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الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ : وَلَا تَأْكُلُوا أَمْوَالَكُمْ بَيْنَكُمْ بِالْبَطْلِ
وَتُدْلُوا بِهَا إِلَى الْحُكَّامِ لِتَأْكُلُوا فَرِيقًا مِّنْ أَمْوَالِ النَّاسِ بِالْإِثْمِ
وَأَنْتُمْ تَعْلَمُونَ ﴿١٨٨﴾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: يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تُقَاتِهِ وَلَا
تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ ﴿١٠٢﴾²

Dear blessed Muslims,

I remind myself and respected audience that let us have the *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* in its truest sense, so as to attain blissfulness in life in this world and the Hereafter.

¹ al-Baqarah 2:188

² Aali-'Imraan 3:102



On this noble and blessed day, let us altogether internalize upon a *khutbah* titled **"BRIBERS ARE PESTS TO THE RELIGION AND NATION."**

Dear blessed audience,

Bribery is the culminating factor for the destruction of the civilization of a people and nation. The heinous act of giving and accepting bribery is a brutal act of debauchery upon a life system consisting of religion, society, and nation. Successful nation-states and organizations would always uphold high moral principles, equality, trustworthiness, honesty, and sincerity. Irresponsible and inhumane act such as giving bribery is a wicked manifestation of one's personality for willing to surrender the trust (*amaanah*), one's self-esteem, the *barakah* (blessings) within a family, the credibility of an organization, the sovereignty of a nation, and even worse, it tarnishes the image and denies the beauty of Islam itself.

Bribery is offering or giving any item of value to another individual to legitimize an unlawful (*haram*) matter or invalidate a lawful (*halal*) matter. It can be defined as giving something, whether in the form of wealth or certain benefits, for the purpose of obtaining something that is not rightfully his, or oppressing others.

Islam has stipulated bribery as a major sin, for it is from among the matters that usurps or consumes the wealth of others through unlawful means, as Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 188 of soorah al-Baqarah, which means:

"And do not consume one another's wealth unjustly or send it [in bribery] to the rulers in order that [they might aid] you [to] consume a portion of the wealth of the people in sin, while you know [it is unlawful]."



We are often exposed to the dangers of corruption, with the government spending huge amount to establish various agencies aside from SPRM (anti-corruption agency), and yet corruption continues to occur. Have we forgotten that *rizq* (sustenance) attained from acts of bribery is outright *haram* and devoid of *barakah*? Do we not feel guilty when we bring home income to build our wealth and leaving behind unlawful legacy for our family members and descendants? Why are we willing to feed our children, spouse, and household with *haram* sources? Or do we no longer believe in the severe torment of Hellfire from Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*? Family members and offspring that nourishes from unlawful sources not only will not attain happiness and blessings in this world and the Hereafter, moreover their hearts will remain dark and hardened, and their souls will be prone to rebel and inclined to committing unlawful matters.

In a *hadeeth* narrated by Jaabir bin 'Abdullah *radiyAllaahu 'anh*, the Prophet ﷺ said:

لَا يَدْخُلُ الْجَنَّةَ لَحْمٌ نَبَتَ مِنَ السُّحْتِ، وَكُلُّ لَحْمٍ نَبَتَ
مِنَ السُّحْتِ، كَانَتْ النَّارُ أَوْلَىٰ بِهِ.

"Flesh which has grown out of what is unlawful will not enter paradise, but hell is more fitting for all flesh which has grown out of what is unlawful."

(*al-Haakim*)

Bribery also causes the rejection of *'ibaadah* (worship) and *du'aa* (supplication), as direct effect of the *haram* source of income. How unfortunate that just for a bit of worldly satisfaction we are willing to commit such heinous act, where our rigorous *'ibaadah* only result in fatigue, and our



du'aa, which serves as weapon for the Muslim *ummah*, is not accepted by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.

In one article published by Utusan Malaysia on the 21st of December, 2020, it stated that based on the Global Corruption Barometer (GCB 2020) report released by Transparency International, it was found that Malaysians believe that 36% of the members of the Parliament are involved in bribery, followed by PDRM (Royal Malaysian Police) with 30%, business executives with 27%, the Prime Minister's Office at 25%, local authorities with 18%, NGOs at 15%, judges and magistrates with 13%, bank officers at 10%, as well as military officers and religious leaders at 9%. In the same report, 71% of respondents are of the opinion that bribery occurs among government employees.

Based on the Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI) for the year 2020 that was released by Transparency International, Malaysia is listed at the 57th spot from a total of 180 countries, a drop of six spots from the previous year. Non-Muslim majority countries were found to dominate the list of the top 20 in the world, which includes Singapore as among the top three nations. These figures and perceptions are truly disgraceful and degrades the image of Islam and the integrity of countries governed by Muslims.

It is the corrupt practices that contribute to the loss of the people's confidence towards the government, the loss of the effectiveness of the policies imposed by the government, that the nation loses its wealth in having to bear the debt.

As a Muslim majority country, such as Malaysia, bribery has no place for it to occur at all. The affirmation of Islam is very clear when it comes to bribery. Islam curses and threatens those giving and receiving bribery with



the torment of Hellfire, as mentioned in the *hadeeth* of Rasulullah ﷺ, on the authority of 'Abdullah bin Amr *radiyAllaahu 'anhuma*, whom narrated:

لَعَنَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ الرَّاشِيَ وَالْمُرْتَشِيَ.

"The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) cursed the one who bribes and the one who takes a bribe."

(at-Tirmidhi)

Also in another *hadeeth*, as narrated by 'Abdullah bin Amr *radiyAllaahu 'anhuma*, that Rasulullah ﷺ said:

"The bribe-giver and the bribe-taker are both in Hellfire."

(at-Tabaraani)

Dear beloved Muslims,

Among the main reason that the threat of the torment of Hellfire and the wrath of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* are no longer feared or even downplayed is because the purpose and objective of this life as the slave of Allah has transformed into the evil desire of satisfying the love for worldliness and thinking that one will live forever.

The phenomenon of offering and accepting bribery denotes the scenario where Islam as the loftiest *ad-Deen*, as the way of life, has been dumped into a despicable place and humiliatingly stomped by its own adherents and foes.

Take heed, for the love of this world and all of its false beauties truly has no ending to it. Mankind, who has erred in its view of this world and its purpose of being in this worldly life, will never cease from chasing its whims that are never-ending.



Dear blessed audience,

It must be admitted that we are currently facing a crisis of honesty, sincerity, and integrity that is very serious. The current political uncertainty and economic instability will serve as complete ingredients that leads to horrible destruction upon the *ummah* and nation.

My esteemed brothers, we should be very shameful to the non-Muslims and non-Malays whom are always watching and observing our actions that not only we have strayed from the true path of Islam, but even deviating from the very principles of universal values agreed by all. The Muslims whom should be respected, emulated as good exemplary, notable icon, and guiding others, are now instead deemed as vile, despised, and the contributing factor to the deterioration of the survivability of a nation that is peaceful, harmonious, developing, and prosperous.

Muslim leaders within the realm of politics, holding the reins of authority or those having political positions or even normal politicians, departmental heads of various level, and community leaders at grassroots level, all are duly reminded to not open up the door or paving the way to corruption for personal interest and authority. Beware, O you who lead and possessing authority, for you will never escape the accountability in front of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* with regards to your leadership today. Verily, Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* is All-Knowing and you will be gravely punished with severe and horrifying torment, for you have incurred His Wrath.

Therefore, let us altogether fight and avoid corruption. Let us toss far away greed and selfishness from within our souls. Let us remain grateful upon all of the favors bestowed by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*, so that and surely Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* will increase our *rizq* in the



manner that He has ordained. Indeed, whoever is not thankful with a little amount, then it is impossible for him to be thankful with a plethora of favors. Have certainty that those whom are grateful will be bestowed with blessings and provisions that are multiplied by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 7 of soorah Ibraaheem:

وَإِذْ تَأَذَّنَ رَبُّكُمْ لَئِن شَكَرْتُمْ لَأَزِيدَنَّكُمْ وَلَئِن كَفَرْتُمْ إِنَّ عَذَابِي لَشَدِيدٌ ﴿٧﴾

“And [remember] when your Lord proclaimed, ‘If you are grateful, I will surely increase you [in favor]; but if you deny, indeed, My punishment is severe.’”

Dear beloved audience,

To end the *khutbah* this week, I would like to firmly assert:

1. The Muslim *ummah* must have certainty that performing all of the commands from Allah will be rewarded with Paradise, and transgressing against the commands of Allah will result in the torment of Hellfire.
2. It is *waajib* (obligatory) for the Muslim *ummah* to avoid unlawful matters such as offering and accepting bribery, for they are major sins.
3. The Muslim *ummah* must avoid any form of bribery, for Rasulullah ﷺ himself cursed those that gave and accepted bribery.
4. The Muslim *ummah* must cooperate with the authorities in fighting and eliminating all forms of corruption.



أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا قُوا أَنفُسَكُمْ وَأَهْلِيكُمْ نَارًا وَقُودُهَا
النَّاسُ وَالْحِجَارَةُ عَلَيْهَا مَلَائِكَةٌ غِلَاظٌ شِدَادٌ لَا يَعْصُونَ اللَّهَ
مَا أَمَرَهُمْ وَيَفْعَلُونَ مَا يُؤْمَرُونَ ﴿٦﴾

"O you who have believed, protect yourselves and your families from a Fire whose fuel is people and stones, over which are [appointed] angels, harsh and severe; they do not disobey Allah in what He commands them but do what they are commanded."

(at-Tahreem 66:6)

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، أَوْصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ
فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ.



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

Respected audience,

Let us unite upon the basis of authentic Islamic *'aqeedah* that is certain and solidified. Let us unite upon any situations, firmly united facing any circumstances and enemy's threat, whether hidden or apparent. The unity of the Muslim *ummah* is the foundational strength towards the nurturing of *Khayra Ummah* (the best nation). Muslims are entitled to have differing views, what more in worldly matters, but the Muslim *ummah* must continue to unite in *fikrah* (thoughts) and understanding according to the guidelines of the *kalimah* (phrase) لا إله إلا الله, affirmative principles within al-Qur'an and *al-Hadeeth*, as well as sound Islamic brotherhood principles.

In our effort to break the chain of Covid-19, it necessitates every Masjid attendee to remain disciplined and that it is *waajib* (obligatory) to abide by the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) that has been outlined by JAIS (Selangor Islamic Religious Department), specifically in performing the *wudoo*' (ablution) at home, bringing one's own prayer mat, wearing the face mask while at the Masjid and *Surau*, and practicing social distancing. Those that are unhealthy or unwell are prohibited from performing *salaah* in the Masjid and *Surau*.

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



بِعَيْنِ عِنَايَتِكَ الرَّبَّانِيَّةِ، وَبِحِفْظِ وَقَايَتِكَ الصَّمَدَانِيَّةِ، جَلَالَةَ
مَلِكِنَا الْمُعْظَمِ، سُلْطَانَ سَلَاطُونِ، سُلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ
ادريس شاه الحاج، ابن المرحوم سُلْطَانَ صَلَاحِ الدِّينِ عبد
العزیز شاه الحاج. اَللّٰهُمَّ اَدِمِ الْعَوْنَ وَالْهِدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيقَ،
وَالصِّحَّةَ وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْكَ، لِوَلِيِّ عَهْدِ سَلَاطُونِ، تَعَكُّوْا اَمِيْرَ شَاهِ،
اِبْنِ السُّلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ ادريس شاه الحاج، فِي اَمْنٍ
وَصَلَاحٍ وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنْكَ وَكَرَمِكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْاِكْرَامِ. اَللّٰهُمَّ
اَطْلُ عُمْرَهُمَا، مُصْلِحِيْنَ لِلْمَوْظَفِيْنَ وَالرَّعِيَّةِ وَالْبِلَادِ، وَبَلِّغْ
مَقَاصِدَهُمَا لِطَرِيْقِ الْهُدَى وَالرِّشَادِ.

O Allah, You are the Lord that is All Mighty, we are grateful to You for having bestowed upon us *rahmah* and blessings upon this state that continues to prosper and progress, and that its residents remain united, under the auspices and leadership of our Ruler as the Head of Islamic affairs in this state.

O Allah, protect us from calamities and pandemic such as Covid-19.

اَللّٰهُمَّ يَا دَافِعَ الْبَلَاءِ، اِدْفَعْ عَنَّا هَذَا الْوَبَاءَ وَالْبَلَاءِ وَالْمَرَضَ
وَالشَّدَائِدَ وَالْمِحْنَ، بِلُطْفِكَ يَا لَطِيْفُ اِنَّكَ عَلٰى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيْرٌ
وَبِالْاِجَابَةِ جَدِيْرٌ.



رَبَّنَا هَبْ لَنَا مِنْ أَزْوَاجِنَا وَذُرِّيَّاتِنَا قُرَّةَ أَعْيُنٍ وَاجْعَلْنَا لِلْمُتَّقِينَ
إِمَامًا. رَبَّنَا ءَاتِنَا فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِي الْآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً وَقِنَا عَذَابَ
النَّارِ ﴿٢١﴾.

عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ وَالْإِحْسَانِ وَإِيتَايَ ذِي الْقُرْبَى
وَيَنْهَى عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَالْبَغْيِ يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ
تَذَكَّرُونَ ﴿٩٠﴾

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