



"PERSEVERANCE IN THE WAKE OF TRIALS"

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ : وَأَبْتَغِ فِيمَا آتَاكَ اللَّهُ الدَّارَ الْآخِرَةَ^ط وَلَا تَنْسَ نَصِيبَكَ^ط
مِنَ الدُّنْيَا وَأَحْسِنَ كَمَا أَحْسَنَ اللَّهُ إِلَيْكَ^ط وَلَا تَبْغِ الْفَسَادَ فِي الْأَرْضِ إِنَّ اللَّهَ
لَا يُحِبُّ الْمُفْسِدِينَ^١ ﴿٧٧﴾

أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ
وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ 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,

Let us altogether strive to increase our *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* by fulfilling all of His Commands and avoiding all of His prohibitions. May we all attain success and happiness in this world and the Hereafter.

Let us altogether listen and ponder upon today's *khutbah* titled "**PERSEVERANCE IN THE WAKE OF TRIALS.**"

Dear beloved audience,

The worldly life is just a temporary life. The real life is actually the eternal life that is everlasting. Only true *imaan* (belief) can guarantee that one attains blissfulness in the Afterlife. Therefore, it is truly unfortunate if there are those within the Muslim *ummah* that would jeopardize their *imaan* purely for the sake of fulfilling their worldly needs that are only temporary.

The question begs, why are there those within the Muslim *ummah* that would jeopardize their *imaan* for the sake of worldly life? The answer is that there are those that are impatient and unable to withstand the trials and tribulations faced in this life. This all stemmed from inadequate religious knowledge, weak faith, lack of pursuing righteous deeds, and deficiency in possessing noble *akhlaaq*.

Dear blessed audience,

Truthfully, this worldly life is a trial for every Muslims. Everyone will be tested by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* whether in the form of hardship or ease. This means that those living in difficulty will be tested, and similarly those living with prosperity will also be tested.

¹ al-Furqaan 25:43.



Trials in the form of difficulty are those such as sickness, fear, hunger, poverty, loss of wealth, natural disaster, or death of loved ones. Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 155 of soorah al-Baqarah:

وَلَنَبْلُوَنَّكُمْ بِشَيْءٍ مِّنَ الْخَوْفِ وَالْجُوعِ وَنَقْصٍ مِّنَ الْأَمْوَالِ وَالْأَنْفُسِ وَالثَّمَرَاتِ
وَدَشِّرِ الصَّابِرِينَ ﴿١٥٥﴾

"And We will surely test you with something of fear and hunger and a loss of wealth and lives and fruits, but give good tidings to the patient."

While the trials in the form of ease are those such as opulent wealth, blessed with offsprings, noble stature, high position, successful business, and its like. Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 28 of soorah al-Anfaal:

وَأَعْلَمُوا أَنَّمَا أَمْوَالُكُمْ وَأَوْلَادُكُمْ فِتْنَةٌ وَأَنَّ اللَّهَ عِنْدَهُ أَجْرٌ عَظِيمٌ ﴿٢٨﴾

"And know that your properties and your children are but a trial and that Allah has with Him a great reward."

Dear blessed audience,

The multitudes of tribulations imposed by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* upon us solely intends to identify whom amongst us that are truly sincere, patient, deceitful, and always whining. Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verses 2-3 of soorah al-Ankaboot:

أَحْسِبَ النَّاسُ أَنْ يُتْرَكُوا أَنْ يَقُولُوا ءَامَنَّا وَهُمْ لَا يُفْتَنُونَ ﴿٢﴾ وَلَقَدْ فَتَنَّا
الَّذِينَ مِنْ قَبْلِهِمْ فَلْيَعْلَمَنَّ اللَّهُ الَّذِينَ صَدَقُوا وَلْيَعْلَمَنَّ الْكٰذِبِينَ ﴿٣﴾

"Do the people think that they will be left to say, "We believe" and they will not be tried? But We have certainly tried those before them, and Allah will surely make evident those who are truthful, and He will surely make evident the liars."

Blessed Muslims,

The recent shooting tragedy that took place at Masjid al-Nour and Linwood Islamic Center in New Zealand that left 50 people dead and many injured, while innocent individuals were engaging in worship (*ibaadah*), is truly heart-wrenching to all of us. In fact, until today this tragic incident is still a topic of conversation everywhere. Indeed, this is truly a great trial, especially for the Muslim *ummah*, and what is for sure is that everything that happens has its own *hikmah* (wisdom).

For those that are truly sincere and patient, the test of difficulty endured will be embraced with solid patience and contentment, for they understood that there are *hikmah* behind such predicament. They have *yaqeen* (certainty) that such trial of distress will erase their past sins and wrongdoings. With the trial of ease, they will embrace it with full gratitude unto Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. This is because the true *mu'min* (believer)



will always remain cognizant that every tribulation endured, whether difficulty or ease, truly intends to elevate their faith in Allah.

As for those that are always lying and having weak *imaan* upon the *qadaa'* (divine will) and *qadr* (predestination) from Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*, whenever they are inflicted with the test of difficulty, their faith becomes jeopardized. They would plea and beg to humans or other creations just to overcome the adversity endured. As for the test of ease, it only makes them more arrogant and proud. They would not become thankful upon the favors that Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* bestowed upon them. Furthermore, they would brazenly deem that it was all due to their own intelligence, just like the arrogance of Qaroon upon the bounties from Allah that was vividly mentioned in verse 78 of soorah al-Qasas. Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions:

قَالَ إِنَّمَا أُوتِيْتُهُر عَلَىٰ عِلْمٍ عِنْدِي ۗ أَوَلَمْ يَعْلَم أَنَّ اللَّهَ قَدْ أَهْلَكَ مِن قَبْلِهِ
مِنَ الْقُرُونِ مَنْ هُوَ أَشَدُّ مِنْهُ قُوَّةً وَأَكْثَرَ جَمْعًا ۗ وَلَا يُسْأَلُ عَن ذُنُوبِهِمُ
الْمُجْرِمُونَ ﴿٧٨﴾

“He said, “I was only given it because of knowledge I have.” Did he not know that Allah had destroyed before him of generations those who were greater than him in power and greater in accumulation [of wealth]? But the criminals, about their sins, will not be asked.”

Al-Imaam al-Qurtoobi *rahimahullaah* mentioned in *tafseer*, which means: “Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* explained in these verses that Qaroon was bestowed with treasures of wealth, so much so that he forgot about himself. As it turned out, the amassed wealth could not even save him from the torment of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*, as experienced by *Fir'awn*.”

Blessed audience,

With this, it is clear upon us that anyone living in this worldly life will definitely be faced with various trials that will shake one's faith. Sometimes the *imaan* decreases and sometimes it *increases*. The important question here is what is the method prescribed in Islam in strengthening our *imaan* so that we are able to withstand and overcome all tribulations that would come our way.

There are many ways to safeguard our *imaan*. Among them is through *dhikrullaah* or the remembrance of Allah through *dhikr*, for it is through *dhikrullaah* that the heart becomes tranquil, that it becomes easier to attain sincerity, patience, and true certainty upon Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 28 of soorah ar-Ra'd:

الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا وَتَطْمَئِنُّ قُلُوبُهُم بِذِكْرِ اللَّهِ ۗ أَلَا بِذِكْرِ اللَّهِ تَطْمَئِنُّ الْقُلُوبُ ﴿٢٨﴾

“Those who have believed and whose hearts are assured by the remembrance of Allah. Unquestionably, by the remembrance of Allah hearts are assured.”



Likewise, there are no deeds that are most effective in preserving the *imaan* from feeling despair and weak-spirited upon the trials endured, aside from hastening and earnestly performing righteous deeds. In the *hadeeth* of Abu Hurayrah *radiyAllaahu 'anh*, Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم said:

بَادِرُوا بِالْأَعْمَالِ فِتْنًا كَقَطْعِ اللَّيْلِ الْمُظْلِمِ، يُصْبِحُ الرَّجُلُ مُؤْمِنًا وَيُمْسِي كَافِرًا
وَيُمْسِي مُؤْمِنًا وَيُصْبِحُ كَافِرًا، يَبِيعُ دِينَهُ بِعَرَضٍ مِنَ الدُّنْيَا

“Be prompt in doing good deeds (before you are overtaken) by turbulence which would be like a part of the dark night. A man would be a believer in the morning and turn to disbelief in the evening, or he would be a believer in the evening and turn disbeliever in the morning, and would sell his faith for worldly goods.”

(Muslim)

Therefore, the Muslim *ummah* must always strive to increase its religious knowledge, diligently perform righteous deeds, and having noble *akhlaaq*, so as to safeguard its *imaan* from getting ruined.

More than that, the role of *du'aa* (supplication) is truly vital in protecting and strengthening the *imaan*. Among the *du'aa* that was taught by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* in al-Qur'an that is *waajib* (obligatory) for us to recite 17 times daily in our 5 daily prayers is:

أَهْدِنَا الصِّرَاطَ الْمُسْتَقِيمَ

“Guide us to the straight path.”

(al-Faatihah 1:6)

Dear blessed audience,

To end this *khutbah*, let us internalize upon the following matters so as to be taken as guidance in our lives:

1. The Muslim *ummah* must have certainty that Allah has created us solely to worship Him Alone.
2. The Muslim *ummah* must safeguard and protect its *imaan* when inflicted with the trial of difficulty or ease.
3. The Muslim *ummah* must always have *ikhlaas* (sincerity) and *sabr* (patience) while undergoing daily affairs.
4. The Muslim *ummah* must always supplicate so as to always remain in firm *imaan* and attain the good ending (*husn al-khatimah*) in this life.

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ



رَبَّنَا لَا تُزِغْ قُلُوبَنَا بَعْدَ إِذْ هَدَيْتَنَا وَهَبْ لَنَا مِنْ لَدُنْكَ رَحْمَةً إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ
الْوَهَّابُ ﴿٨﴾

“[Who say], “Our Lord, let not our hearts deviate after You have guided us and grant us from Yourself mercy. Indeed, You are the Bestower.””

(Aal-‘Imraan 3:8)

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,

"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)

وَقَالَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى : 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 أَعِزِّ الْإِسْلَامَ وَالْمُسْلِمِينَ، وَأَهْلِكَ الْكُفْرَةَ وَالْمُبْتَدِعَةَ وَالْمُشْرِكِينَ وَدَمَّرْ أَعْدَاءَكَ أَعْدَاءَ الدِّينِ. وَأَنْصِرْنَا عَلَى الْقَوْمِ الْكَافِرِينَ.

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ وَنَتَوَسَّلُ إِلَيْكَ بِنَبِيِّكَ الْأَمِينِ، وَنَسْأَلُكَ بِأَسْمَائِكَ الْحُسْنَى، وَصِفَاتِكَ الْعُظْمَى، أَنْ تَحْفَظَ بَعَيْنِ عِنَايَتِكَ الرَّبَّانِيَّةِ، وَبِحِفْظِ وَقَايَتِكَ الصِّمْدَانِيَّةِ، جَلَالَةَ مَلِكِنَا الْمُعْظَمِ، سُلْطَانَ سَلَاطُونِ، سُلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ ادریس شاه الحاج ابن المرحوم سُلْطَانَ صَلَاحِ الدِّينِ عبد العزيز شاه الحاج. اللَّهُمَّ أَدِمِ الْعُونَ وَالْهِدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْكَ، لَوْلِيِّ عَهْدِ سَلَاطُونِ، تَعَاوُنِ أَمِيرِ شَاهِ ابْنِ السُّلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ ادریس شاه الحاج، فِي أَمْنٍ وَصَلَاحٍ وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنْكَ وَكَرَمِكَ يَا



ذَٰلِجَلَالِ وَإِكْرَامِ. اَللّٰهُمَّ اَطْلُ عُمْرَهُمَا مُصْلِحَيْنِ لِّلْمُوْظَفِيْنَ وَالرَّعِيَّةِ وَالْبِلَادِ، وَبَلِّغْ مَقاصِدَهُمَا لِطَرِيْقِ الْهُدٰى وَالرَّشَادِ.

O Allah, You are the Lord that is All Mighty, we are grateful to You for having bestowed *rahmah* and *barakah* upon this state, which continues to remain advanced and prosperous, with its residents united 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*, and protect us from teachings that are outside the fold of Islam such as *Qadiyaani* and deviant teachings such as *Shee'ah*. O Allah, *Ya Rahmaan, Ya Raheem*, unite our hearts, bestow upon us *rizq* with blessings, enrich us with beneficial knowledge, protect us from calamities. O Allah, bestow upon us guidance in performing the five daily prayers in congregation, fulfilling *zakaat* through *Lembaga Zakat Selangor* (Selangor *Zakaat* Board), making *waqf* and *infaq* 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 وَذُرِّيَّتِنَا قُرَّةَ أَعْيُنٍ وَاجْعَلْنَا لِلْمُتَّقِينَ إِمَامًا. رَبَّنَا آتِنَا 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 وَاشْكُرُوا لَهُ عَلَىٰ نِعْمِهِ يَزِدْكُمْ، وَاسْأَلُوهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ ۗ يُعْطِكُمْ وَلَذِكْرُ اللَّهِ أَكْبَرُ وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا تَصْنَعُونَ.
