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## “THE WISDOM BEHIND THE SACRIFICE”

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ: لَكُمْ فِيهَا مَنْفَعٌ إِلَىٰ أَجَلٍ مُّسَمًّى ثُمَّ  
مَحِلُّهَا إِلَىٰ الْبَيْتِ الْعَتِيقِ ﴿٣٣﴾<sup>1</sup>  
أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَأَشْهَدُ  
أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَىٰ  
سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَىٰ ءَالِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ.  
أَمَّا بَعْدُ، فَيَا أَيُّهَا الْمُسْلِمُونَ! اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ، أَوْصِيكُمْ  
وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ. قَالَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى:  
يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تُقَاتِهِ وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ  
إِلَّا وَأَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ.

Dear blessed Muslims,

I remind myself and beloved congregation to strive in increasing our *imaan* by abiding and fulfilling all of the commands of Allah and avoiding all of His prohibitions with full devotion and sincerity. May we become among His slaves having utmost *taqwa* and that we die not except in the state of Islam.

<sup>1</sup> al-Hajj 22:33



This time, I would like to invite fellow audience to fully focus and further internalize upon a *khutbah* titled: "**THE WISDOM BEHIND THE SACRIFICE.**"

**Dear blessed audience,**

Every time Allah reveals His *Sharee'ah*, there is definitely wisdom behind such legislation. Such *hikmah* (wisdom) is for the very benefit (*maslahah*) of mankind, which is known as *hikmah at-tashree'* (حكمة التشريع). Similarly, Allah has decreed the slaughtering of sacrificial animals upon the Muslim *ummah*. The legislation of slaughtering had existed since the time of Prophet Adam *'alayhissalaam*, which goes back to the incident between Qaabeel and Haabeel where the sheep that was offered as sacrifice by Haabeel was accepted by Allah for it was done with full sincerity, seeking the pleasure of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. While Qaabeel's sacrifice, which consisted of low quality wheat (produce), was rejected by Allah because it was done with insincerity.

Hence, for that, Allah had legislated the sacrifice which has several great wisdom, among them:

**The first wisdom:** To instill the attitude of servitude to Allah.

The practice for the *'ibaadah* of *qurbaani* is very clear in instilling the attitude of servitude to Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. That is the most important wisdom for every sacrifice undertaken. The ones performed without the intention of seeking the pleasure of Allah will not be accepted as *'ibaadah*. Aside from that, the animal to be slaughtered must be ensured to have reached its required age, in good health, having no defects, and also not too skinny in size.

**The second wisdom:** To slaughter as a sign of gratefulness upon the bounties of Allah.



The meat from the slaughtered animal signifies gratefulness upon the bounties of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* that are innumerable. Have we ever tried to evaluate the value of each of the body parts that Allah had blessed us with at no cost? Who among us can put a price tag on a pair of eyes? How much would it be for a pair of ears? The price for a pair of hands? How about a pair of legs? The price for one head? How about a lump of liver, heart, lung, and others? Verily, we are from the richest of creations of Allah in this world if we are to scrutinize upon our own bodies. Just imagine if we were to perform the sacrifice by slaughtering a cow, where each hair on its body is counted as one good deed. However many hair exists on a cow, that would be how much good deeds for the one performing the *'ibaadah* of *qurbaani*. As it was mentioned in the *hadeeth* of Zayd bin Arqam *radiyAllaahu 'anhuma* where Rasulullah ﷺ said:

بِكُلِّ شَعْرَةٍ حَسَنَةٌ

**"For every hair of wool, one merit."**

(Abu Dawood)

Why do we not become thankful slaves upon these free gifts bestowed by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*? Is it befitting and reasonable for us to only slaughter and sacrifice a cow, with the highest price being only RM800 for one portion, would that be sufficient to manifest our gratefulness to Allah? If it were done without the highest sincerity, would we ever attain the pleasure of Allah? This goes to show the greatness of the grace of Allah bestowed upon us.

Allah reminds us in verse 78 of soorah al-Mu'minoon:



وَهُوَ الَّذِي أَنْشَأَ لَكُمْ السَّمْعَ وَالْأَبْصَرَ وَالْأَفْئِدَةَ  
قَلِيلًا مَّا تَشْكُرُونَ

**“And it is He who produced for you hearing and vision and hearts; little are you grateful.”**

**The third wisdom:** To attain multitude of benefits in the aspects of spirituality, *akhlaaq*, and social.

Let us look deep within ourselves, how blissful our lives are. Each and every single one of us have our own dwelling and comfortable vehicle. We either possess our own wealth or have a decent source of income.

Let us be grateful! And let us manifest our gratefulness by performing the *'ibaadah* of slaughtering the animals, and let us be good unto others, for there are those among us who are sick, lying in hospital beds or bed-ridden at home. Some are without sufficient living subsistence or drowning in debt, while some are totally neglected, and various other circumstances. Hence, for the sick ones, have patience! Seek the proper means and have *tawakkul* (reliance upon Allah), for that is also a sacrifice.

**Blessed audience,**

Let us mutually aid one another, with a collective effort in slaughtering the animals, instill sincerity within our hearts with the same intention of fulfilling the *'ibaadah* of *qurbaani*. Let there not be among us those who want to take advantage of this significant event. The animal's owner must have sincere intention for *'ibaadah* in seeking Allah's Pleasure, while the slaughterer must have sincere intention in perfecting the slaughtering as an *'ibaadah* for the sake of Allah. The butcher and those



assisting to slaughter, cut, weigh, and distribute the slaughtering must also have sincere intention purely for the sake of Allah Alone.

**Respected audience,**

**The fourth wisdom:** Every trial necessitates patience, and those whom are successful in preserving their *imaan* will be rewarded tremendously, and raised up in rank to be among the *muhsineen*, which are those that have perfected their *imaan*.

To sacrifice in the path of Allah requires great patience, for throughout the history of mankind, *shaytaan* has and will always distract mankind in their obedience to Allah. Human beings will always be tested by Allah in determining their level of *taqwa* in the Sight of Allah. All prophets were severely tested by Allah, so what more with regular human beings like us.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verses 82-83 of soorah Saad:

قَالَ فَبِعِزَّتِكَ لَا أُغْوِيَنَّهُمْ أَجْمَعِينَ إِلَّا عِبَادَكَ مِنْهُمُ  
الْمُخْلِصِينَ

**“[Iblees] said, “By your might, I will surely mislead them all. Except, among them, Your chosen servants.””**

Such are the wisdoms of the sacrifice so that we will always aid one another, living as a community and having the same understanding among the Muslims, based on the very great and sacred testimony (*kalimah*) that Allah has obligated upon every Muslim to pronounce for four days, that it will truly seep into the hearts and internalized in our daily lives.



## Beloved Muslims,

To end the *khutbah* today, I invite upon fellow audience and blessed Muslims to ponder upon several lessons, namely:

1. The Muslim *ummah* must fulfill the commandment of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* with full sincerity, even if it goes against their own desire.
2. The Muslim *ummah* must be willing to sacrifice their wealth, time, and energy to answer the call of Allah.
3. The Muslim *ummah* must abstain from its own self-interest in performing the slaughtering such as taking wages by reserving certain parts of the slaughtered animal for themselves such as the head, tail, skin, and others.
4. The Muslim *ummah* must always remain determined in performing the *qurbaani* every year.

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ  
لِكُلِّ أُمَّةٍ جَعَلْنَا مَنْسَكًا هُمْ نَاسِكُوهُ فَلَا يُنْزِعُكَ فِي  
الْأَمْرِ وَأَدْعُ إِلَىٰ رَبِّكَ إِنَّكَ لَعَلَىٰ هُدًى مُّسْتَقِيمٍ

**"For every religion We have appointed rites which they perform. So, [O Muhammad], let the disbelievers not contend with you over the matter but invite them to your Lord. Indeed, you are upon straight guidance."**

(al-Hajj 22:67)





بَارَكَ اللهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيْمِ،  
وَنَفَعَنِيْ وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيْهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ  
الْحَكِيْمِ وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِّيْ وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتَهُ، إِنَّهُ هُوَ  
السَّمِيْعُ الْعَلِيْمُ.

أَقُولُ قَوْلِيْ هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللهَ الْعَظِيْمَ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ  
وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِيْنَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ، فَاسْتَغْفِرُوْهُ إِنَّهُ  
هُوَ الْغَفُوْرُ الرَّحِيْمُ.

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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 آمَنُوا 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 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 شَرَفِ الدِّينِ ادریس شاه الحاج ابن المرحوم سُلْطَانَ صَلَاحِ الدِّينِ عبد العزيز شاه الحاج. اللَّهُمَّ أَدِمِ الْعُونَ وَالْهُدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْكَ، لَوْلِيِّ عَهْدِ سَلَاطُورِ، تَعَكُّوْا أَمِيرَ شَاهِ ابْنِ السُّلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ ادریس



شَاهِ الْحَاجِّ فِي أَمْنٍ وَصَلَاحٍ وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنِّكَ وَكَرَمِكَ  
يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ. اللَّهُمَّ أَطِلْ عُمرَهُمَا  
مُصْلِحِينَ 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* especially in the state of Selangor, 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 deviant teachings such as *Shee'ah*, *Qadiyaani*, 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 أَزْوَاجِنَا وَذُرِّيَّاتِنَا قُرَّةَ أَعْيُنٍ  
وَأَجْعَلْنَا لِلْمُتَّقِينَ إِمَامًا. رَبَّنَا ءَاتِنَا فِي الدُّنْيَا  
حَسَنَةً وَفِي الْآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ.  
عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ وَالْإِحْسَانِ وَإِيتَايَ  
ذِي الْقُرْبَىٰ وَيَنْهَىٰ عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ  
وَالْبَغْيِ يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ ﴿٩٠﴾  
فَاذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ يَذُكِّرْكُمْ وَاشْكُرُواهُ عَلَىٰ  
نِعْمِهِ يَزِدْكُمْ، وَاسْأَلُوهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ يُعْطِكُمْ  
وَلَذِكْرُ اللَّهِ أَكْبَرُ وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا تَصْنَعُونَ.

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