



"MOSQUES OF EXCELLENCE NURTURES GLORIOUS UMMAH"

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ: إِنَّمَا يَعْمُرُ مَسْجِدَ اللَّهِ مَنْ ءَامَنَ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ وَأَقَامَ
الصَّلَاةَ وَآتَى الزَّكَاةَ وَلَمْ يَخْشَ إِلَّا اللَّهَ فَعَسَىٰ أُولَٰئِكَ أَنْ يَكُونُوا مِنَ
الْمُهْتَدِينَ ﴿١٨﴾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:
يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تَقَاتِهِ وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ.

Dear blessed Muslims,

Let us remain grateful for the bounty of Islam and *imaan* that we have been blessed with all these while, by striving to increase our knowledge, righteous deeds, and *jihaad* for the sake of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. Let us become among those having *taqwa* and deep commitment by fulfilling all of His Commands and avoiding all of His prohibitions.

The title of our *khutbah* for this week is **"MOSQUES OF EXCELLENCE NURTURES GLORIOUS UMMAH"**.

Dear blessed audience,

When we delve into the *seerah* of our beloved ﷺ, we find that his success in establishing an Islamic civilization began with the building of a masjid. The city of Madeenah that is bustling and growing today was established with the existence of a masjid, which began with the brotherhood of the Companions whom were known as the generation of al-Qur'an, from the *tarbiyyah* and establishing firm *'aqeedah*, *Sharee'ah*, and *akhlaaq* upon them through the doors of the mosque.

¹ ar-Rahmaan 55:1-4



The glorious history of Islam had shown that the excellence of the Muslim *ummah* would be through the culture of seeking knowledge, which begins at the mosque. For example, the Great Mosque of Kufah in Iraq became the center for the dissemination of knowledge that it produced prominent graduates such as Imaam Abu Haneefah and many others. Masjid 'Amr bin al-'As in Egypt had distinguished graduates such as Imaam ash-Shaafi'i. Furthermore, history has recorded that this mosque had once held 40 *halaqaat* (circles of knowledge) of various sciences at one time. In Tunisia, the Great Mosque of Kairouan (Qayrawaan) became a focal point for scholars and students from all over the world to come and seek knowledge, which gave birth to figures like al-Kindi, an expert in medicine and also a renowned engineer.

Dear blessed Muslims,

When we discuss about the excellent mosque, definitely the main topics that serve as preconditions for its excellence refers to the following:

1. The Mosque Committee and Officers whom are entrusted to shoulder the administration of the House of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* must consist of those whom are qualified.
2. The excellence of a particular mosque actually depends on its administration and management that are efficient, excellent, and transparent. It begins with the formation of bureaus consisting of smaller committees that are active, with scheduled meetings, regular supervision upon every bureau or *lajnah*, with organized file system in place, offering facilities that are complete and public-friendly, bathrooms and landscape that are clean and appealing, structured mosque activities, transparent financial records, activities and programs that are well-planned ahead of time instead of ad-hoc or spontaneous, and having a management team driven by objectives and aims.
3. Empowering and diversifying mosque activities, which should not just be mere structured and scheduled learning programs suitable for all ages. Instead, the masjid administration must plan an approach with programs or activities that are outside the norm.

Establishing good relations and rapport with NGOs or *da'wah* organizations for joint programs such as *santai* (casual) *da'wah* concert, sporting or recreational event, passing out *da'wah* materials or distributing free food and drinks to the general public for the purpose of *da'wah*, inviting them to return to Islam.



Initiating sound relations with surrounding secondary schools in organizing joint programs to curb social ills amongst the teenagers is among the activities that must be pursued by the mosque.

4. Offering educational programs with syllabus and books, entrepreneurial courses, career guidance, volunteers counseling, health talks, anti-drug talks, and lectures on security and polity.

5. The mosque is capable of organizing structured welfare programs and not just conducting census on the *asnaaf* (recipients) for *zakaat* distribution, but to find the *asnaaf* for welfare aid or aiding them in their daily needs. Moreover, the mosque can organize programs for economic empowerment for this group via entrepreneurial or career guidance.

6. The mosque is recommended to act as a one-stop center that would fulfill its customers' needs, or more precisely to be deemed as a community center. The masjid must be capable of functioning as the heart of the *ummah's* development with various activities and programs being offered. It should act as the Islamic family advice center, youth advice center, career guidance center, recreational center, and '*aqeedah* guidance center.

7. The excellent mosque must be capable of uniting the *ummah* especially among its local members. Its leadership would prioritize in fostering unity and brotherhood though having different background in ideology and understanding. They are able to form a united locality upon Islamic teachings, and not triggering elements of differences in political party or ideology.

Dear blessed Muslims,

The excellence of a particular mosque does not only depend upon its officers and committee alone, but it is the responsibility of its very locality that includes individuals, leaders, entrepreneurs, or anyone. Solid cooperation between the masjid's committee, JKKK (village security and development committee), NGOs, and many others serves as the catalyst for the success of the mosque.

In concluding our *khutbah* today, I would like to remind all of us that:

1. The Muslim *ummah* must have certainty that mosques that are administered properly would become a place that is blessed with *barakah* and *rahmah* from Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.



2. The Muslim *ummah* must always have a special place for the masjid in their hearts, loving it and always thinking of avenues to aid in its pursuit for excellence.

3. The Muslim *ummah* must cooperate in making the mosque active by attending programs held at the masjid at all times, not just when there is vested interest.

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ
وَأَنَّ الْمَسَاجِدَ لِلَّهِ فَلَا تَدْعُوا مَعَ اللَّهِ أَحَدًا

"And [He revealed] that the masjids are for Allah, so do not invoke with Allah anyone."

(al-Jinn 72:18)

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ، وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ
وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ وَتَقَبَّلْ 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. اَللّٰهُمَّ 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 Muslims,

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 ﷺ was sent to perfect *akhlaaq* and as mercy for the entire mankind and the worlds.

إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَمَلَائِكَتَهُ يُصَلُّونَ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا صَلُّوا عَلَيْهِ وَسَلِّمُوا تَسْلِيمًا.

اَللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا وَمَوْلَانَا مُحَمَّدٍ سَيِّدِ الْمُرْسَلِينَ وَارْضَ اَللّٰهُمَّ عَنْ أَصْحَابِهِ وَقَرَابَتِهِ وَأَزْوَاجِهِ وَذُرِّيَّاتِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ.

اَللّٰهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِلْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ، إِنَّكَ سَمِيعٌ قَرِيبٌ مُجِيبُ الدَّعَوَاتِ وَيَا قَاضِيَ الْحَاجَاتِ. اَللّٰهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ وَنَتَوَسَّلُ إِلَيْكَ بِنَبِيِّكَ الْأَمِينِ، وَنَسْأَلُكَ بِأَسْمَائِكَ الْحُسْنَى وَصِفَاتِكَ الْعُظْمَى أَنْ تَحْفَظَ بَعِيْنِ عِنَايَتِكَ الرَّبَّانِيَّةِ وَبِحَفِظِ وَقَايَتِكَ الصِّمْدَانِيَّةِ، جَلَالَةَ مَلِكِنَا الْمُعْظَمِ سُلْطَانَ سَلَاعُور، سُلْطَانَ شَرْفِ الدِّينِ اَدْرِيسِ شَاهِ الْحَاجِ ابْنِ الْمَرْحُومِ سُلْطَانَ صَلَاحِ الدِّينِ عَبْدِ الْعَزِيزِ شَاهِ الْحَاجِ. اَللّٰهُمَّ أَدِمِ الْعَوْنَ وَالْهِدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْكَ، لَوْلِيَّ عَهْدِ سَلَاعُور، تَغْكُو أَمِيرِ شَاهِ ابْنِ السُّلْطَانِ شَرْفِ الدِّينِ اَدْرِيسِ شَاهِ الْحَاجِ فِي أَمْنٍ وَصَلَاحٍ وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنْكَ وَكَرَمِكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ.



اللَّهُمَّ أَطِلْ عُمْرَهُمَا مُصْلِحَيْنِ لِلْمُوظَّفِينَ وَالرَّعِيَّةِ وَالْبِلَادِ، وَبَلِّغْ مَقاصِدَهُمَا 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 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, and protect us from the practices and *'aqeedah* that are deviating and astray such as *Shee'ah*, *Qadiyaani*, and other ideologies.

رَبَّنَا هَبْ لَنَا مِنْ أَزْوَاجِنَا وَذُرِّيَّاتِنَا قُرَّةَ أَعْيُنٍ وَاجْعَلْنَا لِلْمُتَّقِينَ إِمَامًا. رَبَّنَا آتِنَا
فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِي الْآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ. عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ
وَالْإِحْسَانِ وَإِيتَايَ ذِي الْقُرْبَىٰ وَيَنْهَىٰ عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَالْبَغْيِ عِظْمُكُمْ
لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ ﴿١٠٠﴾

فَاذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ يَذْكُرْكُمْ وَاشْكُرُوا لَهُ عَلَىٰ نِعَمِهِ يَزِدْكُمْ، وَاسْأَلُوهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ
يُعْطِكُمْ وَلَذِكْرُ اللَّهِ أَكْبَرُ وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا تَصْنَعُونَ.
