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## **"RESPECT THE ELDERS"**

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ: ﴿وَلَقَدْ كَرَّمْنَا بَنِي آدَمَ وَحَمَلْنَاهُمْ فِي الْبَرِّ  
وَالْبَحْرِ وَرَزَقْنَاهُمْ مِّنَ الطَّيِّبَاتِ وَفَضَّلْنَاهُمْ عَلَى كَثِيرٍ مِّمَّنْ خَلَقْنَا  
تَفْضِيلًا﴾<sup>1</sup>

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 تُقَاتِهِ وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا  
وَأَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ<sup>2</sup>

**Dear blessed Muslims,**

I solemnly remind myself and fellow congregation to altogether strive in empowering our *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* with absolute *taqwa*, by performing all of His Commands and avoiding all of His prohibitions. May we all attain blissfulness in this world and the Hereafter.

Today I will be expounding on a *khutbah* titled **"RESPECT THE ELDERS."**

**Dear blessed audience,**

<sup>1</sup> al-Israa' 17:70.

<sup>2</sup> Aal 'Imraan 3:102.



Islam teaches us to love and respect the elders. Respect means looking up to someone by rendering service with courteous, honoring the person, knowing the limits in interactions and exercising good manners. The habit and practice of respecting the elders is the key to happiness and peace in life. This habit or attitude must exist in every individual, regardless whether one is young, wealthy, poor, or having a high rank or position. This is from the teachings of Islam and it coincides with the *da'wah* (calling to Islam) principles advocated by the Prophet ﷺ in respecting and loving the elders, as mentioned in the *hadeeth* of 'Abdullah bin 'Amr *radiyAllaahu 'anhuma*:

ارْحَمُوا مَنْ فِي الْأَرْضِ يَرْحَمَكُم مَّنْ فِي السَّمَاءِ

***"Be merciful on the earth, and you will be shown mercy from Who is above the heavens."***

*(at-Tirmidhi)*

### **Dearest Muslims,**

The value or feeling of respect for the elders can be translated into relationship and daily interactions wherever they may be, whether in the masjid, public places, and others.

There are many ways to respect the elders such as calling them by their respective title, as well as addressing them in a manner that is befitting and appropriate for them. While interacting with the elderly, we must be sensitive and cognizant of their age. At times, we forget that the age gap serves as the contributing factor that leads to ineffective communication. Let us speak with politeness and humility. If they had committed something wrong or erred and we intend to advise them, ensure that we utilize the proper channel while preserving virtuous *adab* (manners) such as uttering gentle words. This is because the elderly is a



sensitive lot and they are to be treated well. Similarly, we should walk behind them or to their side, and not in front of them, as a show of respect. If advised, be a good listener even though we may disagree with what is being discussed. What is important is to never dishonor and taint their dignity by embarrassing them in public. When there is no longer respect, it gives rise to pride and arrogance. Those that do not have affection towards others will not be loved. This was firmly stated by the Prophet ﷺ in the *hadeeth* of Abu Hurayrah *radiyAllaahu 'anh*, where Rasulullah ﷺ said:

إِنَّ مَنْ لَا يَرْحَمُ لَا يُرْحَمُ

***"He who does not show mercy, no mercy would be shown to him."***

(Ahmad)

**Dear blessed audience,**

It behooves us to realize that respecting the elders is from among the acts of *sunnah* (supererogatory). This matter was reminded by Prophet Muhammad ﷺ in the *hadeeth* of ibn 'Abbaas *radiyAllaahu 'anhuma*, where Rasulullah ﷺ said:

لَيْسَ مِنَّا مَنْ لَمْ يَرْحَمْ صَغِيرَنَا وَيُوقِّرْ كَبِيرَنَا وَيَأْمُرْ  
بِالْمَعْرُوفِ وَيَنْهَ عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ

***"He is not one of us who does not have mercy upon our young, respect our elders, and command good and forbid evil."***

(at-Tirmidhi)

Of late, the noble habit of respecting the elderly is increasingly eroding within the society, especially amongst the teenagers. It seems as if they were not educated with the attribute of respecting the elders. Day by day,



we are witnessing a practice that has been deemed as a righteous practice for ages but now no longer practiced today. It has increasingly vanished and disappeared with modernity, such as the practice of seeking permission before crossing in front of the elders. Aside from that, a scenario that can be seen is the etiquette of discussion displayed by social media users, where it is as if they no longer respect those that are older than them, whom possess far greater experience with the intricacies of life. There are vulgarities, insults, and harsh words that are emotional due to their anger that offends the feeling of the elders. This is truly a sad situation for the youth, who do not demonstrate excellent *akhlaaq* upon the elders. Today, many parents would hasten in raising offspring that are geniuses and skillful in various fields and stature, however they have forgotten to instill noble values within their children's lives. The noble practice of respecting one another, aiding one another, knowing the limits in the interaction with the elderly, the *adab* when speaking, they all no longer serve as the main concern in their lives. It must be remembered that respecting the elders is strongly emphasized by the Prophet ﷺ through the *hadeeth* of ibn 'Abbaas *radiyAllaahu 'anhuma* where Rasulullah ﷺ said:

إِنَّ جِبْرِيلَ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامَ أَمَرَنِي أَنْ أُكَبِّرَ

***"Jibreel 'Alayhissalaam commanded me to prioritize the elderly."***

*(Ahmad)*

In facing the current situation, let us strive to make time and visit the elders in our neighborhood and surrounding area. Perhaps among them there are those whose lives are greatly affected without receiving the much needed care. Let us seize the opportunity to greet them, render kind treatment, and fulfill their needs. They are among the minority that are neglected due to living alone in destitution. Therefore, this is the very opportunity for us to provide support and aid.



**Dear blessed Muslims,**

Utmost priority must be given to our aging parents. Let us provide encouragement and internal support with affection, greeting and inquiring how they are doing, aside from helping to reduce the emotional burden and stress. Similarly, the priority in aiding elderlies who no longer have heirs or abandoned by their children, having no relatives to come by and visit them. In the end, they would end up involuntarily in homes and care centers for the elderly, like a kite with severed string. Hence, such predicament would result in grief that is long lasting until they breathe their last. What they yearn for is happiness and tranquility at the end of their life, yet such dreams are difficult to turn into reality.

Even though the role and responsibility as children have been greatly emphasized during the school days, in showing compassion and kindness as well as concerns in looking after the welfare of their elderly parents, however there are those within the society that became selfish as their parents get older. They would opt for the short cut and dish off their aging parents to the care centers, or leave them in the hospitals, *masaajid*, or in public places. Some of the heirs would surrender fully the responsibility to the nursing homes to care for the elderly, and they would never again pay a visit or even inquire about their wellbeing, with thousands of excuses given, until their parents or the elders would pass away.

Therefore, respect and love our elders, for it is a very noble and virtuous deed in the Sight of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. Let us take advantage of our remaining days to respect our elders, for surely one day we will also experience old age and wade through the very last bits of our age in life.

**Dearest audience,**



Among the lessons from today's *khutbah* that can be derived as guidance in our lives are:

1. Every Muslim must become individuals that are respectful of the elders in securing blissfulness in this world and the Hereafter.
2. Every Muslim must realize that respecting the elders is an act and practice that is noble and righteous, further emphasized in Islam.
3. The Muslim *ummah* must foster mutual respect and tolerance between the old and the young.

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ  
وَوَصَّيْنَا الْإِنْسَانَ بِوَالِدَيْهِ إِحْسَانًا حَمَلَتْهُ أُمُّهُ كُرْهًا وَوَضَعَتْهُ  
كُرْهًا وَحَمَلُهُ وَفِصْلُهُ ثَلَاثُونَ شَهْرًا حَتَّىٰ إِذَا بَلَغَ أَشُدَّهُ وَبَلَغَ  
أَرْبَعِينَ سَنَةً قَالَ رَبِّ أَوْزِعْنِي أَنْ أَشْكُرَ نِعْمَتَكَ الَّتِي أَنْعَمْتَ عَلَيَّ  
وَعَلَىٰ وَالِدَيَّ وَأَنْ أَعْمَلَ صَالِحًا تَرْضَاهُ وَأَصْلِحْ لِي فِي ذُرِّيَّتِي إِنِّي  
تُبْتُ إِلَيْكَ وَإِنِّي مِنَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ ﴿١٥﴾

***“And We have enjoined upon man, to his parents, good treatment. His mother carried him with hardship and gave birth to him with hardship, and his gestation and weaning [period] is thirty months. [He grows] until, when he reaches maturity and reaches [the age of] forty years, he says, “My Lord, enable me to be grateful for Your favor which You have bestowed upon me and upon my parents and to work righteousness of which You will approve and make righteous for me my offspring. Indeed, I have repented to You, and indeed, I am of the Muslims.””***



(Soorah al-Ahqaaf 46:15)

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، فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ 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 audience,**

Once more, I would like to remind all of us to always have the *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* by guarding ourselves and our families from abominable deeds and disobedience against Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. At the same time, we will continue to pray so that our country will always remain blessed and protected from all forms of threat, as well as contagions from the Covid-19 pandemic.

May we become among the slaves of Allah that are patient while enduring all diseases afflicted, disciplined in adhering to the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) and deriving lessons from everything that has happened, always vigilant and mindful though we have been given a bit of freedom to move about. This is because the entire nation is still fighting the Covid-19 pandemic, for the sake of our own safety and the society as a whole.



For those that are truly affected by this pandemic, do not take the easy way out by harming and injuring oneself. We must be selfless, patient, and strong mentally and physically, built upon solid *imaan*.

Let us altogether increase our *salawaat* upon our beloved Prophet Muhammad ﷺ as Allah has commanded:

إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَمَلَائِكَتَهُ يُصَلُّونَ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا صَلُّوا عَلَيْهِ وَسَلِّمُوا تَسْلِيمًا ﴿٥٦﴾

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 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 أَدْرِيسَ شَاهِ



الحاج ابن المرحوم سُلْطَان صَلاَحُ الدِّين عبد العزيز شاه  
الحاج. اَللّٰهُمَّ اَدِمِ الْعَوْنَ وَالْهِدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ  
وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْكَ، لِوَلِيِّ عَهْدٍ سَلَاطُور، تَعَكَوْ اَمِير شَاهِ ابْنِ  
السُّلْطَانِ شَرْفُ الدِّينِ ادریس شاه الحاج، فِي اَمْنٍ وَصَلَاحٍ  
وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنْكَ وَكَرَمِكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْاِكْرَامِ. اَللّٰهُمَّ اَطْلُ  
عُمْرَهُمَا مُصْلِحَيْنِ لِلْمُؤَظَّفَيْنِ 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 upon us *rahmah* and blessings upon this state that continues to prosper and progress, and that its residents remain united, under the auspices and leadership of our Ruler as the Head of Islamic affairs in this state.

O Allah, make us among Your slaves whom are always exalting Your Word and Religion. Keep us away from groups and those that like to criticize, curse, and insult Your Religion.

O Allah, grant us guidance in performing the five obligatory prayers in congregation, fulfilling *zakaat* through Selangor *Zakaat* Board (LZS), making endowment (*waqf*) through *Perbadanan Wakaf Selangor* (Selangor Endowment Corporation) and giving away (*infaaq*) our wealth through *Tabung Infak Jariah Umat Islam Selangor* (TIJARI, Selangor Continuous Charity for Muslims Fund), and to the orphans through Darul Ehsan Islamic Foundation (YIDE).



اَللّٰهُمَّ يَا دَافِعَ الْبَلَاءِ، اِدْفَعْ عَنَّا هَذَا الْوَبَاءَ وَالْبَلَاءَ وَالْمَرَضَ  
وَالشَّدَائِدَ وَالْمِحْنَ، بِلُطْفِكَ يَا لَطِيفُ إِنَّكَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ  
قَدِيرٌ وَبِالْإِجَابَةِ جَدِيرٌ.

رَبَّنَا هَبْ لَنَا مِنْ أَزْوَاجِنَا وَذُرِّيَّتِنَا قُرَّةَ أَعْيُنٍ وَاجْعَلْنَا لِلْمُتَّقِينَ إِمَامًا.  
رَبَّنَا ءَاتِنَا فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِي الْآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ ﴿٢٠١﴾.  
عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ وَالْإِحْسَنِ وَإِيتَايَ ذِي الْقُرْبَى  
وَيَنْهَى عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَالْبَغْيِ يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ



فَاذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ يَذْكُرْكُمْ وَاشْكُرُوهُ عَلَى نِعَمِهِ يَزِدْكُمْ،  
وَاسْأَلُوهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ يُعْطِكُمْ وَلَذِكْرُ اللَّهِ أَكْبَرُ وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا  
تَصْنَعُونَ.