah* from any impurities.

Dear blessed audience,

These days, the nobility and sanctity of the masjid has been tarnished by irresponsible actions. We often hear about reports regarding the theft of the masjid's donation box. Theft cases that are reported from day to day are truly worrying. It involves individuals of all ages, whether adults or teenagers. Unfortunately, at times, the human loses its consideration that he is willing to usurp the rights of the masjid and swindle the masjid's financial gain without thinking of the very consequences of his criminal act. What is of concern to him is his own satisfaction in attaining temporary pleasure.

Therefore, all *ahl al-qaryah* (community members) must be held responsible pertaining to the purity, cleanliness, and security of the masjid. Let us ponder upon verse 108 of soorah at-Tawbah, which among others, explains upon the significance of the masjid as a place that triggers the *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* and a venue for self-purification.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 108 of soorah at-Tawbah:

فِيهِ رِجَالٌ مُّحِبُّونَ أَنْ يَتَطَهَّرُوا وَاللَّهُ يُحِبُّ الْمُطَهَّرِينَ

"...Within it [masjid] are men who love to purify themselves; and Allah loves those who purify themselves."

Dear blessed audience,

The masjid is not a place to plant the seeds of hatred between a group and another, and it is not a platform to sow division within the *ummah*. It is also not a venue to spread slander or an arena for disputes in mocking or despising those with opposing views. What more in using the masjid as a place to insult, defame, and utter vulgarities. Let us not utilize the masjid as a platform in inciting enmity, conflict, hurling accusations, and humiliating those that disagree with us. Furthermore, the masjid should not be taken as a place for business transactions and advertising medical products and services.

Beloved Muslims,

All parties must realize and remain cognizant with full responsibility in ensuring that every programs organized inside the masjid conforms with Islamic *adab* (etiquette) and *akhlaaq* (mannerism). Hence, the sanctity of the masjid will be preserved so that the harmony and *ukhuwwah Islaamiyyah* (Islamic brotherhood) can be fostered within the *jamaa'ah*. In the *hadeeth* of Abu Hurayrah *radiallaahu 'anh*, the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم had deemed the masjid as a place of nobility and a place that is beloved to Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.

The Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم mentioned:



أَحَبُّ الْبِلَادِ إِلَى اللَّهِ مَسَاجِدُهَا

"The parts of land dearest to Allah are its mosques."

(Muslim)

Respected Muslims,

Organizing wedding receptions in the masjid is permissible in its juristic ruling. Therefore, the rulings and etiquettes of visiting the masjid must be adhered to including the covering of 'awrah in dressing attire, not taking pictures at will, not talking and laughing loudly to the point of disturbing the peace, sanctity, and tainting the purity of the masjid. The nobility and sanctity of the masjid must be preserved at all times so that the ceremony that is held will attain blessings and not incur the wrath of Allah. In the *hadeeth* of Anas bin Malik *radiallahu 'anh*, the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم said:

إِنَّ هَذِهِ الْمَسَاجِدَ، لَا تَصْلُحُ لِشَيْءٍ مِنْ هَذَا الْبَوْلِ، وَلَا الْقَدْرِ، إِنَّمَا هِيَ لِذِكْرِ اللَّهِ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ، وَالصَّلَاةِ، وَقِرَاءَةِ الْقُرْآنِ

"These mosques are not the places meant for urine and filth, but are only for the remembrance of Allah, prayer and the recitation of the Qur'an."

(Muslim)

Blessed audience,

Since the time of Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم, the masjid was not only limited as a place of worship but also served as the center for *da'wah* activities. Therefore, the role of the masjid today must include various aspects such as organizing religious programs and community activities in the aspects of living affairs, education, social welfare, and those that solidifies the unity of the *ummah*. This includes activities involving lessons, *da'wah*, youth programs, Islamic celebrations, and also encouragement upon the community to always perform their five daily prayers in congregation. Hence, every Muslim and local communities must exercise its role in keeping the masjid active and vibrant, for enlivening the house of Allah is proof for gratefulness upon the favors of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*, and a sign of *imaan* (faith). The Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم mentioned, on the authority of Abu Sa'eed al-Khudri *radiallahu 'anh*:

إِذَا رَأَيْتُمُ الرَّجُلَ يَعْتَادُ الْمَسَاجِدَ، فَاشْهَدُوا لَهُ بِالْإِيمَانِ

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

(at-Tirmidhi)

Blessed audience,

To end the *khutbah* today, the conclusions in which lessons can be derived from are as follows:

1. The Muslim *ummah* must have certainty that the masjid is a place to nurture the *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.



2. The Muslim *ummah* must utilize the masjid as a platform in uniting the Muslim *ummah*, as well as reinvigorating the role of the masjid with various types of Islamic programs and activities.

3. All parties including the masjid administrator and community members must work hand in hand to safeguard the sanctity, cleanliness, and security of the masjid.

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ
فِي بُيُوتِ أَذْنِ اللَّهِ أَنْ تُرْفَعَ وَيُذْكَرَ فِيهَا أَسْمُهُ يُسَبِّحُ لَهُ فِيهَا بِالْغُدُوِّ وَالْآصَالِ ﴿٣٦﴾

"[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.

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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 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. Therefore, let us always increase our *salawaat* and *salaam* upon our Prophet Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم. 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 اعِزِّ الْإِسْلَامَ وَالْمُسْلِمِينَ، وَأَهْلِكَ الْكُفْرَةَ وَالْمُبْتَدِعَةَ وَالْمُشْرِكِينَ وَدَمَّرْ 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،



جَلَالَةَ مَلِكِنَا الْمُعْظَمِ، سُلْطَانَ سَلَاعُورِ، سُلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ ادریس شاه الحاج، ابن المرحوم سُلْطَانَ صَلاَحِ الدِّينِ عبد العزيز شاه الحاج. اَللّٰهُمَّ اَدِمِ الْعَوْنَ وَالْهِدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْكَ، لِيُوَلِّيَّ عَهْدِ سَلَاعُورِ، تَعْكُو اَمِيرِ شَاهِ، اِبْنِ السُّلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ ادریس شاه الحاج، فِي اَمْنٍ وَصَلاَحٍ وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنِّكَ وَكَرَمِكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْاِكْرَامِ. اَللّٰهُمَّ اَطْلُ عُمْرَهُمَا، مُصْلِحَيْنِ لِلْمُوظَّفِينَ وَالرَّعِيَّةِ وَالْبِلَادِ، وَبَلِّغْ مَقاصِدَهُمَا 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 *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-Jamaa'ah*, accept our righteous deeds, cultivate our soul with good mannerisms, unite our hearts, bestow upon us *rizq* with blessings, enrich us with beneficial knowledge, protect us from disasters and save us from teachings that are outside the fold of Islam such as *Qadiyaani*, deviant teachings such as *Shee'ah*, and other teachings deemed as deviating from Islamic teachings or contradicting the creed of *Ahl as-Sunnah wal-Jamaa'ah*. O Allah, open up our hearts in performing the five daily prayers, 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 لِلْمُتَّقِينَ اِمَامًا. رَبَّنَا اِنَّا فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةٌ وَفِي الْاٰخِرَةِ حَسَنَةٌ وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ
عِبَادَ اللّٰهِ، اِنَّ اللّٰهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ وَالْاِحْسَانِ وَاِيتَايَ ذِي الْقُرْبَىٰ وَيَنْهَىٰ عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَالْبَغْيِ يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ ﴿١٠١﴾
فَاذْكُرُوا اللّٰهَ الْعَظِيمَ يَذْكُرْكُمْ وَاشْكُرُوهُ عَلٰى نِعْمِهِ يَزِدْكُمْ، وَاسْأَلُوهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ ۗ يُعْطِكُمْ وَلَذِكْرُ اللّٰهِ اَكْبَرُ وَاللّٰهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا تَصْنَعُونَ.
