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ألحسمد يلكم ألقسائل ٥ وَمَا أُبَرَى نَفْسِي أَإِنَّ ٱلنَّفْسَ لَأَمَّارَةُ إِٱلشَّوَءِ إِلَّا مَا رَحِمَ رَبِّي أَإِنَّ رَبِّي غَفُورٌ رَّحِيمٌ ٣ أَشْهَدُ أَن لَّآ إِلَهَ إِلَّا ٱللَّهُ وَحُدَهُ، لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ. وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَنْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ ٱللَّهُمَّر صَلٍّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَىٰ سَيَّدِنَا تُحَمَّدِ وَعَلَى آله وأَصْحَابِه أَجْمَعِينَ أَمَّا بَعْدُفُما عِبَادَ ٱللَّهِ ٱتَّقُواْ ٱللَّهَ أُوصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّنِي بِتَقْوَى ٱللَّهِ فَقَدْ فَازَ ٱلْمُنَّقُونَ قَالَ ٱللَّهُ تَعَالَى فِي كَتَابِهِ ٱلْعَزِيزِ:

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- Which means:
- "O you who have believed, obey Allah and obey the Messenger and those in authority among you. And if you disagree over anything, refer it to Allah and the Messenger, if you should believe in Allah and the Last Day. That is the best [way] and best in result."



- Dear Jama'ah,
- Let us be taqwa to Allah SWT by fighting our evil soul so that Ramadan will turn us into people who are obedience to Allah and leaving His prohibitions.



- Dear Muslims,
- Allah SWT has place upon mankind a thing called soul.



• With this soul, man can pursue his life as a khalifah on the earth.



• Soul which is driven towards faith will be obedience to Allah SWT.



• However, soul which is not based on faith will bring man towards evil and will be a disaster to his life.



 This is according to the Word of Allah in surah Yusuf verse 53 which was read earlier in the khutbah which means:



 "And I do not acquit myself. Indeed, the soul is a persistent enjoiner of evil, except those upon which my Lord has mercy. Indeed, my Lord is Forgiving and Merciful."



 In the month of Ramadan, Rasulullah s.a.w. taught us to fight the evil soul.



 Jihad al-Nafs means to control oneself to be obedient to Allah SWT.



• To fight the evil soul is a difficult task for us.



 This is because without strong desire, we will definitely be defeated if we are under its influence and satan.



 However, in the month of Ramadan, the effect of satan is minimized which gives us the opportunity to worship as much as the Prophet said in a famous hadeeth in welcoming Ramadan:



 "When Ramadan comes, the gates of Paradise are opened and the gates of Hell are closed, and the devils are put in chains."

• [Sahih al-Bukhari and Muslim]



• Jihad al-Nafs is one of signs of those who love Allah SWT.



• Among other signs of a person love to Allah SWT are:



• First: Always in zikr, remembering and mentioning the names of Allah and reciting the Quran.



• Second: Yearning for Allah and the day he will see Him.



• Third: Practising the sunnah of the Prophet s.a.w.



 Fourth: Being close to Allah especially when he is alone beseeching Him in the last one third of the night.



- Dear brothers,
- Fighting the evil soul is the condition to earn Allah guidance as mentioned in Surah al-Ankabut verse 69 which means:



 "And those who strive for Us - We will surely guide them to Our ways. And indeed, Allah is with the doers of good."



• As a Muslim, one of our struggle which we must obey is the command of fasting in Ramadan.



• Fasting is the shield in fighting the evil soul.



 This fight is also the secret between a servant and his Lord. This is because his fasting is not evaluate by others.



 When a person fast, he is not only refraining himself from eating and drinking, but everything in him, inner or outer body are fasting.



 We are also encouraged to improve the quality of our fasting and our voluntary acts of worship in Ramadan.



• All these are training to discipline ourselves.



 It will also strengthen our good behavior and prevent disease which will damage the soul.



 Hopefully every good deeds that we do throughout Ramadan will gain the rewards from Allah and will erase our sins.



- Abu Huraira narrated that Allah's Messenger said :
- "Whoever observes fasts during the month of Ramadan out of sincere faith, and hoping to attain Allah's rewards, then all his past sins will be forgiven."
- [Bukhari]



- Dear Jemaah,
- In the month of Ramadan, I call upon myself and all of you, lets us together fight and control our own souls so that it is compliance to the shareeah and religion.



• Educate our families to be people of taqwa by fasting in the day and praying in the nights of Ramadan.



- The month of Ramadan is a gift from Allah to His servants and it only come once in a year.
- We are not sure whether we will meet Ramadan next year.



• Ending this khutbah, lets us ponder the words of Allah in Surah Fathir verse 10:



 "Whoever desires honor [through power] - then to Allah belongs all honor. To Him ascends good speech, and righteous work raises it. But they who plot evil deeds will have a severe punishment, and the plotting of those - it will perish."



مَن كَانَ يُرِيدُ ٱلْعِزَّةَ فَلِلَّهِ ٱلْعِزَّةَ جَمِيعًا إِلَيْهِ يَ أَلَكُلُمُ ٱلطِّيِّبُ وَٱلْعَمَلُ ٱلصَّلِحُ يَرْفَعُهُ إلَيْهِ يَصْعد مُونَ ٱلسَّيِّاتِ لَهُمُ عَذَابٌ شَدِيدٌ وَمَكُرُ أَوْلَيْكَ هُوَ سُورُ ﴿ (۱۰)



بَارَكَ ٱللَّهُ لِى وَلَكُمْ بِالْقُرْءَانِ ٱلْعَظِيمِ ، وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ ٱلْآيَنَتِ وَٱلذِكْرِ ٱلْحَكِيمِ ، وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِّى وَمِنَكُمْ تِلاَوَ تَهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ ٱلسَّمِيعُ ٱلْعَلِيمُ ، أَقُولُ قَوْلِي هَنذَا وَٱسْتَغْفِرُ ٱللَّهَ ٱلْعَظِيمَ لِى وَلَكُمْ ، وَلِسَائِرِ ٱلْمُسْلِمِينَ وَٱلْمُسْلِمَنِ وَٱلْمُقْمِنِينَ وَٱلْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَٱلْمُؤْمِنَيْ، فَٱسْتَغْفِرُوهُ فَيَا فَوْزَ ٱلْمُسْتَغْفِرِينَ وَيَا جَحَاةَ ٱلْتَابِينَ.

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ٱلْحَمَدُ لِلَّهِ حَمْدًا حَحْثُكًا كَمَا أَمَرَ ، أَشْهَدُ أَن لَّآ إِلَهُ إِلَّا ٱللَّهُ وَحَدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ ، إِقْرَارًا بِرُّبُوبِيَّتِه وَإِرْغَامًا لِمَنْ جَحَدَ بِهِ وَكَفَرَ ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا مُحَمَّدًا سَيّدُ ٱلْبَشَرِ ، صَلَّى ٱللَّهُ وَسَلَّمَ عَلَىٰ سَبِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى الهِ وَصَحْبِهِ مَا ٱتَّصَلَتْ عَيْنُ بِنَظَرِ وَأَدُنْ بِخَبَرٍ ، أَمَّا بَعْدُ فَمَا عِبَادَ ٱللَّهِ ٱتَّقُوا ٱللَّهَ فِيمَا أَمَرَ ، وَٱنْتُهُواعَمَّا بَهَنَّكُمْ عَنْهُ وَزَجَرَ.



O servant of Allah, remember that this world is a place for temporary lodging. Truly, hereafter is the everlasting and permanent abode. So let us devote to Allah for obtaining happiness and escape from the punishment of hellfire.



• Allah says in Surah Al Ahzab verse 56:

إِنَّ ٱللَّهَ وَمَلَبٍكَتَهُ يُصَلُّونَ عَلَى ٱلنَّبِيَّ يَنَأَيُّهَا ٱلَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا صَلُوا عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمُوا تَسْلِيمًا

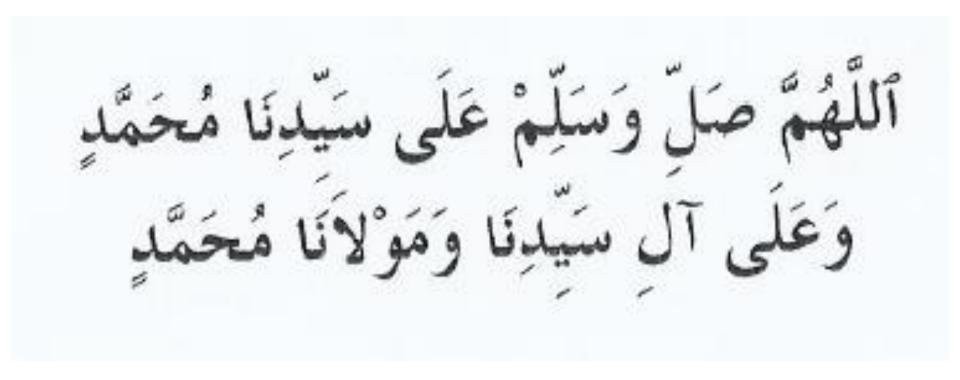
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Which means:

"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."







Let us pray that may Allah SWT be please with the khalifahs of Rasulullah s.a.w i.e Sayyidina Abu Bakr al-Siddiq r.a., Sayyidina Umar al-Khattab r.a., Sayyinda Uthman ibn Affan r.a., Sayyidina Ali ibn Abi Thalib r.a.



And to his companions who struggle to uphold the religion of Allah, also to his uncles Sayyidina Hamzah and Sayyidina Abbas r.a. and to his granchildren Sayyidina Hassan and Sayyidina Hussain r.a., his daughters Sayyidatina Fatimah al-Zahraa', his wives Sayyidatina Khadijah and Sayyidatina Aisyah r.a. and the other wives. Followed by his family, companions, followers of the companions and those who come after them from time to time until the end of the world.



ٱللَّهمَّ ٱغْفِر للْمُسْلِمِيْنَ وَٱلْمُسْلِمَتِ وَٱلْمُوْمِنِينَ وَٱلْمُؤْمِنَتِ الأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالأَمْوَاتِ،



O Allah, forgive all Muslims and believers, whether surviving or deceased. O Allah, grant us glory and prosperity to those who fight and spend their wealth in your way such as those who pay zakat, waqaf etc.



Ya Allah, bestow your guidance and help to the leaders and kings of the Muslim countries especially to Abdaka Al-Harith Lishariatika Al-Sultan Ibrahim Ibni Almarhum Al-Sultan Iskandar, the Sultan and ruler for the State of Johor Darul Takzim.



And to Raja Zarith Sofea Binti Al-Marhum Sultan Idris Shah, Tengku Ismail Ibn Sultan Ibrahim, Tengku Mahkota Johor and Cik Puan Khalidah binti Bustamam, the Prince and Princess, the royal kinship, and all Muslims.



وأخذل اللَّهُمَّرَ أَعِزَّ ٱلإسْلامَ وَالْمُسْلِمِينَ، وَاحْدَلُ وَٱلْمُبْتَدِعَةَ وِٱلْمُشْرِكِينَ، وَكُلَّ مَنْ هُوَ عَدُوٌّ لِّلَدِّ



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ٱللَّهُمَّ آكْتُب ٱلسَّلاَمَةَ وَٱلْعَافِيَةَ لَنَا، وَلِعَبِيدِكَ ٱلْحُجَّاج وَٱلْغُزَّاةِ وَٱلْمُسَافِرِينَ، فِي بَرَّكَ وَبَحْرِكَ وَجَوَّكَ مِنْ أُمَّةِ مُحَمَّدٍ أَجْمَعِينَ، ٱللَّهُمَّ أَدْخَلْنَا وَذُرَّيَّنِيْنَا وَأُصُولُنَا وَفُرُوعَنَا ٱلجُنَةَ مَعَ ٱلْأَبْرَارِ، يَا عَزِيزُ يَا غَفَّارُ يَا رَبَّ ٱلْعَالَمِينَ.



رَبَّنَاهَبْ لَنَا مِنْ أَزْوَكِجِنَا وَذُرِّيَّكِنِنَا قُرَّةَ أَعْيُبٍ وَٱجْعَكْنَا لِلْمُنْقِينَ إِمَامًا، رَبَّنَا أَغْفِرْ لَنَكَا وَلِإِخْوَنِنَا ٱلَّذِينَ سَبَقُونَا بِٱلْإِيمَنِ، وَلَا تَجْعَلْ فِي قُلُوبِنَا غِلًّا لِلَّذِينَ ءَامَنُواْ رَبَّنَآ إِنَّكَ رَءُوفٌ رَّحِيمٌ ، رَبَّنَا ءَالِنَا فِي ٱلدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِي ٱلْأَخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً وَقِنَا عَذَابَ ٱلنَّارِ، وَٱلْحَصَدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ ٱلْعَالَمِينَ.



عِبَادَ ٱللهِ، إِنَّ ٱللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِٱلْعَدُلِ وَٱلْإِحْسَنِ، وَإِيتَآمٍ ذِي ٱلْقُرْبَ وَيَنْهَىٰ عَنِ ٱلْفَحْشَاءِ وَٱلْمُنْكَرِ وَٱلْبَغْى، يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ، فَأَذْكُرُوا ٱللَّهَ ٱلْعَظِيمَ يَذْكُرْكُمْ، وَآشْكُرُوهُ عَلَىٰ نِعَمِهِ يَزِدْكُمْ وَلَذِكْرُ ٱللَّهِ أَحْبَرُ، وَأَللَهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا تَصْبَعُونَ . وَأَقِيمُوا ٱلصَّلَوْةَ .



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