

**"HEADING TOWARDS AL-BARZAKH"**

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ: قُلْ إِنَّ أَلَمَوْتَ الَّذِي تَفِرُّونَ مِنْهُ فَإِنَّهُ مُلْقِيكُمْ ثُمَّ تُرَدُّونَ إِلَىٰ عِلْمِ الْغَيْبِ وَالشَّهَادَةِ فَيُنَبِّئُكُمْ بِمَا كُنْتُمْ تَعْمَلُونَ¹

أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ.

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَىٰ سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَىٰ آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ.

أَمَّا بَعْدُ، فَيَا أَيُّهَا الْمُسْلِمُونَ! اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ، أَوْصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ. قَالَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تَقَاتِهِ وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ.

Dear blessed Muslims,

Let us altogether strive to increase our *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* with full certainty and sincerity. Let us fulfill all of the commands of Allah and avoid all of His prohibitions. May we all become among the *muttaqoon*, whom attains the blessings and pleasure of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* in this world and the Hereafter.

On this noble day that is full of blessings, let us fully focus and divert our attention to a *khutbah* titled **"HEADING TOWARDS AL-BARZAKH."**

As an *ummah* having belief and subscribing to al-Qur'an *al-Hadeeth*, as well as the 'aqeedah of *Ahl as-Sunnah wal-Jamaa'ah*, it is *waajib* (obligatory) for us to have belief that life, death, and life after death will surely take place. Every human being will definitely experience them. Whether young or old, our age is not a question, for we will all die eventually. No matter how healthy a person is, no matter how much authority one may have, human beings will die and leave this mortal world. When death or the time of death has arrived, it will occur no matter where one may be. This is as it was stated by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* in verse 78 of soorah an-Nisaa':

أَيْنَمَا تَكُونُوا يُدْرِكُكُمُ الْمَوْتُ وَلَوْ كُنْتُمْ فِي بُرُوجٍ مُّشِيدَةٍ ...

"Wherever you may be, death will overtake you, even if you should be within towers of lofty construction..."

Dear respected Muslims,

When the soul is separated from the body or when death occurs, it marks the transition from the worldly life to the life of *al-barzakh* or life in the grave. It is the realm that is between the life of the world and the Hereafter, before we are resurrected and gathered at *al-Mahshaar*. The realm of *al-barzakh* is also the first stage from among the stages of the Hereafter. This is as mentioned in the *hadeeth* of 'Uthmaan ibn 'Affaan *radiyAllahu 'anh* where Rasulullah صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم said:

¹ al-Jumu'ah 62:8



إِنَّ الْقَبْرَ أَوَّلُ مَنَازِلِ الْآخِرَةِ ، فَإِنْ نَجَا مِنْهُ فَمَا بَعْدَهُ أَيْسَرُ مِنْهُ ، وَإِنْ لَمْ يَنْجُ مِنْهُ فَمَا بَعْدَهُ أَشَدُّ مِنْهُ

“Indeed the grave is the first stage among the stages of the Hereafter. So if one is saved from it, then what comes after it is easier than it. And if one is not saved from it, then what comes after it is worse than it.”

(at-Tirmidhi)

Know that when the body is placed in the grave, two angels, namely Munkar and Nakeer, will appear and ask several questions. This is the first trial that is known as *fitnah al-qabr* or the trial of the grave. Whoever succeeds in this trial will attain its bounties, and whoever fails will earn the punishment of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta’aala*. This is what is known as the bounties and punishments of the grave.

From various narrations of Rasulullah ﷺ collected by Imaams al-Bukhaari, Muslim, at-Tirmidhi, and Abu Dawood, among the bounties in the life of the grave are:

1. Carpets from Paradise are laid out.
2. Given clothes from Paradise.
3. The gates leading to Paradise are opened.
4. Beautiful scent of musk from Paradise.
5. The grave is expanded by 70 cubits.
6. Light illuminating the grave.
7. Sound asleep until the Day of Resurrection.

And among the punishments of the grave are:

1. Carpets from Hellfire are laid out.
2. Given clothes from Hellfire.
3. The gates leading to Hellfire are opened.
4. Filled with intense heat of Hellfire.
5. Beaten between the two ears.
6. Squeezed by the earth until the ribs are crushed.

Dear blessed audience,

Verily, the bounties in the grave are for those that are obedient to Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta’aala*, while the punishments of the grave are for those who disobeyed Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta’aala*, and it will all remain until the Last Day.

This was explained in the *hadeeth* of ibn ‘Umar *radiyAllaahu ‘anhuma* where Rasulullah ﷺ said:

“When anyone of you dies, he is shown his place both in the morning and in the evening. If he is one of the people of Paradise; he is shown his place in it, and if he is from the people of the Hell-Fire; he is shown his place therein. Then it is said to him, ‘This is your place till Allah resurrect you on the Day of Resurrection.’”

(al-Bukhaari)



Dear blessed audience,

Whatever the case may be, the delights and punishments in the realm of *al-barzakh* or the grave will surely happen, and every one of us will certainly experience it. Therefore, we as believers must have full certainty upon its truth and begin preparing with preparations that will aid us in attaining the bounties of the grave, as well as avoiding its punishments. We must increase our righteous deeds, for it is among the things that will remain with us in the grave.

In the *hadeeth* of Anas bin Maalik *radiyAllaahu ‘anh*, Rasulullah ﷺ said:

“When carried to his grave, a dead person is followed by three, two of which return (after his burial) and one remains with him: his relative, his property, and his deeds follow him; relatives and his property return while his deeds remain with him.”

(*al-Bukhaari*)

Among the righteous deeds that can aid one in gaining the delights of the grave are: *sadaqah jaariyah* (continuous charity), knowledge that is beneficial, and supplications from righteous offspring. This is as mentioned in the *hadeeth* of Abu Hurayrah *radiyAllaahu ‘anh* where Rasulullah ﷺ stated:

“When a person dies, his deeds come to an end, except for three: A continuous charity, knowledge by which people derive benefit, and a pious son who supplicates for him.”

(*Muslim*)

Respected Muslims,

Righteous deeds that can help in warding off the punishments of the grave are: obligatory prayers, fasting, *zakaat*, and good deeds performed. These deeds will serve as fortress and savior for the deceased from the punishments of the grave.

Hence, take heed and hasten to perform righteous deeds as provisions to accompany us to the life of *al-barzakh*, for death can occur at any time, regardless during our young or old age, whether we are healthy or sick, at times of ease or difficulty, no matter where we are. Therefore, let us not become heedless and procrastinate in increasing our *‘ibaadah* (worship).

It is only befitting that we increase the realization and penitence within our soul that we will all die and dwell in *al-barzakh* or the grave. Take heed upon the events that had occurred upon our deceased colleagues and brethren as a reminder, lesson, and conviction for us to hasten in preparing ourselves and accumulate adequate righteous deeds as provision in facing death which is imminent. Be aware that the realm of *al-barzakh* always remains with its gates wide open, awaiting and welcoming our arrival.



أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ
النَّارُ يُعْرَضُونَ عَلَيْهَا غُدُوًّا وَعَشِيًّا وَيَوْمَ تَقُومُ السَّاعَةُ أَدْخِلُوا آلَ فِرْعَوْنَ
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"The Fire, they are exposed to it morning and evening. And the Day the Hour appears [it will be said], "Make the people of Pharaoh enter the severest punishment.""

(Ghaafir 40:46)

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ، وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ
الْآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ وَتَقَبَّلْ 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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الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي جَعَلَنَا مِنَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ، وَرَزَقَنَا مِنَ الطَّيِّبَاتِ. أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ. اَللّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ ۖ وَمَنْ تَبِعَهُمْ بِإِحْسَانٍ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ. أَمَّا بَعْدُ، فَيَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ، أُوصِيكُمْ 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 always increase our *salawaat* and *salaam* upon our Prophet Muhammad ﷺ. 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 اللَّهَ وَمَلَائِكَتَهُ يُصَلُّونَ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا صَلُّوا عَلَيْهِ وَسَلِّمُوا تَسْلِيمًا.

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

اَللّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِلْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ، إِنَّكَ سَمِيعٌ قَرِيبٌ مُجِيبُ الدَّعَوَاتِ وَيَا قَاضِيَ الْحَاجَاتِ. اَللّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ وَنَتَوَسَّلُ إِلَيْكَ بِنَبِيِّكَ الْأَمِينِ، وَنَسْأَلُكَ بِأَسْمَائِكَ الْحُسْنَى وَصِفَاتِكَ الْعُظْمَى أَنْ تَحْفَظَ بَعِيْن عِنَايَتِكَ الرَّبَّانِيَّةِ وَبِحِفْظِ وَقَايَتِكَ الصَّمَدَانِيَّةِ، جَلَالَةَ مَلِكِنَا الْمُعْظَمِ سُلْطَانَ سَلَغُور، سُلْطَانَ شَرْفِ الدِّينِ اَدْرِيس شَاهِ الْحَاجِ ابْنِ الْمَرْحُومِ سُلْطَانَ



صَلَّاحُ الدِّينِ عَبْدِ الْعَزِيزِ شَاهِ الْحَاجِ. اَللّٰهُمَّ اَدِمِ الْعَوْنَ وَالْهِدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيقَ،
وَالصِّحَّةَ وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْكَ، لَوْلِيَّ عَهْدٍ سَلَاطُورُ، تَغْكُو اَمِيرَ شَاهِ ابْنِ السُّلْطَانِ
شَرَفُ الدِّينِ اَدْرِيسِ شَاهِ الْحَاجِ فِي اَمْنٍ وَصَلَاحٍ وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنْكَ وَكَرَمِكَ يَا
ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْاِكْرَامِ. اَللّٰهُمَّ اَطْلُ عُمْرَهُمَا مُصْلِحَيْنِ لِلْمُوظَّفَيْنِ 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 ﴿٩٠﴾

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