



"QURBAANI: 'IBAADAH IN SEEKING THE PLEASURE OF ALLAH"

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ: إِنَّا أَعْطَيْنَاكَ الْكَوْثَرَ ﴿١﴾ فَصَلِّ لِرَبِّكَ وَأَنْحَرْ ﴿٢﴾¹
 أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ.
 أَمَّا بَعْدُ، فَيَا أَيُّهَا الْمُسْلِمُونَ! اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ، أَوْصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ. قَالَ
 اللَّهُ تَعَالَى:
 يَأَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تَقَاتِهِ وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ.

Dear blessed Muslims,

I implore myself and fellow congregation to altogether strive in increasing our *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* by performing all of His Commands and avoiding all of His prohibitions. For verily, the successful ones in the Hereafter are those having absolute *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.

Dear blessed audience,

The 10th of Dhul Hijjah will soon dawn upon us. It is only in two weeks that we will be celebrating 'Eid al-Adha that is full of *barakah* (blessings). On that day, the Muslim *ummah* is commanded to exalt the symbols of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. For the Muslims in Makkah al-Mukarramah, they will be engrossed in perfecting the 'ibaadah of hajj, the fifth pillar of Islam. While for the rest of the Muslim *ummah*, they have been legislated to perform the prayer of 'Eid al-Adha and the 'ibaadah of Qurbaani. Therefore, today I invite fellow audience to altogether internalize upon a *khutbah* titled **"QURBAANI: 'IBAADAH IN SEEKING THE PLEASURE OF ALLAH."**

Dear blessed audience,

Qurbaani (also Qurbaan or Ud-hiyyah) is an 'ibaadah that is performed on the day of 'Eid al-Adha and the days of *Tashreeq*. Moreover, 'Eid al-Adha itself brings the meaning of slaughtering a sacrificial animal, which is by slaughtering a livestock such as goat, sheep, cow, or camel with certain conditions, and to be performed after the prayer of 'Eid al-Adha.

Slaughtering the animal is a practice that is most beloved by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* to be performed on the day of 'Eid al-Adha and the days of *Tashreeq*. Sayyidatuna 'A'ishah *radiyAllaahu 'anha* narrated that the Prophet ﷺ said:

¹ al-Kawthar 108:1-2



"A human does no action from the actions on the day of Nahr more beloved to Allah than spilling blood. On the Day of Judgment, it will appear with its horns, and hair, and hooves, and indeed the blood will be accepted by Allah from where it is received before it even falls upon earth, so let your heart delight in it."

(at-Tirmidhi)

Hence, whoever has the capability then he should perform the 'ibaadah of Qurbaani, at least one sacrifice for each family. The *hukm* (ruling) of performing it is *sunnah mu'akkadah*, which is a *sunnah* that is heavily emphasized in Islam. Moreover, in one narration, the Prophet ﷺ had forbade those who had the ability but refused to perform the 'ibaadah of Qurbaani to stay away from his *musallah*. The Prophet ﷺ said:

"Whoever can afford it, but does not offer a sacrifice, let him not come near our prayer place."

(Ahmad)

Dear blessed audience,

For those who have made the intention to perform the 'ibaadah of Qurbaani this year, then the Islamic *Sharee'ah* has recommended for them to slaughter it themselves or witness its slaughtering. It is *sunnah* for them to not cut their hair and nails until the slaughtering has been completed.

Narrated Umm Salamah *radiyAllaahu 'anha*: the Prophet ﷺ said:

إِذَا رَأَيْتُمْ هِلَالَ ذِي الْحِجَّةِ وَأَرَادَ أَحَدُكُمْ أَنْ يُضَحِّيَ فَلْيُمْسِكْ عَنْ شَعْرِهِ وَأَظْفَارِهِ

"If you see the crescent of Dhul Hijjah, and one of you wants to offer a sacrifice, let him refrain from (cutting) his hair and nails."

(Muslim)

When the slaughtering is completed, then two-third or a major portion of its meat that is still fresh is to be distributed to the poor and neighbors as *sadaqah* (charity) or gift, so that they also can enjoy and remain grateful upon the favors bestowed by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* that are truly immeasurable.

Dear blessed audience,

Indeed, there are many benefits and lessons that can be garnered and internalized by the Muslim *ummah* from the legislation of the 'ibaadah of Qurbaani. Among them is that the 'ibaadah of Qurbaani teaches us the great importance of *ikhlaas* (sincerity) in our deeds. With genuine *ikhlaas* and *taqwa*, then the pleasure of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* can be attained. The slaughtering and the distribution of the meat alone is not enough, however *ikhlaas* that is bona fide while slaughtering and in all of those deeds is



what is required by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. Allah *Ta'aala* mentions in verse 37 of soorah al-Hajj:

لَنْ يَنَالَ اللَّهَ لُحُومُهَا وَلَا دِمَاؤُهَا وَلَكِنْ يَنَالُهُ التَّقْوَىٰ مِنْكُمْ

"Their meat will not reach Allah, nor will their blood, but what reaches Him is piety from you..."

The *'ibaadah* of *Qurbaani* also teaches us that deeds that are accepted by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* are deeds that conform with the teachings of Prophet Muhammad صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم. In slaughtering the sacrifice, there are specific procedures and conditions that are to be fulfilled. That is the animal to be slaughtered must be healthy, not having defects, and having reached the required age. For that reason, through the *"Guideline In Slaughtering Livestock Animals"* documentation, organizers for the *'ibaadah* of *Qurbaani* must obtain the livestock transfer declaration, veterinary health certificate, and outdoor slaughter permit from relevant authorities. The time for the slaughtering is after the *'Eid al-Adha* prayer is completed. Al-Baraa' bin 'Aazib *radiyAllaahu 'anh* narrated that the Prophet صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم said:

مَنْ صَلَّى صَلَاتَنَا وَنَسَكَ نُسُكَنَا فَقَدْ أَصَابَ النُّسُكَ، وَمَنْ نَسَكَ قَبْلَ الصَّلَاةِ فَإِنَّهُ قَبْلَ الصَّلَاةِ، وَلَا نُسُكَ لَهُ

"Whoever offers the prayer like us and slaughters like us then his Nusuk (sacrifice) will be accepted by Allah. And whoever slaughters his sacrifice before the 'Eid al-Adha prayer then he has not done the sacrifice."

(al-Bukhaari)

Similarly with the distribution of the meat, it is to be distributed in the form of fresh meat and free of charge. Moreover, its hide cannot be sold or given as wages to the slaughtering workers. If any of those stipulations are not met, then the sacrifice will not be deemed as the *'ibaadah* of *Qurbaani* prescribed.

Beloved Muslims,

Other lessons that can be pondered upon from the *'ibaadah* of *Qurbaani* is cultivating the spirit of sacrifice and giving away beloved possessions purely seeking the pleasure of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. In the *'ibaadah* of *Qurbaani*, we have been commanded to sacrifice animals that are in the best of conditions and beloved to us. Let us not select animals that are cheap or having inadequate flesh to be slaughtered. The slaughtered meat cannot be sold, but it is to be distributed for free to those that are entitled, as *infaaq* (giving away) in the path of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.

Indeed, slaughtering a livestock that is in the best form and most beloved, and then giving away its meat to the poor and needy, and the neighbors is something that really



tests our *imaan*, for the human instinct truly loves wealth. Therefore, only those having solid *imaan* and utmost *taqwa* are capable of performing it with full *ikhlaas*.

Take heed, for the wealth given away in the path of goodness and obedience, the more it is given, then the more it increases in *barakah*. That is why we find that no one that sacrificed their wealth for the '*ibaadah* of *Qurbaani*, their lives become impoverished and poor. Remember upon the promise of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentioned in verse 39 of soorah Sabaa':

وَمَا أَنْفَقْتُمْ مِنْ شَيْءٍ فَهُوَ يُخْلِفُهُ ۖ وَهُوَ خَيْرُ الرَّازِقِينَ

"...But whatever thing you spend [in His cause] - He will compensate it; and He is the best of providers."

Abu Hurayrah *radiyAllaahu 'anh* narrated that the Prophet ﷺ said:

مَا نَقَصَتْ صَدَقَةٌ مِنْ مَالٍ

"Charity does not in any way decrease the wealth..."

(Muslim)

Imaam an-Nawawi, when explaining this *hadeeth*, mentioned that the reduction in wealth due to *infaaq* in the path of Allah will be covered by its blessings, or covered with rewards in the Sight of Allah.

Dear blessed audience,

Verily, the '*ibaadah* of *Qurbaani* that we perform every year, and that we will perform soon, invites us to reminisce the history of sacrifice that was performed by the two sons of Nabi Adam '*alayhissalaam*, namely Qabeel and Habeel. Likewise, regarding the history of sacrifice undertaken by Prophet Ibraaheem '*alayhissalaam* and his family. Both of these events teaches us on the importance of abiding by the *Sharee'ah* of Allah, by performing them with full *ikhlaas* and sacrificing something valuable, in the pursuit of attaining the pleasure of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. This is the biggest lesson that is to be emulated and internalized by the Muslim *ummah* of today.

To end the *khutbah* today, let us give due attention to the following matters:

1. The Muslim *ummah* must have certainty that the '*ibaadah* of *Qurbaani* represents the symbol of struggle and sacrifice that is sincere in upholding the Oneness of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* and extolling His Symbol.
2. The Muslim *ummah* is called upon to always remain prepared to sacrifice in responding to the command of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* and champion His *Sharee'ah*.



3. The Muslim *ummah* must always have *ikhlaas* in fulfilling all of the commands of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* for only deeds that are based upon *taqwa* and *ikhlaas* will attain the reward and pleasure of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ
* وَأَتْلُ عَلَيْهِمْ نَبَأَ ابْنَيْ آدَمَ بِالْحَقِّ إِذْ قَرَّبَا قُرْبَانًا فَتُقْبِلَ مِنْ أَحَدِهِمَا وَلَمْ يُتَقَبَّلْ مِنَ
الْآخَرِ قَالَ لَأَقْتُلَنَّكَ قَالَ إِنَّمَا يَتَقَبَّلُ اللَّهُ مِنَ الْمُتَّقِينَ ﴿٢٧﴾

"And recite to them the story of Adam's two sons, in truth, when they both offered a sacrifice [to Allah], and it was accepted from one of them but was not accepted from the other. Said [the latter], "I will surely kill you." Said [the former], "Indeed, Allah only accepts from the righteous [who fear Him]."

(al-Maa'idah 5:27)

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ، وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ
وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتُهُ، إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ.
أَقُولُ قَوْلِي هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ لِي وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ،
فَأَسْتَغْفِرُوهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ.



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.

وَقَالَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى : إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَمَلَائِكَتَهُ يُصَلُّونَ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا صَلُّوا عَلَيْهِ وَسَلِّمُوا تَسْلِيمًا.

"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)

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 أَعِزَّ الْإِسْلَامَ وَالْمُسْلِمِينَ، وَأَهْلِكَ الْكُفْرَةَ وَالْمُبْتَدِعَةَ وَالْمُشْرِكِينَ وَدَمِّرْ أَعْدَاءَكَ أَعْدَاءَ الدِّينِ. وَانصُرْنَا عَلَى الْقَوْمِ الْكَافِرِينَ.

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ وَنَتَوَسَّلُ إِلَيْكَ بِنَبِيِّكَ الْأَمِينِ، وَنَسْأَلُكَ بِأَسْمَائِكَ الْحُسْنَى، وَصِفَاتِكَ الْعُظْمَى، أَنْ تَحْفَظَ بَعِينَ عِنَايَتِكَ الرَّبَّانِيَّةِ، وَبِحِفْظِ وَقَايَتِكَ الصِّمْدَانِيَّةِ، جَلَالَةَ مَلِكِنَا الْمُعَظَّمِ، سُلْطَانَ سَلَاطُونِ، سُلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ أَدْرِيسِ شَاهِ الْحَاجِ ابْنِ الْمَرْحُومِ سُلْطَانَ صَلَاحِ الدِّينِ عَبْدِ الْعَزِيزِ شَاهِ الْحَاجِ. اللَّهُمَّ أَدِمِ الْعُونَ وَالْهِدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيقَ،



وَالصِّحَّةَ وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْكَ، لَوْلِيَّ عَهْدٍ سَلَاطُور، تَغْكُو أَمِيرَ شَاهِ ابْنِ السُّلْطَانِ شَرْفُ
الدِّينِ اَدْرِيسِ شَاهِ الْحَاجِ، فِي أَمْنٍ وَصَلَاحٍ وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنْكَ وَكَرَمِكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ
وَالْإِكْرَامِ. اَللّٰهُمَّ اَطْلُ عُمْرَهُمَا مُصْلِحَيْنِ لِلْمُوظَّفَيْنِ 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 *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 *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 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 ﴿٩١﴾
فَاذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ يَذْكُرْكُمْ وَاشْكُرُواهُ عَلَىٰ نِعَمِهِ يَزِدْكُمْ، وَاسْأَلُوهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ
يُعْطِكُمْ وَلَذِكْرُ اللَّهِ أَكْبَرُ وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا تَصْنَعُونَ.

