"PREPARATION FOR THE PROMISED DAY"

Dear blessed Muslims,

On this blessed Friday, I implore upon fellow audience to strive in increasing our taqwa of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta’aala every seconds of our daily lives. Taqwa is not mere utterance upon the lips. Instead, it must be thoroughly manifested with deeds that are sincerely done purely for the sake of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta’aala. In short, we must fully submit our entire lives and death purely for Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta’aala.

Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta’aala mentions in Soorah Aal-’Imraan, verse 102:

يتَبَيَّنُ اللَّدِينَ ۚ اتَّقُوا اللهُ حَقّ نٓعَائِهِ وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنتُم مُسْلِمُونَ

“O you who have believed, fear Allah as He should be feared and do not die except as Muslims [in submission to Him].”

(Aal-’Imraan 3:102)

Based on the verse of al-Qur’an that I had just recited, Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta’aala has commanded all believers to have taqwa unto Him, with absolute taqwa, and let us not die except with full submission to Him, which is in the state of Islam.

As such, today’s khutbah intends to expound regarding: “PREPARATION FOR THE PROMISED DAY.”

Dearest audience,

Do we know about the promised Day? It is the moment when the Trumpet is blown by angel Israafeel. When the Trumpet is blown for the first time, the entire universe will be destroyed. The mountains turning into dusts, the stars and planets will be scattered, high-rise structures will crash down to earth, and on that Day, all creatures will perish. Only Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta’aala remains living, the One that is Baqaa’ (Everlasting).

After that, the Trumpet is blown for the second time, where all mankind will be resurrected by Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta’aala from their graves. This is what is referred to when it was mentioned that the Day promised by Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta’aala has arrived, as explained by Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta’aala in Soorah az-Zumar, verse 68:
And the Trumpet will be blown, and whoever is in the heavens and whoever is on the earth will fall dead except whom Allah wills. Then it will be blown again, and at once they will be standing, looking on.”

(az-Zumar 39:68)

With that, it is clear to us regarding the promised Day, which is the Day where everyone will return to Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta’aala and recompensed for everything that they have done while on earth. If we had done good deeds, then we will be rewarded with good by Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta’aala. On the contrary, if we were disobedient and had committed sins, then severe punishment awaits us on that Day. Remember, everything that Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta’aala has promised us, it is obligatory upon us to believe in them.

However the question begs, what preparations have we made to be able to endure that promised Day? Are we truly prepared for it? Or do we really believe with certainty that we will be saved on that Day?

On that very Day promised by Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta’aala, there will be no helper except for those present with a sound heart in front of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta’aala. On that very Day, there will be no shade that can shade us, except for those granted with the Shade of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta’aala. The question is, who are those who will receive protection under the Shade of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta’aala?

Imaam al-Bukhaari reported a hadeeth from Abu Hurayrah radiyAllaahu ‘anh where Rasulullah ﷺ said:

“Almighty Allah will give shade, to seven, on the Day when there will be no shade but His. (These seven persons are) a just ruler, a youth who has been brought up in the worship of Allah, a man whose heart is attached to the mosques, two persons who love each other only for Allah’s sake and they meet and part in Allah’s cause only, a man who refuses the call of a charming woman of noble birth for illicit intercourse with her and says: “I am afraid of Allah”, a man who gives charitable gifts so secretly that his left hand does not know what his right hand has given, and a person who remembers Allah in seclusion and his eyes are then flooded with tears.”

Blessed Muslims,
Today, I would like to remind fellow audience, let us make the best preparation for that promised Day. Indeed, we do not know when we will die. We do not know when the Judgment Day will occur. However, what is of concern to us is preparing for our death, which is waajib (obligatory) upon every living person. Take heed, for all of our actions in this world will be recorded and shown in the Hereafter. Indeed, we do not know when the Last Day, which is eternally forever, will be met with the Last Day, which is eternally forever.

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Therefore, fortunate are those who receive their book of deeds in their right hand, for they will surely receive good rewards from Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta’ala. Also on that Day, woe to those who receive their book of deeds in their left hand, behind their back, for they will surely be severely punished by Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta’ala.

Blessed audience,

In concluding today’s khutbah, the Muslims are called upon to:

1. Have yaqeen (certainty) that this worldly life is only temporary and we will soon be met with the Last Day, which is eternally forever.

2. Have yaqeen that all of our deeds will be recorded and shown in the Hereafter.

3. Begin making preparation by increasing our righteous deeds before death overtakes us, as promised by Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta’ala.

4. Have yaqeen that only our righteous deeds will be taken along with us when we meet Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta’ala.
“O you who have believed, fear Allah. And let every soul look to what it has put forth for tomorrow - and fear Allah. Indeed, Allah is Acquainted with what you do.”

(al-Hashr 59:18)

Dear blessed Muslims,

Once again, I would like to remind all of us 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 ﷺ was sent to perfect akhlaaq and as mercy for the entire mankind and the worlds. At the same time, we are to avoid any form of deviant ideologies and extremism in which its consequences will only disrupt the harmony, unity, and security of the Muslim ummah and our nation.
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, accept our deeds, strengthen our unity, increase our rizq, enrich us with beneficial knowledge, cultivate our soul with good mannerisms, return us to the path that You are pleased with, protect us from disasters and Your severe trials especially the plagues of Zika and Dengue, so that our state will always remain protected and blessed.

O Allah, we sincerely beseech You, O Allah, strengthen our beliefs according to the creed of Ahl as-Sunnah wal Jamaa’ah, and protect us from the practices and ‘aqeedah that are astray such as Shee’ah, Qadiyaani, and other ideologies.

O Allah, open up our hearts in fulfilling the five daily prayers, performing zakaat, and other obligations, as well as making waqf and infaaq of our wealth especially to Perbadanan Wakaf Negeri Selangor (Selangor Waqf Corporation) and Tabung Amanah Pembangunan Islam Selangor (Islam Development Trust Fund of Selangor). With these deeds, O Allah, bless our lives and widen our rizq with perpetual rewards until the Last Day.

فاذكرُوا اللهَ العظيمُ بذكرُكم وتذكرُوهُ على نعيمكم، بردكم، واستلهو من فضليه بعفلكم وتذكرُ الله أكبر، والله يعلم ما نصنعون.

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