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الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ : كَتَبَ أَنْزَلْنَاهُ إِلَيْكَ مُبْرَكٌ لِيَدَّبَّرُوا آيَاتِهِ
وَلِيَتَذَكَّرَ أُولُو الْأَلْبَابِ ﴿٤٩﴾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، أَوْصِيكُمْ 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 Friday audience,

Let us strive to increase our *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* by performing all of His Commands and avoiding all of His prohibitions. May the true *taqwa* and firm *imaan* (faith) make us among slaves that are successful in this world and the Hereafter.

¹ Sad 38:29

² Aal 'Imraan 3:102



On a day that is full of *barakah* (blessings) in this holy month, I will expound on a *khutbah* titled **“PONDERING UPON AL-QUR’AN IN THE HOLY MONTH.”**

Honorable Muslims,

Al-Qur’an is a holy scripture that provides guidance and guidelines towards the path of Truth. It guides mankind from slipping into the path of misguidance. Only those firmly clinging upon this holy book will attain success and happiness. Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta’aala* mentions in verse 9 of soorah al-Israa’:

إِنَّ هَذَا الْقُرْآنَ يَهْدِي لِلَّتِي هِيَ أَقْوَمُ وَيُبَشِّرُ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ الَّذِينَ يَعْمَلُونَ الصَّالِحَاتِ أَنَّ لَهُمْ أَجْرًا كَبِيرًا ﴿٩﴾

“Indeed, this Qur’an guides to that which is most suitable and gives good tidings to the believers who do righteous deeds that they will have a great reward.”

As Muslims, we must acknowledge that this holy scripture was revealed to be recited. Its recitation is the most important *dhikr* (remembrance of Allah) and yields tremendous reward. Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta’aala* mentions in verse 29 of soorah Faatir:

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ يَتْلُونَ كِتَابَ اللَّهِ وَأَقَامُوا الصَّلَاةَ وَأَنْفَقُوا مِمَّا رَزَقْنَاهُمْ سِرًّا وَعَلَانِيَةً يَرْجُونَ تِجَارَةً لَّن 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.”

Rasulullah ﷺ also had given guarantee upon the reward of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta’aala for the reciters of al-Qur’an as mentioned in the hadeeth of ‘Abdullah bin Mas’ood radiyAllaahu ‘anh, where the Prophet ﷺ said:

مَنْ قَرَأَ حَرْفًا مِنْ كِتَابِ اللَّهِ فَلَهُ بِهِ حَسَنَةٌ، وَالْحَسَنَةُ
بِعَشْرٍ أَمْثَالِهَا، لَا أَقُولُ الْمَ حَرْفٌ، وَلَكِنْ أَلِفٌ حَرْفٌ وَلامٌ
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 Lam Mim is a letter, but Alif is a letter, Lam is a letter and Mim is a letter.”

(at-Tirmidhi)

For those that are always reciting al-Qur’an that they become proficient, they will be privileged in the Day of Judgment. However, rewards will still be given to those that are not yet proficient in their recitation. Narrated ‘A’ishah radiyAllaahu ‘anha, Rasulullah ﷺ said:

الْمَاهِرُ بِالْقُرْآنِ مَعَ السَّفَرَةِ الْكِرَامِ الْبَرَّةِ، وَالَّذِي يَقْرَأُ
الْقُرْآنَ وَيَتَتَعْتَعُ 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 two rewards.”

(Muslim)

Therefore, it behooves us to always recite al-Qur’an especially in this noble month of Ramadaan. Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta’aala* multiplies the reward of obligatory (*waajib*) ‘*ibaadah* (worship) and also the *sunnah* (supererogatory) ones performed in this month. Hence, let us seize this very precious opportunity to be present at the masjid and perform the *fard* (obligatory) prayers and *taraweeh sunnah* prayer in congregation (*jamaa’ah*), as well as increasing our *sadaqah* (charity) and recitation of al-Qur’an.

Respected audience,

We must realize that al-Qur’an was sent down not just for its recitation alone but for it to be pondered (*tadabbur*), internalized, and practiced in our daily lives. With that, we will be able to know and comprehend the meanings of the verses of al-Qur’an, hence giving positive impact upon us. Indeed, eternal bliss is attained by practicing all of the teachings mentioned within it. Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta’aala* mentions in verse 29 of soorah Sad that was recited earlier in the sermon, which means:

“[This is] a blessed Book which We have revealed to you, [O Muhammad], that they might reflect upon its verses and that those of understanding would be reminded.”

There is one important lessons that can be derived from the *akhlaaq* (character) of the Companions of the Messenger of Allah ﷺ. They would



take meticulous care of the verses of al-Qur'an taught by the Prophet. They would take whatever conveyed as guide in their daily lives. Hasan al-Basri once said: "The Companions viewed al-Qur'an as a letter from God to them. They would ponder upon it during the night and practice its teachings during the day."

For those that refuse to *tadabbur* upon the verses of al-Qur'an, it is as if their hearts have been locked from receiving the truth, for absolute Truth comes from al-Qur'an. While, if we recite al-Qur'an along with *tadabbur*, our hearts will be granted with vastness to receive *hidaayah* (guidance) and *hikmah* (wisdom) from Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. Therefore, Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* rebukes those that refuse to reflect upon the verses of al-Qur'an, as He mentions in verse 24 of soorah Muhammad:

أَفَلَا يَتَدَبَّرُونَ الْقُرْآنَ أَمْ عَلَى قُلُوبٍ أَقْفَالُهَا ﴿٢٤﴾

"Then do they not reflect upon the Qur'an, or are there locks upon [their] hearts?"

Blessed guests of Allah,

By pondering upon al-Qur'an, the feeling of fear upon the wrath and punishment of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* will arise. Its effect will make us fearful from violating all of His Commands. On the contrary, we will always strive to perform all that He Commanded.

Among the ways for us to *tadabbur* al-Qur'an is by obtaining the translation of the meanings of al-Qur'an so as to understand its meanings. Nowadays, al-Qur'an has been translated into various languages including *Bahasa Melayu*. We can refer to those translations if we are not proficient



in the Arabic language. However, it must be remembered that we must ensure that such translation has been authorized as authentic by relevant authorities such as the Ministry of Home Affairs (KDN). This is because the sanctity of al-Qur'an is not something that is to be taken lightly by just accepting the various types and brands of al-Qur'an available in the market and also online applications that deviously attempt to distort the meaning and contents of the verses of al-Qur'an, as reported in the past.

Dear esteemed audience,

Let us altogether seize the golden opportunity in this glorious month to fill our free time by reciting al-Qur'an so as to attain great rewards, and at the same time ponder upon the verses of al-Qur'an sufficiently. Let us instill deep within our hearts solid determination to remain *istiqaamah* (steadfast) in learning and comprehending the meanings of the verses of al-Qur'an. With that, such pure efforts will be reflected within our *akhlaaq* through daily actions, attitudes, and practice. In the end, it will give birth to a Muslim *ummah* that is superior and excellent, as a direct effect of *tadabbur* al-Qur'an.

Blessed Muslims,

To end the *khutbah*, let us derive lessons upon the following matters:

1. The Muslim *ummah* must have certainty that the command to *tadabbur* upon al-Qur'an is a command from Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* that is *waajib* to be obeyed.
2. The Muslim *ummah* must have determination to have *istiqaamah* in reciting al-Qur'an so as to reap its rewards.
3. The Muslim *ummah* must strive to learn, understand, internalize, and practice the teachings of al-Qur'an in its daily lives.



أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ
أَفَلَا يَتَدَبَّرُونَ الْقُرْآنَ وَلَوْ كَانَ مِنْ عِنْدِ غَيْرِ اللَّهِ لَوَجَدُوا فِيهِ
أَخْتِلَافًا كَثِيرًا ﴿٨٢﴾

“Then do they not reflect upon the Qur’an? If it had been from [any] other than Allah, they would have found within it much contradiction.”

(Soorah an-Nisaa’ 4:82)

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,

Let us altogether strive to have the *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* by increasing our obedience towards Him and avoiding acts of disobedience and abominable deeds.

إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَمَلَائِكَتَهُ يُصَلُّونَ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا صَلُّوا
عَلَيْهِ وَسَلِّمُوا تَسْلِيمًا ﴿٥٦﴾

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ
أَجْمَعِينَ.

اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِلْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ
الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ، إِنَّكَ سَمِيعٌ قَرِيبٌ مُجِيبُ الدَّعَوَاتِ
وَيَا قَاضِيَ الْحَاجَاتِ. اللَّهُمَّ أَعِزِّ الْإِسْلَامَ وَالْمُسْلِمِينَ، وَأَهْلِكَ
الْكَفْرَةَ وَالْمُبْتَدِعَةَ وَالْمُشْرِكِينَ.

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ وَنَتَوَسَّلُ إِلَيْكَ بِنَبِيِّكَ الْأَمِينِ، وَنَسْأَلُكَ
بِأَسْمَائِكَ الْحُسْنَى، وَصِفَاتِكَ الْعُظْمَى، أَنْ تَحْفَظَ بَعِينِ



عِنَايَتِكَ الرَّبَّانِيَّةِ، وَبِحِفْظِ وَقَايَتِكَ الصَّمَدَانِيَّةِ، جَلَالَةَ مَلِكِنَا
الْمُعَظَّمِ، سُلْطَانَ سَلَاطُونِ، سُلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ ادریس شاه
الحاج ابن المرحوم سُلْطَانَ صَلَاحِ الدِّينِ عبد العزيز شاه
الحاج. اَللّٰهُمَّ اَدِمِ الْعَوْنَ وَالْهَدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ
وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْكَ، لِوَلِيِّ عَهْدِ سَلَاطُونِ، تَعَكَوْ اَمِيرِ شَاهِ اِبْنِ
السُّلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ ادریس شاه الحاج، فِي اَمْنٍ وَصَلَاحٍ
وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنِّكَ وَكَرَمِكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْاِكْرَامِ. اَللّٰهُمَّ اَطْلُ
عُمْرَهُمَا مُصْلِحَيْنِ لِلْمُؤَظَّفَيْنِ وَالرَّعِيَّةِ وَالْبِلَادِ، وَبَلِّغْ
مَقَاصِدَهُمَا لِطَرِيقِ الْهُدَى وَالرَّشَادِ.

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 (*infaaq*) 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).

اَللّٰهُمَّ يَا دَافِعَ الْبَلَاءِ، اِدْفَعْ عَنَّا هَذَا الْوَبَاءَ وَالْبَلَاءَ وَالْمَرَضَ
وَالشَّدَائِدَ وَالْمِحْنَ، بِلُطْفِكَ يَا لَطِيفُ اِنَّكَ عَلٰى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ
قَدِيرٌ وَبِالْاِجَابَةِ جَدِيرٌ.



رَبَّنَا هَبْ لَنَا مِنْ أَزْوَاجِنَا وَذُرِّيَّتِنَا قُرَّةَ أَعْيُنٍ وَاجْعَلْنَا لِلْمُتَّقِينَ إِمَامًا.
رَبَّنَا آتِنَا فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِي الآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ ﴿٢٠١﴾.
عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ وَالْإِحْسَانِ وَإِيتَايَ ذِي الْقُرْبَىٰ
وَيَنْهَىٰ عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَالْبَغْيِ يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ



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