



"SUPPLICATING IS WORSHIP"

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ: وَقَالَ رَبُّكُمْ ادْعُونِي أَسْتَجِبْ لَكُمْ إِنَّ الَّذِينَ يَسْتَكْبِرُونَ عَنْ عِبَادَتِي سَيَدْخُلُونَ جَهَنَّمَ دَاخِرِينَ 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 عِبَادَ اللَّهِ! اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ، وَتَزَوَّدُوا فَإِنَّ خَيْرَ الزَّادِ التَّقْوَى. قَالَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى: يَتَّخِذُ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تَقَاتِهِ وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ.

Dear blessed Muslims,

Let us have the *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* in its truest sense, with full submission and obedience in performing all of His Commands and avoiding all of His prohibitions. May we all become among those having the *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*, attaining salvation and success in this world and the Hereafter.

Today, I will expound on a *khutbah* entitled **"SUPPLICATING IS WORSHIP"**.

Dear honorable guests of Allah,

Supplicating is a form of *'ibaadah* (worship). Supplication refers to the pleading of a slave to Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* for his or her well being in this world and the Hereafter. It is accompanied with earnest effort and full endeavor. Supplication is not bounded by time and place. One can supplicate at any time, whether day or night, and anywhere, whether on land, in the air, or at the sea. Similarly, whether one is in *safar* (travel) or not, whether rich or poor, and whether healthy or sick.

Those who would always supplicate to Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* as a regular practice, truly it is a manifestation of their nearness to Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 186 of soorah al-Baqarah:

"And when My slaves ask you (O Muhammad SAW) concerning Me, then (answer them), I am indeed near (to them by My Knowledge). I respond to the invocations of the supplicant when he calls on Me (without any mediator or intercessor)."

Dear blessed Muslims,

Making *du'aa* (supplication) is a command from Allah 'Azza wa Jalla and His Messenger ﷺ. When we supplicate to Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*, it means that we are fulfilling the command of Allah and His Messenger ﷺ. Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 55 of soorah al-A'raaf:

¹ Ghaafir 40:40



أَدْعُوا رَبَّكُمْ تَضَرُّعًا وَخُفْيَةً إِنَّهُ لَا يُحِبُّ الْمُعْتَدِينَ ﴿٢٥٦﴾

"Invoke your Lord with humility and in secret. He likes not the aggressors."

The Prophet ﷺ had informed us that the weakest people among mankind are those that do not make *du'aa* to Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. It was mentioned from the narration of Abu Hurayrah *radiyAllaahu 'anh* that Rasulullah ﷺ said:

إِنَّ أَبْخَلَ النَّاسِ مَنْ بَخِلَ بِالسَّلَامِ، وَأَعْجَزَ النَّاسِ مَنْ عَجَزَ عَنِ الدُّعَاءِ

"Indeed, the one who is most miserly are those that are stingy in spreading the salaam, and the most incapable people are those having the inability to supplicate."

(ibn Hibbaan)

In the Sight of Allah, we are all needy while Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* is Free of all Needs and The Giver. Beseeching Allah, The Most Merciful, is not the same as asking from humans whom are underprivileged. Humans would become angry if they are repeatedly asked for aid. A person who supplicates to Allah will never be disappointed. On the authority of Salman al-Faarisi *radiyAllaahu 'anh* who said that the Prophet ﷺ said:

"Indeed, Allah, is Hayy, Generous, when a man raises his hands to Him, He feels too shy to return them to him empty and rejected."

(at-Tirmidhi)

Dear blessed audience,

Supplicating is from the practice of the Prophets and Messengers *'alayhimussalaam*, from Prophet Adam *'alayhissalaam* to our beloved Muhammad ﷺ, who would always supplicate and seek aid from Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.

Supplication that is deemed by the Prophet ﷺ as *'ibaadah* refers to *dhikr*, the remembrance of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. A person who is supplicating is actually engaging in *dhikr* (remembrance) of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. It has its own unique virtues, among them is earning the same benefit even though the *du'aa* is made for one's Muslim brethren. Supplicating will also save us from any type of calamity, which includes those uttering "*ameen*" to the supplication.

For example, it is narrated in *Saheeh Muslim* that once there were three men that was trapped in a cave and they successfully escaped safely after supplicating and making *tawassul* (seeking to draw close to Allah) through the righteous deeds that they had done. The story mentioned by the Prophet ﷺ, narrated by 'Abdullah ibn 'Umar *radiyAllaahu 'anhuma*, shows the power and miracle of supplicating, which is a virtue from Allah *'Azza wa Jalla*.



Not just that, the virtue of supplicating will also bring benefit to those that have passed away, which is the benefit of rewards for the believers that have passed away resulting from the supplication of other believers that are still living. Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 10 of soorah al-Hashr:

وَالَّذِينَ جَاءُوا مِنْ بَعْدِهِمْ يَقُولُونَ رَبَّنَا اغْفِرْ لَنَا وَلِإِخْوَانِنَا الَّذِينَ سَبَقُونَا بِالْإِيمَانِ وَلَا تَجْعَلْ فِي قُلُوبِنَا غِلًّا لِلَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا رَبَّنَا إِنَّكَ رَءُوفٌ رَحِيمٌ ﴿١٠﴾

"And those who came after them say: "Our Lord! Forgive us and our brethren who have preceded us in Faith, and put not in our hearts any hatred against those who have believed. Our Lord! You are indeed full of kindness, Most Merciful"."

Dear blessed audience,

In reaping the virtues of supplicating as mentioned, those making supplication must observe the etiquettes (*adab*) recommended by the *Shara'*. Among those *adab* are:

First: Sincerity and certainty while supplicating

The one making *du'aa* must have *ikhlaas* (sincerity) and *yaqeen* (certainty) upon Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*, not feeling doubtful about it being accepted. Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 60 of soorah Ghaafir:

وَقَالَ رَبُّكُمْ ادْعُونِي أَسْتَجِبْ لَكُمْ إِنَّ الَّذِينَ يَسْتَكْبِرُونَ عَنْ عِبَادَتِي سَيَدْخُلُونَ جَهَنَّمَ دَاخِرِينَ ﴿٦٠﴾

"And your Lord says, "Call upon Me; I will respond to you." Indeed, those who disdain My worship will enter Hell [rendered] contemptible."

Second: Repent and return to Allah.

The one who wants to supplicate must make *tawbah* (repentance) by increasing *istighfaar* (seeking forgiveness). This is because disobedience to Allah is a major obstacle for the acceptance of *du'aa*. Prophet Nooh *'alayhissalaam* had asked his people to repent to Allah so that their prayers will be accepted. Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verses 10-12 of soorah Nooh:

"And said, 'Ask forgiveness of your Lord. Indeed, He is ever a Perpetual Forgiver. He will send [rain from] the sky upon you in [continuing] showers. And give you increase in wealth and children and provide for you gardens and provide for you rivers'."

Third: Having full concentration with fervent hope.



One must supplicate with full *khushoo'* (concentration), deep earnestness, and high hope. For it is Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* Alone who can accept and answer supplications.

The Prophet ﷺ has explained that the supplications that we make will get one of three things. It was narrated from Abu Sa'eed al-Khudri *radhiyAllahu 'anh* that the Prophet ﷺ said:

"There is no Muslim who calls upon his Lord with a du'aa in which there is no sin or severing of family ties, but Allah will give him one of three things: Either He will answer his prayer quickly, or He will store (the reward for) it in the Hereafter, or He will divert an equivalent evil away from him..."

(Ahmad)

Dear beloved Muslims,

Lately, there have been parties commercializing *du'aa* as their source of income. For example, recently the Muslims in this nation were shocked with the "*Valet Doa*" issue. *Valet Doa* is a "paid prayer" service to Makkah, offered to those that are unable to travel to Makkah but wishes for their supplications to be recited at specific locations. Clients are promised that the RM250 to RM2500 payments made will be reimbursed if their prayers are not accepted by Allah within a period of 365 days. Therefore, the Muslims must refrain from religious exploitation for mere worldly gain.

Dear noble guests of Allah,

In concluding the *khutbah* today, I would like to sincerely remind ourselves with the following matters:

1. The Muslim *ummah* must supplicate and pray to Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* Alone with absolute certainty and sincerity.
2. The Muslim *ummah* must strive and endeavor, as well as continuously supplicating, before placing *tawakkul* (reliance) upon Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*, and preserving its etiquettes so as to ensure that they are answered by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.
3. The Muslim *ummah* is highly recommended to increase in their supplications, whether facing difficulties or at ease, impoverished or wealthy, for *du'aa* is worship (*ibadah*) and *dhikr* (remembrance) of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ
وَلَا تُفْسِدُوا فِي الْأَرْضِ بَعْدَ إِصْلَاحِهَا وَادْعُوهُ خَوْفًا وَطَمَعًا إِنَّ رَحْمَتَ اللَّهِ قَرِيبٌ مِّنَ الْمُحْسِنِينَ

"And cause not corruption upon the earth after its reformation. And invoke Him in fear and aspiration. Indeed, the mercy of Allah is near to the doers of good."

(al-A'raaf 7:56)



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

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THE SECOND KHUTBAH

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي جَعَلَنَا مِنَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ، وَرَزَقَنَا مِنَ الطَّيِّبَاتِ. أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا 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.

Dear blessed audience,

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. Therefore, let us increase our *salawaat* and *salaam* upon our Prophet Muhammad ﷺ. Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions:

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

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 إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ وَنَتَوَسَّلُ إِلَيْكَ بِنَبِيِّكَ الْأَمِينِ، وَنَسْأَلُكَ بِأَسْمَائِكَ الْحُسْنَى وَصِفَاتِكَ الْعُظْمَى أَنْ تَحْفَظَ بَعَيْنَ عِنَايَتِكَ الرَّبَّانِيَّةِ وَبِحِفْظِ وَقَايَتِكَ الصِّمْدَانِيَّةِ، جَلَالَةَ مَلِكِنَا الْمُعْظَمِ سُلْطَانَ سَلَاطُور، سُلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ ادریس شاه الحاج ابن المرحوم سُلْطَانَ صَلَاحُ الدِّينِ عبد العزيز شاه الحاج. اللَّهُمَّ أَدِمِ الْعُونَ وَالْهِدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْكَ، لِيُولِّيَ عَهْدِ سَلَاطُور، تَغْكُو أَمِيرَ شَاهِ ابْنِ السُّلْطَانَ شَرَفُ الدِّينِ ادریس شاه الحاج فِي أَمْنٍ وَصَلَاحٍ وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنْكَ وَكَرَمِكَ يَا



ذَٰلِجَلَالٍ وَإِكْرَامٍ. اَللّٰهُمَّ اَطْلُ عُمْرَهُمَا مُصْلِحَيْنِ لِلْمَوْظَفَيْنِ 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 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 deviant teachings such as *Shee'ah*, *Qadiyaani*, 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).

رَبَّنَا هَبْ لَنَا مِنْ أَزْوَاجِنَا وَذُرِّيَّاتِنَا قُرَّةَ أَعْيُنٍ وَاجْعَلْنَا لِلْمُتَّقِينَ إِمَامًا. رَبَّنَا
ءَاتِنَا فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِي الْآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ.
عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ وَالْإِحْسَانِ وَإِيتَايَ ذِي الْقُرْبَىٰ وَيَنْهَىٰ عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ
وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَالْبَغْيِ يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ ﴿٩١﴾

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