



“AVOID CORRUPTION FOR A BLESSED LIFE”

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ: وَلَا تَأْكُلُوا أَمْوَالَكُمْ بَيْنَكُمْ بِالْبَطْلِ وَتَدُلُّوا بِهَا إِلَى الْحُكَّامِ
لِتَأْكُلُوا فَرِيقًا مِّنْ أَمْوَالِ النَّاسِ بِالْإِثْمِ وَأَنْتُمْ تَعْلَمُونَ¹
أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ.
اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَىٰ آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ 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 تَقَاتِهِ ۖ وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ .

Dear blessed Muslims,

I remind myself and dearest congregation to altogether strive in having the *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* in its absoluteness, so as to attain blissfulness in this life and the Hereafter.

On this noble and blessed day, let us internalize upon a *khutbah* titled “**AVOID CORRUPTION FOR A BLESSED LIFE.**”

Dear blessed audience,

Bribery can truly destroy a nation or even the civilization of that very nation itself. Rampant corruption can erode the justice system and noble values, oppressing the people, and threaten the wellbeing of a democratic government. In addition, bribery can also give birth to wicked and despicable personality, willing to sellout the religion and the Muslim *ummah*, just to pursue money, career, position, title, gifts, and many more.

Bribery is a gift given by an individual to allow for an unlawful matter to be allowed or invalidating the truth. It can also be defined as a gift, whether in monetary form or specific benefit, for the purpose of attaining something in which the person has no rights to, or in oppressing others.

From the religious perspective, bribery is from among the major sins, for it is related to consuming or taking away the wealth of others through unlawful means, as Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 188 of soorah al-Baqarah:

“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].”

¹ al-Baqarah 2:188



Though bribery is an evil and sinful act, why is it still rampant within our society? Have we forgotten that *rizq* (sustenance) obtained from sources of bribery is *haram* (prohibited) and devoid of *barakah* (blessings)? How could a person bring home unlawful provision for his parents? For his wife and children at home?

In a *hadeeth* narrated by Jaabir bin 'Abdilaah *radiyAllaahu 'anhuma*: Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم said:

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

"That flesh will not enter Paradise which has grown from *haram*, and all that flesh which has grown from *haram*, the fire (of Hell) is more worthy of it."
(*al-Haakim*)

This *hadeeth* explains to us regarding the severity of bribery upon the family members and the society. Income originating from bribery, if spent on the family such as buying food, beverage, and basic life necessities, it would only incur harm and painful torment.

Bribery can also cause our *du'aa* and *'ibaadah* to become rejected for they are based upon *haram* sources. What a big loss, just because of this heinous act, our *'ibaadah* and *du'aa* are rendered in vain and obstructed from attaining the *rahmah* (mercy) of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.

Family members and children that nourished from unlawful sources not only will be deprived of happiness and blessings in this world and the Hereafter, but their hearts will darken and harden, with their soul easily turning rebellious and inclined to unlawful matters.

According to the Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI) in 2016, Malaysia sits at the 55th place from a total of 176 countries in the world. Arrests after arrests made by the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (SPRM) are increasing by the year. According to statistics displayed on SPRM's website, a total of 860 arrests were recorded in 2017 for corruption.

This predicament is very worrying because as a Muslim nation, the corrupt practice of bribery should not be widespread within the society. This is because Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم himself had cursed the one that gives and accepts bribery, as mentioned in the narration of 'Abdullah bin 'Amr *radiyAllaahu 'anhuma* whom reported:

لَعَنَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ الرَّائِيَّ وَالْمُرْتَشِيَّ.

"The Messenger of Allah (صلى الله عليه وسلم) cursed the one who bribes and the one who takes a bribe."

(*at-Tirmidhi*)

In another *hadeeth* of 'Abdullah bin 'Amr *radiyAllaahu 'anhuma*, Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم said:



**"The one who bribes and the one who takes bribe are both in the Hellfire."
(at-Tabaraani)**

Blessed Muslims,

Among the main cause for bribery is the insatiable greed overpowering the soul. The lifestyle of luxury, opulence, and flaunting of one's wealth that plagues the society nowadays has led mankind to seek fortunes through *haraam* means. Everything can be sacrificed and compromised just to enjoy a life full of affluence, and securing one's own interest or a high stature through the easy way.

In such situation, it is as if one's *imaan* and Islam can be sold and purchased like a commodity. There's not even a hint of hatred and disgust felt in the heart when offering and receiving the bribe. For as long as the intended result is achieved. In these instances, it is as if mankind has forgotten and no longer fears the torment of Allah. When one is blinded by money, position, rank, and all sorts of perks laid out in front of the eyes, the matter of *halaal* and *haraam* no longer becomes the ultimate measure.

Take heed, for avarice and gluttony for the wealth and luxury of this world will never have its end point. Those who fail to control their desires will always feel that it is never enough and will never feel grateful for everything that they possess. They forgot that corruption would only incur severe detrimental consequences. Among them:

1. Cursed by Rasulullah ﷺ.
2. Tarnishes the dignity of one's family and one's own self.
3. Causes enmity.
4. Destroys the nation.

Dear blessed audience,

Let us altogether shun and combat bribery. Let us rid off greed and avarice within ourselves, and nurture sincere gratefulness upon all of the bounties that have been bestowed by Allah upon us. Indeed, whoever is not thankful with the little that one has, definitely he will not be thankful for abundance. Have certainty that those who are grateful will attain *rizq* that are blessed and increased manifold from The Almighty. Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 7 of soorah Ibraaheem:

وَإِذْ تَأَذَّنَ رَبُّكُمْ لَئِن شَكَرْتُمْ لَأَزِيدَنَّكُمْ^ط وَلَئِن كَفَرْتُمْ إِنَّ عَذَابِي
لَشَدِيدٌ

"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.'"

To end this week's *khutbah*, I would like to assert the following:

1. The Muslim *ummah* must have certainty that fulfilling all of the commands of Allah will be greatly rewarded with Paradise, while transgressing against the commands of Allah will incur punishment and thrown into the Hellfire.



2. It is *waajib* (obligatory) for the Muslim *ummah* to abstain from matters that are *haram* such as offering and receiving bribery for it is truly a major sin.
3. The Muslim *ummah* must avoid any form of bribery for Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم himself cursed those that offers and receives bribery.
4. The Muslim *ummah* must cooperate with relevant authorities in combating and preventing all forms of corruption.

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ
يَأَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا قُوا أَنْفُسَكُمْ وَأَهْلِيكُمْ نَارًا وَقُودُهَا النَّاسُ وَالْحِجَارَةُ عَلَيْهَا مَلَائِكَةٌ
غِلَاطٌ شِدَادٌ لَا يَعْصُونَ اللَّهَ مَا أَمَرَهُمْ وَيَفْعَلُونَ مَا يُؤْمَرُونَ ﴿٦٦﴾

“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
الآيَاتِ 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 and *istiqamah* (steadfast) in every actions and deeds. As Muslims, we are to manifest noble *akhlaaq*, having utmost personality and attitude for Rasulullah صلی اللہ علیہ 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 صلی اللہ علیہ 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، وَأَهْلِكَ الْكُفْرَةَ وَالْمُبْتَدِعَةَ وَالْمُشْرِكِينَ وَدَمَّرْ أَعْدَاءَكَ أَعْدَاءَ الدِّينِ. وَانصُرْنَا عَلَى الْقَوْمِ الْكَافِرِينَ.

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



الصَّمَدَانِيَّةِ، جَلَالَةَ مَلِكِنَا الْمُعْظَمِ، سُلْطَانَ سَلَاطُورِ، سُلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ ادريس شاه الحاج، ابن المرحوم سُلْطَانَ صَلَاحِ الدِّينِ عبد العزيز شاه الحاج. اَللّٰهُمَّ اَدِمِ الْعُوْنَ وَالْهِدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيْقَ، وَالصِّحْحَةَ وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْكَ، لِوَلِيِّ عَهْدِ سَلَاطُورِ، تَعَكُّوْا مِيْرَ شَاهِ، اِبْنِ السُّلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ ادريس شاه الحاج، فِيْ اَمْنٍ وَصَلَاحٍ وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنْكَ وَكَرَمِكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْاِكْرَامِ. اَللّٰهُمَّ اَطْلُ عُمْرَهُمَا، مُصْلِحِيْنَ لِلْمَوْظُفِيْنَ وَالرَّعِيَّةِ وَالْبِلَادِ، وَبَلِّغْ مَقَاصِدَهُمَا لِطَرِيْقِ 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 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 اٰتِنَا فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِي الْاٰخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ. عِبَادَ اللّٰهِ، اِنَّ اللّٰهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ وَالْاِحْسَانِ وَاِيتَايِ ذِي الْقُرْبَىٰ وَيَنْهَىٰ عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَالْبَغْيِ يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُوْنَ ﴿١٠١﴾ فَادْكُرُوْا اللّٰهَ الْعَظِيْمَ يَذْكُرْكُمْ وَاشْكُرُوْهُ اَعْلَىٰ نِعْمِهِ ۗ يَزِدْكُمْ، وَاَسْأَلُوْهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ ۗ يُعْطِيْكُمْ وَلَذِكْرُ اللّٰهِ اَكْبَرُ وَاللّٰهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا تَصْنَعُوْنَ.
