




## “EXCELLENT AKHLAAQ PERFECTS THE ‘IBAADAH’”

1  الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ: يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَقُولُوا قَوْلًا سَدِيدًا <sup>1</sup>  
 أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ.  
 اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى ءَالِهِ 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 تَقَاتِهِ وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ.

**Dear blessed Muslims,**

I remind myself and fellow audience to strive in solidifying 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 all attain blissfulness in this world and the Hereafter.

Today I would like to expound on a *khutbah* titled “**EXCELLENT AKHLAAQ PERFECTS THE ‘IBAADAH.’**”

Islam is a religion that truly emphasize on the matter of *akhlaaq* in daily affairs. Among the main mission of the *da'wah* conveyed by Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم is to develop noble *akhlaaq* within mankind. *Akhlaaq* is the *rooh* (spirit) of Islam, for without *akhlaaq*, it is likened to a lifeless body.

**Dear beloved audience,**

*Akhlaaq* means good character, behavior, and mannerism. This was explained by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* when mentioning the excellent *akhlaaq* possessed by the Prophet, in verse 4 of soorah al-Qalam:

وَإِنَّكَ لَعَلَىٰ خُلُقٍ عَظِيمٍ 

**“And indeed, you are of a great moral character.”**

Noble *akhlaaq* is good conduct resulting within an individual through the personality and attitude manifested. In reality, praiseworthy *akhlaaq* can “conquer” the hearts of others as in the case of the *akhlaaq* of the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم. The excellence of the Prophet’s *da'wah* and *tarbiyyah* lies in his utmost *akhlaaq*, while bad *akhlaaq* is truly despised that Rasulullah would supplicate for Allah’s protection from bad *akhlaaq*, as in the *hadeeth* of Qutbah bin Maalik *radiyAllaahu ‘anh* where the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم supplicated:

<sup>1</sup> al-Ahzaab 33:70



اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ مُنْكَرَاتِ الْأَخْلَاقِ وَالْأَعْمَالِ وَالْأَهْوَاءِ

**"O Allah, I seek refuge in You from evil character, evil actions, and evil desires."**

(at-Tirmidhi)

The very source of Islamic *akhlaaq* is al-Qur'an and as-Sunnah that was passed down by Rasulullah ﷺ. Excellence in both worldly life and in the Hereafter will not be attained for as long as *akhlaaq* is not implemented as deemed by al-Qur'an and as-Sunnah. Rasulullah ﷺ had trained the Companions with excellent *akhlaaq* that they were capable of raising an Islamic community that was glorious, faithful, having *taqwa*, and passionate in pursuing good deeds and preserving the welfare of others.

### Beloved Muslims,

The responsibility of nurturing *akhlaaq* is truly a major agenda, coinciding with the *hadeeth* of Abu Hurayrah *radiallāhu 'anh* where Rasulullah ﷺ said:

إِنَّمَا بُعِثْتُ لِأَتَمِّمَ مَكَارِمَ الْأَخْلَاقِ

**"Verily, I have only been sent to perfect good character."**

(al-Bayhaqi)

Among the characteristics of noble and praiseworthy *akhlaaq* of Rasulullah ﷺ that can be practiced by the Muslim *ummah* are:

1. Possessing *waraa'* (piety) from committing *shubuhaat* (doubtful) matters.
2. Safeguarding the gaze from matters prohibited by Allah.
3. Safeguarding the tongue from vile utterances.
4. Gentle and patient when faced with tribulations.
5. Honest and truthful in societal living.
6. Humility in all interactions.

### Dear blessed Muslims,

*Akhlaaq* has indirect relationship with *'aqeedah* and *Sharee'ah*. In al-Qur'an, Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'ala* calls upon the believers to implement Islamic teachings in its entirety. Allah mentions in verse 208 of soorah al-Baqarah:

يَأْتِيهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا أَدْخُلُوا فِي السِّلْمِ كَافَّةً ...

**"O you who have believed, enter into Islam completely [and perfectly] ..."**

Every deeds and actions of mankind must be according to the teachings of Islam that is complete, encompassing the aspects of *'ibaadah*, *akhlaaq*, *mu'ammalah*, and others. When a slave is fully certain that Allah is the Divine Being that has bestowed all of the bounties in life, then he or she will develop *akhlaaq* by solidifying that certainty and creed based upon the science of *Tawheed*. The strengthening of *imaan* and Islam is followed by fulfilling and performing deeds that have been decreed by Allah



*Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* in one's daily lives. Ultimately, *akhlaaq* will result from those righteous actions with ease, *istiqamah* (steadfastness), and *ikhlaas* (sincerity). The noble *akhlaaq* is a manifestation and effect of lofty *imaan* and *'aqeedah*. There is no value for *imaan* that is not accompanied with *akhlaaq*. It is akin to an empty house that is uninhabited.

*Akhlaaq* is the very fruit of *'ibaadah*. The perfect *'ibaadah* will yield virtuous *akhlaaq* and has its precious value in the Sight of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. On the contrary, *'ibaadah* that yields detested *akhlaaq* indicates that the *'ibaadah* performed all these while is imperfect and has no value in the Sight of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. They would perform *salaah*, fast, give *zakaah*, but their words and utterances would hurt others, and their hearts are full of *hasad* (envy). If so, then their *'ibaadah* will be rejected by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.

Abu Hurayrah *radiallahu 'anh* narrated that a man had asked the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم saying:

"إِنَّ فَلَانَةَ يُذَكِّرُ مِنْ كَثْرَةِ صَلَاتِهَا، وَصِيَامِهَا، وَصَدَقَتِهَا، غَيْرَ أَنَّهُ تُوذِي جِيرَانَهَا بِلِسَانِهَا"

**"O Messenger of Allah, So and so (a woman) – and he spoke of how much she prayed and fasted and gave charity – but she annoys her neighbors with her (sharp) tongue."**

He صلى الله عليه وسلم said:

"هِيَ فِي النَّارِ"

**"She will be in Hell."**

The man asked the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم :

"فَإِنَّ فَلَانَةَ يُذَكِّرُ مِنْ قَلَّةِ صِيَامِهَا، وَصَدَقَتِهَا، وَصَلَاتِهَا، وَإِنَّهَا تَصَدَّقُ بِالْأَثْوَارِ مِنَ الْأَقِطِ، وَلَا تُؤذِي جِيرَانَهَا بِلِسَانِهَا"

**"O Messenger of Allah, So and so (another woman) – and he spoke of how little she fasted and gave charity and prayed – but she gives cheese in charity and she does not annoy her neighbors with her (sharp) tongue."**

The Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم replied:

"هِيَ فِي الْجَنَّةِ."

**"She will be in Paradise."**

(Ahmad)



## Dear beloved Muslims,

Nowadays, we find there are individuals that are practicing the religious way of life but do not emphasize on the aspects of *akhlaaq* and noble values upon their personality. They deem that only their religious understanding is correct and must be adhered to. Moreover, they would easily utter words that are degrading, abusive, and vulgar by hurling negative assumptions and declaring misguidance upon those who disagree and have different thoughts than them.

Lately, there have been numerous social incidents that are further corrupting the society such as children killing their own mother, husbands abusing their spouses, and also teenage drug addicts notoriously setting *tahfizh* (Qur'an memorization) school on fire.

In conclusion, the lessons that can be derived from today's *khutbah* are as follows:

1. The Muslim *ummah* must possess noble *akhlaaq* that is firmly grounded upon pure authentic 'aqedah.
2. The Muslim *ummah* must abstain from bad *akhlaaq* so as to avoid from having its deeds rejected by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*, only to be thrown into the Hellfire of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.
3. The Muslim *ummah* must emulate Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم as the best example in its daily affairs.

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ  
لَقَدْ كَانَ لَكُمْ فِي رَسُولِ اللَّهِ أُسْوَةٌ حَسَنَةٌ لِّمَن كَانَ يَرْجُوا اللَّهَ وَالْيَوْمَ الْآخِرَ  
وَذَكَرَ اللَّهَ كَثِيرًا ﴿٥١﴾

**"There has certainly been for you in the Messenger of Allah an excellent pattern for anyone whose hope is in Allah and the Last Day and [who] remembers Allah often."**

(al-Ahzaab 33:21)

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 يَا قَاضِيَ الْحَاجَاتِ. اللَّهُمَّ أَعِزِّ الْإِسْلَامَ وَالْمُسْلِمِينَ، وَأَذِلَّ الشِّرْكَ وَالْمُشْرِكِينَ، وَالْكَفْرَ وَالْكَافِرِينَ، وَالْبَغْضَاءَ وَالْمُنَافِقِينَ، وَالْيَهُودَ فِي فَلَسْطِينَ. اللَّهُمَّ انصُرْ إِخْوَانَنَا الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْتَضْعَفِينَ فِي بОРМА، وَفِي فَلَسْطِينَ وَفِي سُوْرِيَا وَفِي كُلِّ مَكَانٍ.



اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ وَنَتَوَسَّلُ إِلَيْكَ بِنَبِيِّكَ الْأَمِينِ، وَنَسْأَلُكَ بِأَسْمَائِكَ الْحُسْنَى وَصِفَاتِكَ الْعُظْمَى أَنْ تَحْفَظَ بَعَيْنِ عِنَايَتِكَ الرَّبَّانِيَّةِ وَبِحِفْظِ وَقَايَتِكَ الصَّمَدَانِيَّةِ، جَلَالَةَ مَلِكِنَا الْمُعْظَمِ سُلْطَانَ سَلَاطُور، سُلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ ادریس شاه الحاج ابن المرحوم سُلْطَانَ صَلَاحِ الدِّينِ عبد العزيز شاه الحاج. اللَّهُمَّ أَدِمِ الْعُونَ وَالْهِدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْكَ، لَوْلِيَّ عَهْدِ سَلَاطُور، تَعَاوَى امِيرِ شَاهِ ابْنِ السُّلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ ادریس شاه الحاج فِي أَمْنٍ وَصَلَاحٍ وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنِّكَ وَكَرَمِكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ. اللَّهُمَّ أَطْلُ عُمْرَهُمَا مُصْلِحِينَ لِلْمُوظَّفِينَ وَالرَّعِيَّةِ وَالْبِلَادِ، وَبَلِّغْ مَقَاصِدَهُمَا 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 وَاجْعَلْنَا لِلْمُتَّقِينَ إِمَامًا. رَبَّنَا  
ءَاتِنَا فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِي الْآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ.  
عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ وَالْإِحْسَانِ وَإِيتَايِ ذِي الْقُرْبَىٰ وَيَنْهَىٰ عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ  
وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَالْبَغْيِ يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ ﴿١٠١﴾  
فَاذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ يَذْكُرْكُمْ وَاشْكُرُواهُ عَلَىٰ نِعْمِهِ يَزِدْكُمْ، وَاسْأَلُوهُ مِنْ  
فَضْلِهِ يَعْطِمْكُمْ وَلِذِكْرِ اللَّهِ أَكْبَرُ وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا تَصْنَعُونَ.

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