

# "SELF-EVALUATION AND DETERMINATION"

اَلْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ: يَنَأَيُّهَا ٱلْإِنسَنُ إِنَّكَ كَادِحُ إِلَىٰ رَبِّكَ كَدِّ طَّ فَمُلَقِيهِ ﴿ وَ اللَّهُ وَحُدَهُ وَلاَ شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ و وَرَسُولُهُ. أَشْهَدُ أَنْ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ و وَرَسُولُهُ. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى ءَالِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ أَجْمَعِيْنَ. اللَّهُ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى ءَالِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ أَجْمَعِيْنَ. أَمَّا بَعْدُ، فَيَا أَيُّهَا الْمُسْلِمُونَ! إِتَّقُواْ اللَّهَ، أُوْصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى اللهِ فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمَتَّقُونَ. قَالَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى:

### Dear blessed Muslims,

I remind myself and respected audience to strive in increasing our *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Taʻaala*, with deep commitment and *istiqaamah* (steadfastness) in fulfilling all of His Commands and avoiding all of His prohibitions, ensuring the wellbeing of this life while attaining a blessed and pleasing life in the Hereafter, *insha Allah*.

On this day of Friday that is full of blessings and with the coming of the new year of 2018, let us focus and ponder upon a *khutbah*, which is part of the perfection of the Friday prayer, entitled: "SELF-EVALUATION AND DETERMINATION."

#### Dear blessed audience,

Verily, muhaasabah can be defined as re-evaluating all of the deeds performed in the past, whether good or bad, beneficial or harmful with respect to imaan (belief) and kufr (disbelief), in obedience or disobedience (ma'siyyah), virtuous or detested, and rewarding or sinful. Muhaasabah also requires us to ponder upon our life journey, whether we are attaining nearness to Allah or actually distancing ourselves away from Allah. In this regard, we must duly realize of our very status of being, where do we originate? Why are living in this world? And where are we heading? Take heed, for Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala has commanded us to prepare the provisions that we will take along with us after our demise.

Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala mentions in verse 18 of soorah al-Hashr:

"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."

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al-Inshiqaaq 84:6



### Dear beloved Muslims,

The fortunate ones are those having believed and those that are wise in seizing every opportunity in their worldly lives to increase their righteous deeds, in ensuring a blissful life in the Hereafter. The time and opportunity available are not wasted a single bit, as mentioned in the *hadeeth* of 'Amr bin Maymoon *radiyAllaahu 'anh*, where Rasulullah

"Take advantage of five before five: your youth before your old age, your health before your illness, your riches before your poverty, your free time before your work, and your life before your death."

(al-Bayhaqi)

As such, in general, there are three matters that must be given due attention while wading through our lives in this world, namely:

- 1. Evaluating the deeds that we have performed. Are they according to the rulings of *Shara*' in terms of its pillars (*arkaan*) and conditions (*shuroot*)? Aside from that, were they performed with sincerity, purely for the sake of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*, with diligence and *istiqaamah*? This assessment is vital in determining whether our deeds are rendered valid and accepted by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*, which will be rewarded for, serving as provisions in the Hereafter.
- 2. Self-*muhaasabah* in gauging how far have we gone in abandoning the prohibitions of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.
- 3. Evaluating all of the bounties that Allah has bestowed upon us, such as the blessings of time, good health, wealth, and many more. Have they been utilized in getting us to become closer to Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* as a show of gratefulness, or have we abused them through transgressions that are only causing us to become further away from Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*, only to incur His Wrath?

# Dear respected Muslims,

Through *muhaasabah*, we will be able to identify our strengths and weaknesses, obedience or transgressions of the past. Hence, we must strive by increasing our righteous deeds as sustenance for the Hereafter, and let us not waste our life by only piling up on wealth and fulfilling our carnal desire.

اله It was narrated from Shaddaad bin 'Aws *radiyAllaahu 'anh* that Rasulullah عليه وسلم said:



"The clever person is the one who subjugates his soul, and works for what is after death. And the incapable is the one who follows his desires and merely hopes in Allah."

(at-Tirmidhi)

Indeed, to attain the sweetness in performing righteous deeds resulting from *muhaasabah*, one must have great persistence and determination. Without solid determination and willpower, one will not be able to change his regular habits, especially if it has become part and parcel of life, that one feels very comfortable with such circumstances and wrongdoings. Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* has commanded that we hasten in seeking forgiveness and ask for Allah's Paradise that is vast and wide.

Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala mentions in verse 133 of soorah Aal-'Imraan:

"And hasten to forgiveness from your Lord and a garden as wide as the heavens and earth, prepared for the righteous."

Among the steps that must be taken immediately without delay is to hasten in repentance that is founded upon true comprehension and conviction, that Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* is All-Hearing and Most Forgiving, Most Benevolent and Most Beneficent. To fully regret upon all of the sins committed, hating upon all disobediences committed, and firmly resolute in performing righteous deeds based on the *Sharee'ah* and authentic knowledge. Next, seizing the available opportunity to perform righteous deeds and correcting the *niyyah* (intention) and objectives when undertaking a matter so that it will be accepted as a righteous deed that is pleasing to Allah.

# Dear beloved Muslims,

To end this *khutbah*, let us altogether take beneficial lessons from this *khutbah*:

- 1. It is *waajib* (obligatory) upon the Muslim *ummah* to have certainty that the Day of Judgment will surely happen.
- 2. The Muslim *ummah* must make necessary preparations by increasing righteous deeds for the life of the Hereafter, while at the same time not disregarding the importance of a having blissful life in this world.
- 3. The Muslim *ummah* must have strong determination and perseverance in changing for the better.



"[The time of] their account has approached for the people, while they are in heedlessness turning away."

(al-Anbiyaa' 78:1)

بَارَكَ اللهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيْمِ، وَنَفَعَنِيْ وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيْهِ مِنَ الآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيْمِ وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِّيْ وَمِنْكُمْ تِلاَوَتَهُو، إِنَّهُو هُوَ السَّمِيْعُ الْعَلِيْمُ. أَقُولُ قَوْلِيْ هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللهَ الْعَظِيْمَ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَآئِرِ الْمُسْلِمِيْنَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ، فَاسْتَغْفِرُوْهُ إِنَّهُ و هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيْمُ.

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### THE SECOND KHUTBAH

اَلْحَمْدُلِلَّهِ الَّذِيْ جَعَلَنَا مِنَ الْمُسْلِمِيْنَ، وَرَزَقَنَا مِنَ الطَّيِّبَاتِ. أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُو لاَ شَرِيْكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُو وَرَسُوْلُهُو. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ إلا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُو لاَ شَرِيْكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُو وَرَسُوْلُهُو. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكُ عَلَىٰ سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَىٰ آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ وَمَنْ تَبِعَهُمْ بِإِحْسَانٍ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكُ عَلَىٰ سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَىٰ آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ وَمَنْ تَبِعَهُمْ بِإِحْسَانٍ إِلَىٰ يَوْمِ الدِّيْنِ. أَمَّا بَعْدُ، فَيَا عِبَادَ اللهِ، إتَّقُواْ اللَّهَ، أُوصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى اللهِ فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُثَقُونَ.

# 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 was sent to perfect *akhlaaq* and as mercy for the entire mankind and the worlds. Therefore, let us always increase our *salawaat* and *salaam* upon our Prophet Muhammad ميلونية. Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions:

"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)

إِنَّ ٱللَّهَ وَمَلَتِهِكَتَهُ لِيُصَلُّونَ عَلَى ٱلنَّبِيِّ يَتَأَيُّهَا ٱلَّذِينَ ءَامَنُواْ صَلُّواْ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلِّمُواْ تَسْلِيمًا.

اَللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا وَمَوْلاَنَا مُحَمَّدٍ سَيِّدِ الْمُرْسَلِينَ وَارْضَ اللَّهُمَّ عَنْ أَصْحَابِهِ وَقَرَابَتِهِ وَأَزْوَاجِهِ وَذُرِّيَّاتِهِ أَجْمَعِيْنَ.

اَللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِلْمُسْلِمِیْنَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِیْنَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ الأَحْیَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالأَمْوَات، إِنَّكَ سَمِیْعٌ قَرِیْبٌ مُجِیْبُ الدَّعَوَاتِ وَیَا قَاضِيَ الْحَاجَاتِ. اَللَّهُمَّ أَعِزَّ اِلاِسْلَامَ وَالْمُسْلِمِیْنَ، وَأَهْلِكِ الْكَفَرَةَ وَالْمُبْتَدِعَةَ وَالْمُشْرِكِیْنَ وَدَمِّرْ اَعْدَاءَكَ اَعْدَاءَ الدِّیْن. وَانْصُرْنَا عَلَى الْقَوْمِ الْكَافِرِیْنَ.

اَللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ وَنَتَوَسَّلُ إِلَيْكَ بِنَبِيِّكَ الأَمِيْنِ، وَنَسْأَلُكَ بِأَسْمَآئِكَ الْحُسْنَى، وَوَسْفَأَلُكَ بِأَسْمَآئِكَ الْحُسْنَى، وَصِفَاتِكَ الْعُظْمَى، أَنْ تَحْفَظَ بِعَيْنِ عِنَايَتِكَ الرَّبَّانِيَّةِ، وَبحِفْظِ وِقَايَتِكَ وَصِفَاتِكَ الرَّبَّانِيَّةِ، وَبحِفْظِ وِقَايَتِكَ



الصَّمَدَانِيَّةِ، جَلاَلَةَ مَلِكِنَا الْمُعَظَّمِ، سُلْطَان سلاَعُور، سُلْطَان شَرَفُ الدِّين ادريس شاه الحاج، ابن المرحوم سُلْطَان صَلاَحُ الدِّين عبد العزيز شاه الحاج. اللَّهُمَّ أَدِمِ الْعَوْنَ وَالْهِدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيْقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ وَالسَّلاَمَةَ مِنْكَ، لِوَلِيِّ عَهْدِ اللَّهُمَّ أَدِمِ الْعَوْنَ وَالْهِدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيْقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ وَالسَّلاَمَةَ مِنْكَ، لِوَلِيِّ عَهْدِ اللَّهُمُّ أَدِمِ الْعَوْنَ وَالْهِدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيْقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ وَالسَّلاَمَةَ مِنْكَ، لِوَلِيِّ عَهْدِ سلاَعُور، تَعْكُو أَمِير شَاه، إبْنِ السُّلْطَان شَرَفُ الدِّين ادريس شاه الحاج، فِي المَّيْ وَصَلاَحٍ وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنِّكَ وَكَرَمِكَ يَا ذَاالْجَلالِ وَالإِكْرَامِ. اَللَّهُمَّ أَطِلْ عُمْرَهُمَا، مُصْلِحَيْنِ لِلْمُوظَّفِيْنَ وَالرَّعِيَّةِ وَالْبِلاَدِ، وَبِلِغْ 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 *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 righteous deeds, cultivate our soul with good mannerisms, unite our hearts, bestow upon us *rizq* with blessings, enrich us with beneficial knowledge, protect us from disasters and save us from teachings that are outside the fold of Islam such as *Qadiyaani*, deviant teachings such as *Shee'ah*, and other teachings deemed as deviating from Islamic teachings or contradicting the creed of *Ahl as-Sunnah wal-Jamaa'ah*. O Allah, open up our hearts in performing the five daily prayers, 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).

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