

"THE WISDOM OF GIVING"

اَلْحَمْدُ لِللهِ الْقَائِل: وَمَا يَفْعَلُواْ مِنَ خَيْرٍ فَلَن يُكَفَرُوهُ وَاللّهُ عَلِيمُ اللّهُ عَلِيمُ اللّهُ وَحْدَهُ لاَ شَرِيْكَ لَهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُوْلُهُ. اَللّهُمَّ صَلِّ الشّهَدُ أَنْ لاَ إِلَهَ إِلاَّ اللّهُ وَحْدَهُ لاَ شَرِيْكَ لَهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُوْلُهُ. اَللّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلّم عَلَى سَيّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ وَأَجْمَعِيْنَ. أَمَّا بَعْدُ، فَيَا أَيُّهَا الْمُسْلِمُونَ! وَسَلّم عَلَى سَيّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ وَاللهِ فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ. قَالَ اللّهُ تَعَالَىٰ: يَتَأَيُّا ٱلَّذِينَ اللّهُ مَلْمُونَ. قَالَ اللّهُ تَعَالَىٰ: يَتَأَيُّا ٱلَّذِينَ ءَامَنُواْ ٱللّهَ حَقَّ تُقَالَىٰ اللّهُ مَلْمُونَ.

Dear blessed Muslims,

Let us strive to increase our *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Taʻaala* by fulfilling all of His Commands and avoiding all of His prohibitions. May we attain the pleasure of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Taʻaala* in this world and the Hereafter.

Today I will be discussing upon a khutbah titled "THE WISDOM OF GIVING."

Dear blessed audience,

Wealth is something that is desired by humans. In attaining wealth, at times friends become foes. Because of wealth, siblings would turn against each other. Due to the greed for wealth, one forgets about *halaal* and *haraam*. While engrossed in attaining wealth, the *'ibaadah* (worship) unto Allah gets neglected. These are among the challenges pertaining to wealth.

Verily, our wealth or *rizq* (provision) solely belongs to Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*, which has been predetermined when the soul was blown into the fetus inside the womb. Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* has granted responsibility upon those bestowed with wealth, that a portion of it is to be taken out for *zakaat*, *nafaqah* (financial support) for the household, *sadaqah* (charity), orphans, and the need of the community, without delaying it until one become heedless and breathe his last, only to be left with regret.

In a *hadeeth* of Rasulullah ممال that was narrated by 'Abdullah bin Shikhkheer, he stated that in reality all wealth belongs to Allah, not mankind. He عمال عمال said:

"The son of Adam claims: "My wealth, my wealth!" O son of Adam, is there anything as your belonging except that which you consumed, which you utilized, or which you wore and then it was worn out or you gave as charity and sent it forward?"

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¹ Aal-'Imraan 3:115.



Respected audience,

There are many advantages for the one that makes *infaaq* (charity) from his wealth even though it is deemed that the wealth reduces, but in reality it is well compensated by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. Among the advantages is the increase in one's *rizq*. Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 39 of soorah Sabaa':

"Say, "Indeed, my Lord extends provision for whom He wills of His servants and restricts [it] for him. But whatever thing you spend [in His cause] - He will compensate it; and He is the best of providers.""

This verse explains that Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* is The Almighty who can restrict or extend the *rizq* of His slaves. Whatever spent that is according to the command of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*, will definitely be recompensed.

Abu Hurayrah *radiyAllaahu 'anh* narrated in a *hadeeth Qudsi* that Rasulullah عليه وسلم said:

"Allah (Mighty and Sublime be He) said: Spend (on charity), O son of Adam, and I shall spend on you."

(al-Bukhaari)

Similarly with the mentioning in the *hadeeth* of Abu Hurayrah *radiyAllaahu 'anh* where one day Rasulullah عَلَى وَاللَّهُ entered upon Bilaal bin Rabaah and saw a container filled with *tamr* (dates) that is kept by Bilaal. He

"Spend on it, O Bilaal! And do not be afraid that it will be reduced by the possessor of the Throne."

(at-Tabaraani)

In the *hadeeth* of Abu Hurayrah *radiyAllaahu 'anh*, Rasulullah عليه وسلم said:

"Every day two angels come down from Heaven and one of them says, 'O Allah! Compensate every person who spends in Your Cause,' and the other (angel) says, 'O Allah! Destroy every miser.'"

(al-Bukhaari and Muslim)



This means that the one who spends from his wealth as 'ibaadah or to attain nearness to Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala with full sincerity, he will not take it as a loss, deficiency, and poverty.

Such is the advantage of those making *infaaq* of their wealth that they have full certainty upon the guarantee by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* of increased *rizq* from unexpected sources.

Therefore, waqf (endowment) has become a medium for the Companions of the Prophet . Their virtuous practice of competing in making waqf is the direct effect from the teachings of the Prophet . Jaabir radiyAllaahu 'anhuma stated, "There is no one from among the Companions of Rasulullah ... who had wealth that did not make waqf."

Dear Muslims.

History has shown that the practice of giving waqf had existed since Rasulullah made hijrah to Madeenah, and it continued throughout the reign of the Khulafaa' ar-Raashideen, the Umayyads, the Abbassids, until the Ottomans. Waqf has become one of the most effective approaches in empowering the Muslim ummah, building public facilities, financing the health and education sector, as well as infrastructures within the city, and many other benefits gained from waqf funds.

For example, the Sultan ibn Tooloon Hospital in Cairo that was built in the year 872 was the first hospital ever built from *waqf* fund and also fully administered by the *waqf* fund. Similarly with the University of al-Qarawiyyeen in Morocco that was founded through *waqf* fund in 859, which was the first university established in the world and had produced prominent graduates such as ibn Rushd who was scholarly in philosophy and medicine.

With that, Imaam Maalik rahimahullaah stated, "The latter part of this Ummah will not be rectified except by that which rectified its earliest part."

Dearest guests of Allah,

Alhamdulillaah, we are truly grateful to Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala who had bestowed upon us multitudes of provisions. Therefore, after fulfilling our zakaat obligation and completing the nafaqah for the household, let us spend a portion of our income as waqf in attaining nearness to Allah and increasing our righteous deeds as provision for the Hereafter.

It is befitting for us to take heed from a *hadeeth* of the Prophet على الله that was narrated by Abu Barzah al-Aslami, where the Prophet على عمالية said:

"The feet of a slave will not move on the Day of Judgment until he has been questioned about [four things:] his life – how he spent it, his knowledge – how he acted upon it, his wealth – where he earned it and how he spent it, and his body – how he used it."

(at-Tirmidhi)

Dear blessed Muslims,



To end this *khutbah*, let us altogether ponder upon the following recommendations, which hopefully has many benefits for us all:

- 1. The Muslim *ummah* must have certainty upon the promise of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* in bestowing rewards that are manifold and continuous to those that made *infaaq*, for as long as it remains beneficial.
- 2. The Muslim *ummah* must have certainty that giving *infaaq* will not cause the wealth to diminish, but instead it will further increase.
- 3. Muslims that have made *infaaq* from their best and most beloved possession will be honored with the greatest appreciation by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.

عَلِيمٌ ﴿

"Never will you attain the good [reward] until you spend [in the way of Allah] from that which you love. And whatever you spend - indeed, Allah is Knowing of it."

(Aal-'Imraan 3:92)

بَارَكَ اللهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيْمِ، وَنَفَعَنِيْ وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيْهِ مِنَ الآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيْمِ وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِيْ وَمِنْكُمْ تِلاَوَتَهُ، إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيْعُ الْعَلِيْمُ. وَلَدَّكْرِ الْحَكِيْمِ وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِيْ وَمِنْكُمْ تِلاَوَتَهُ، إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيْعُ الْعَلِيْمُ. أَقُولُ قَوْلِيْ هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللهَ الْعَظِيْمَ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَآئِرِ الْمُسْلِمِيْنَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ، فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْعَفُورُ الرَّحِيْمُ.



THE SECOND KHUTBAH

ٱلْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِيْ جَعَلَنَا مِنَ الْمُسْلِمِيْنَ، وَرَزَقَنَا مِنَ الطَّيِّبَاتِ. أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَّآ إِلَهَ إِلاَّ اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لاَ شَرِيْكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ. اَللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَىٰ آلِهِ - وَصَحْبِهِ - وَمَنْ تَبِعَهُمْ بِإِحْسَانِ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّيْنِ. أَمَّا بَعْدُ، فَيَا عِبَادَ اللهِ، إِتَّقُواْ اللَّهَ، أُوصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى اللهِ فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُوْنَ.

Dear blessed audience.

"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)

وَقَالَ اللهُ تَعَالَى : إِنَّ ٱللَّهَ وَمَلَتِهِكَتَهُ مُ يُصَلُّونَ عَلَى ٱلنَّبِيُّ يَتَأَيُّهَا ٱلَّذِيرَ وَامَنُواْ صَلُّواْ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمُواْ تَسْليمًا.

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

ٱللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِلْمُسْلِمِيْنَ وَالْلُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِيْنَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ، إِنَّكَ سَمِيْعٌ قَرِيْبٌ مُجِيْبُ الدَّعَوَاتِ وَيَا قَاضِيَ الْحَاجَاتِ. اَللَّهُمَّ أَعِزَّ الْإِسْلاَمَ وَالْلُسْلِمِيْنَ، وَأَهْلِكِ الْكَفَرَةَ وَالْمُبْتَدِعَةَ وَالْمُشْرِكِيْنَ وَدَمِّرْ اَعْدَاءَكَ اَعْدَاءَ الدِّيْنِ. وَانْصُرْنَا عَلَى الْقَوْمِ الْكَافِرِيْنَ.

اَللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ وَنَتَوَسَّلُ إِلَيْكَ بِنَبِيِّكَ الْأَمِيْنِ، وَنَسْأَلُكَ بِأَسْمَائِكَ الْحُسْنَى، وَصِفَاتِكَ الْعُظْمَى، أَنْ تَحْفَظَ بِعَيْنِ عِنَايَتِكَ الرَّبَّانِيَّةِ، وَبحِفْظِ وِقَايَتِكَ الصَّمَدَانِيَّةِ، جَلاَلَةَ مَلِكِنَا الْمُعَظَّمِ، سُلْطَان سلاغُور، سُلْطَان شَرَفُ الدِّين ادريس شاه الحاج ابن المرحوم سُلْطَان صَلاَحُ الدِّين عبد العزيز شاه الحاج. اَللَّهُمَّ أَدِمِ الْعَوْنَ وَالْهِدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيْقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ وَالسَّلامَةَ مِنْكَ، لِوَلِيِّ عَهْدِ سلاغُور، تعْكو أَمِير شَاه اِبْنِ السُّلْطَان شَرَفُ الدِّين ادريس شاه الحاج، فِيْ أَمْنٍ وَصَلاَح وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنِّكَ وَكَرَمِكَ يَا



ذَاالْجَلالِ وَالإِكْرَامِ. اَللَّهُمَّ أَطِلْ عُمْرَهُمَا مُصْلِحَيْنِ لِلْمُوَظَّفِيْنَ وَالرَّعِيَّةِ وَالْبِلاَدِ، وَبلِّغْ مَقَاصِدَهُمَا لِطَربق 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 أَزُواجِنَا وَذُرِيَّتِنَا قُرَّةَ أَعْيُنِ وَٱجْعَلْنَا لِلْمُتَّقِينَ إِمَامًا. رَبَّنَا ءَاتِنَا فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِي الْأَخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ عَبَادَ اللهِ، إِنَّ اللهَ يَأْمُرُ بِٱلْعَدْلِ وَٱلْإِحْسَنِ وَإِيتَآيٍ ذِى اللَّهُ الْقُرْبَى وَيَنْهَىٰ عَنِ اللَّهَ حَسَنَ وَإِيتَآيٍ ذِى اللَّهُ اللهِ اللهَ الْمَعْ يَعْظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ فَ وَاللَّهُ مَا تَصْنَعُونَ عَلَى نِعَمِهِ عَنِ اللهُ الله الله الْعَظِيْمَ يَذْكُرُهُ وَالله يَعْلَمُ مَا تَصْنَعُونَ.
