



“PREPARATION IN BECOMING THE GUEST OF ALLAH”

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ: الْحَجُّ أَشْهُرٌ مَّعْلُومَةٌ^١ فَمَنْ فَرَضَ فِيهِنَّ الْحَجَّ فَلَا رَفَثَ وَلَا فُسُوقَ وَلَا جِدَالَ فِي الْحَجِّ وَمَا تَفَعَّلُوا مِنْ خَيْرٍ يَعْلَمَهُ اللَّهُ^٢ وَتَزَوَّدُوا فَإِنَّ خَيْرَ الزَّادِ التَّقْوَى^٣ وَاتَّقُوا يَأْتُولِي الْأَلْبَابِ^٤

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: يَأْتِيهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تُقَاتِهِ وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ

Dear blessed Muslims,

I would like to remind myself and fellow respected audience. Let us strive in having the *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* by fulfilling all of His Commands and avoiding all of His prohibitions, for *taqwa* will be our main provision in meeting Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* in the Hereafter.

The Friday *khutbah* for this week is titled “**PREPARATION IN BECOMING THE GUEST OF ALLAH.**”

Dearest audience,

The journey of hajj (pilgrimage) is no ordinary journey. It is a voyage that fulfills the invitation from Allah in visiting Baytullaah. For this reason, the statement that is oft repeated by the *hujjaaj* (pilgrims) is:

لَبَّيْكَ اللَّهُمَّ لَبَّيْكَ، لَبَّيْكَ لَا شَرِيكَ لَكَ لَبَّيْكَ، إِنَّ الْحَمْدَ، وَالنِّعْمَةَ، لَكَ
وَالْمُلْكَ، لَا شَرِيكَ لَكَ

“Here I am, O Allah, here I am. Here I am, You have no partner, here I am. Verily all praise and blessings are Yours, and all sovereignty, You have no partner.”

Respected audience,

To complete this great *‘ibaadah* (worship), we must make preparation for all the necessities required, among them:

¹ al-Baqarah 2:197



First: The preparation of knowledge. A person that is bound for hajj must always learn and revise the ways and techniques in perfecting this *'ibaadah*, as well as matters that pertains to it such as the *arkan* (pillars) of hajj, matters that are *wajib* (obligatory), the *shuroot* (conditions) of hajj, and the prohibitions while in the state of *ihram*. Similarly, in having the comprehension of performing the *jama'* (combining) and *qasar* (shortening) of prayers while traveling. Do not just go while in the state of *jaahil* (ignorance) by assuming that it would be an easy task. Do not have the mindset of just copying and imitating others in performing this *'ibaadah*, for it involves various ways that would differ one from others. Though staying in the same area, the *hujjaaj* would be performing different types of hajj, be it *Ifraad*, *Tamattu'*, or *Qiraan*. Therefore, it behooves every individual to fully comprehend the intricacies of the hajj journey that will be undertaken with the knowledge learned through the courses and practice sessions attended.

Second: The preparation of wealth for the expenditures in the Holy Land, enough to cover the round-trip journey, as well as sufficient provision for daily expenditure of one's family members and dependents while away performing hajj in the blessed land.

Third: Proper care of one's health and physical preparation. Aside from wealth, the *'ibaadah* of hajj involves great physical activities such as *tawaaf*, *sa'ee*, and stoning at the *jamrah*. Therefore, proper health care is truly vital. It would be beneficial if prior to departing for hajj, one undergoes through practical training with long arduous walk so that the physical body would not be startled by the physical activities during hajj.

Fourth: Preparation of the heart and soul. This is the main preparation, for the long journey of hajj is purely *'ibaadah* unto Allah by having pure *ikhlaas* (sincerity) in one's *niyyah* (intention), with the *taqwa* of Allah as provision. Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 197 of soorah al-Baqarah:

...وَتَزَوَّدُوا فَإِنَّ خَيْرَ الزَّادِ التَّقْوَىٰ وَاتَّقُونِ يَا أُولِيَ الْأَلْبَابِ ﴿١٩٧﴾

"...And take provisions, but indeed, the best provision is fear of Allah. And fear Me, O you of understanding."

Dear blessed Muslims,

The hajj pilgrims must make *tawbah* (repentance) from all of the sins that have been committed. This is because aside from fulfilling the requirements of the pillars of *imaan* (faith), the objective of performing hajj is to attain forgiveness from Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. It would be good for those performing hajj to seek forgiveness from friends and colleagues before leaving for the blessed land of Makkah. Upon return, may the *hujjaaj* become cleansed from all misdeeds against Allah and between fellow human beings. Narrated Abu Hurayrah *radhiyAllaahu 'anh*: Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم said:

مَنْ حَجَّ لِلَّهِ فَلَمْ يَرْفُثْ وَلَمْ يَفْسُقْ رَجَعَ كَيَوْمِ وَلَدَتْهُ أُمُّهُ



“Whoever performs hajj to this House (Ka’bah) and does not approach his wife for sexual relations nor commits sins (while performing hajj), he will come out as sinless as a newly born child.”

(al-Bukhaari)

The noble guests of Allah must familiarize themselves with supererogatory (*sunnah*) ‘*ibaadah* such as *qiyaam al-layl* and frequent recitation of al-Qur’an, aside from obligatory ‘*ibaadah* that definitely must be fulfilled. Their presence in Masjid al-Haram and Masjid an-Nabawi must be filled with various ‘*ibaadah* since righteous deeds performed there are generously multiplied by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta’aala*.

The noble guests of Allah must elevate their threshold for patience, for the journey of hajj will be met with various challenges and tribulations, whether physical or mental. The gathering of pilgrims involving millions of people will definitely present a variety of circumstances, which requires the patience of those present.

Dearest audience,

For those that have yet to perform and have not received their turn for hajj, it is always good to make early preparation. This includes saving up sufficient funds for hajj. Since hajj is an ‘*ibaadah* that requires overall ability, then every Muslim should earnestly strive to attain those capabilities. In fulfilling the fifth pillar of Islam, he or she must register with hajj management authorities and supplicate to Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta’aala* to be granted the opportunity to perform hajj.

‘Ali *radiallaahu ‘anh* narrated that Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم said:

مَنْ مَلَكَ زَادًا وَرَاحِلَةً تُبَلِّغُهُ إِلَى بَيْتِ اللَّهِ وَلَمْ يَحُجَّ فَلَا عَلَيْهِ أَنْ يَمُوتَ
يَهُودِيًّا، أَوْ نَصْرَانِيًّا

“Whoever has the provisions and the means to convey him to Allah’s House and he does not perform hajj, then it does not matter if he dies as a Jew or a Christian. That is because Allah said in His Book: ‘And hajj to the House is a duty that mankind owes to Allah, for whomever is able to bear the journey.’”

(at-Tirmidhi)

Blessed audience,

To end this week’s *khutbah*, let us altogether ponder upon the following matters:

1. The Muslim *ummah* must have certainty that the ‘*ibaadah* of hajj is a pillar of Islam that is *waajib* to be performed, in fulfilling the Islamic creed that Muslims ascribe to.
2. The Muslim *ummah* must have the determination and pure intention to perform the ‘*ibaadah* of hajj so that at least one’s death will be in a state of determination or having perfected the pillars of Islam.



3. The Muslim *ummah* must attain complete knowledge upon all *'ibaadah* performed so that those *'ibaadah* are done in accordance with the *Sharee'ah* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.

4. The Muslim *ummah* must internalize upon the very philosophy of hajj, which is the annual gathering of the Muslim *ummah*, as a symbol and platform for the unity and consolidation of the *ummah* that is based upon the unity of *'aqeedah* and *'ibaadah* unto Allah, The Almighty.

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ
وَأُذِّنُ فِي النَّاسِ بِالْحَجِّ يَأْتُوكَ رِجَالًا وَعَلَى كُلِّ ضَامِرٍ يَأْتِينَ مِنْ كُلِّ فَجٍّ عَمِيقٍ



"And proclaim to the people the hajj [pilgrimage]; they will come to you on foot and on every lean camel; they will come from every distant pass."

(al-Hajj 22:27)

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. اَللَّهُمَّ 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,

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.

اَللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا وَمَوْلَانَا مُحَمَّدٍ سَيِّدِ الْمُرْسَلِينَ وَارْضَ اَللَّهُمَّ عَنْ أَصْحَابِهِ وَقَرَابَتِهِ وَأَزْوَاجِهِ وَذُرِّيَّاتِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ.

اَللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِلْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ، إِنَّكَ سَمِيعٌ قَرِيبٌ مُجِيبُ الدَّعَوَاتِ وَيَا قَاضِيَ الْحَاجَاتِ. اَللَّهُمَّ اَعِزِّ اَلْإِسْلَامَ وَالْمُسْلِمِينَ، وَأَهْلِكَ الْكُفْرَةَ وَالْمُبْتَدِعَةَ وَالْمُشْرِكِينَ وَدَمَّرْ اَعْدَاءَكَ اَعْدَاءَ الدِّينِ. وَأَنْصُرْنَا عَلَى الْقَوْمِ الْكَافِرِينَ.

اَللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ وَنَتَوَسَّلُ إِلَيْكَ بِنَبِيِّكَ الْأَمِينِ، وَنَسْأَلُكَ بِأَسْمَائِكَ الْحُسْنَى، وَصِفَاتِكَ الْعُظْمَى، أَنْ تَحْفَظَ بَعَيْنِ عِنَايَتِكَ الرَّبَّانِيَّةِ، وَبِحِفْظِ وَقَايَتِكَ الصِّمْدَانِيَّةِ، جَلَالَةَ



مَلِكِنَا الْمُعْظَمِ، سُلْطَانَ سَلَاطُورِ، سُلْطَانَ شَرْفِ الدِّينِ ادریس شاه الحاج ابن
المرحوم سُلْطَانَ صَلَاحِ الدِّينِ عبد العزيز شاه الحاج. اَللّٰهُمَّ اَدِمِ الْعُوْنَ وَالْهِدَايَةَ
وَالتَّوْفِيقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْكَ، لِوَلِيِّ عَهْدِ سَلَاطُورِ، تَعَكَوْ اَمِيرِ شَاهِ ابْنِ
السُّلْطَانَ شَرْفِ الدِّينِ ادریس شاه الحاج، فِي اَمْنٍ وَصَلَاحٍ وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنِّكَ وَكَرَمِكَ
يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْاِكْرَامِ. اَللّٰهُمَّ اَطْلُ عُمْرَهُمَا مُصْلِحِيْنَ لِلْمُوْظَفِيْنَ وَالرَّعِيَّةِ وَالْبِلَادِ،
وَبَلِّغْ مَقَاصِدَهُمَا لِطَرِيْقِ الْهُدٰى 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 وَاَجْعَلْنَا لِلْمُتَّقِيْنَ اِمَامًا. رَبَّنَا اِنَّا
فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةٌ وَفِي الْاٰخِرَةِ حَسَنَةٌ وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ
عِبَادَ اللّٰهِ، اِنَّ اللّٰهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ وَالْاِحْسَانِ وَاِيتَايَ ذِي الْقُرْبٰى وَيَنْهٰى عَنِ الْفَحْشَآءِ
وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَالْبَغْيِ يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُوْنَ ﴿١٩١﴾
فَاذْكُرُوْا اللّٰهَ الْعَظِيْمَ يَذْكُرْكُمْ وَاشْكُرُوْهُ عَلٰى نِعْمِهِ يَزِدْكُمْ، وَاَسْأَلُوْهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ
يُعْطِكُمْ وَلَذِكْرُ اللّٰهِ اَكْبَرُ وَاللّٰهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا تَصْنَعُوْنَ.

