

**THE REFLECTION OF A TRUE BELIEVER**

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الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي عَلَّمَ وَأَنْعَمَ، وَهَدَانَا بِالْقُرْآنِ لِلَّتِي هِيَ أَقْوَمُ،

قَالَ تَعَالَى: أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

يَتَأَيَّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَلْتَنْظُرْ نَفْسٌ مَّا قَدَّمَتْ لِغَدٍ وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ إِنَّ اللَّهَ خَبِيرٌ بِمَا

تَعْمَلُونَ ﴿١٨﴾

أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدَهُ وَرَسُولَهُ، اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ، وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ وَمَنْ تَبِعَهُمْ بِإِحْسَانٍ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ.

أَمَّا بَعْدُ، فَيَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ، أُوصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ وَطَاعَتِهِ، فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ، وَتَزَوَّدُوا فَإِنَّ خَيْرَ الزَّادِ التَّقْوَى، وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ يَا أُولِي الْأَلْبَابِ لَعَلَّكُمْ تُفْلِحُونَ.

Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah,

Let us together increase our conviction in Allah SWT with full devotion, certainty and sincerity, by obeying all His commands and avoiding all that He has prohibited. May we become persons full of conviction and be ultimately secured and safeguarded in this world and in the Hereafter.

The *mimbar* on this blessed day would like to discuss the sermon entitled: "**The Reflection of a True Believer**".

Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah,

Muslims today are living in an age of great slander and libel. Injustice is rampant, ignorance is widespread, and neglect has created much chaos. Rasulullah SAW had warned us of an alarming situation where this age of slander would be the



greatest test for people living during the end of times. As narrated by Abu Hurairah RA, and recorded by Imam Muslim, Rasulullah SAW had said:

بَادِرُوا بِالْأَعْمَالِ فِتْنًا كَقَطْعِ اللَّيْلِ الْمُظْلِمِ، يُصْبِحُ الرَّجُلُ مُؤْمِنًا وَيُمَسِي كَافِرًا، أَوْ يُمَسِي مُؤْمِنًا وَيُصْبِحُ كَافِرًا، يَبِيعُ دِينَهُ بِعَرَضٍ مِنَ الدُّنْيَا

Which means: *"Make haste and pray before the arrival of a slander (a great test of faith) that is akin to a very dark night. One who still has faith (belief) in the morning, and in the evening he has become a non-believer, or one who is a Believer in the evening, but by dawn the following day has become a non-believer, for he has sold his religion for the love of worldly possessions."*

Rasulullah SAW also reminded us, as indicated in the hadith narrated by Imam Muslim just now, that we should all pursue the performance of good deeds before the advent of great slander which shall test the strength of our faith, as people living during the final days of this world, such as the appearance of *Dajjal*, the *Dukhan* or smoke which fills the whole world, the *Dabbah*, which is an animal coming out from the bowels of the earth, and the sun rising from the west.

Today, the signs preceding the great slander, and the final days, as mentioned just now, have begun to appear. Many Muslims are seen to be living without a true, strong and intact faith, with entertainment and enjoyment being their choice and preference, many men and women are living their lives amidst various social media networks devoid of guidelines and restrictions, without any means of differentiating right from wrong, truth from falsehood, and *jihad* is no longer about defending honour but has instead been misunderstood.

Similarly, many social ills in the country involving ethics and morals, have become more serious. They are committed not only by teenagers, but also by adults and even young children. We have heard of so many incidents through the mass media: murder, adultery, robbery, hedonism, vandalism and so on. Unfortunately, many social problems occurring today involves Muslims. But, we wonder: What is the cause of the problems faced by Muslims today? Wouldn't prayers performed by,



and the faith of, Muslims be enough to safeguard us from immorality and evil? Why do Muslims seem to be lacking in their own inner strength?

Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah,

Allah SWT said in Surah al-Hujurat, verse 14:

قَالَتِ الْأَعْرَابُ ءَامَنَّا قُل لَّمْ نُؤْمِنُوا وَلَكِنْ قُولُوا أَسْلَمْنَا وَلَمَّا يَدْخُلِ الْإِيمَانُ فِي قُلُوبِكُمْ وَإِنْ تُطِيعُوا اللَّهَ
وَرَسُولَهُ لَا يَلِتْكُمْ مِنْ أَعْمَالِكُمْ شَيْئًا إِنَّ اللَّهَ غَفُورٌ رَحِيمٌ ﴿١٤﴾

Which means: "The desert Arabs (Bedouins) say, "We believe." Say, "You have no faith; but you (only) say, 'We have submitted our wills to Allah,' for not yet has Faith entered your hearts. But if you obey Allah and His Messenger, He will not belittle aught of your deeds: for Allah is Oft-Forgiving, Most Merciful."

From our understanding of the Quranic verse above, we can conclude that the problems of social ills, crime and so on, occurring among Muslims today are due to lack of faith in their hearts. If faith is absorbed, and has a strong foothold and influence in the heart of a Muslim, he will exhibit a strong inner strength and will be the reflection of a true believer. That is why Rasulullah SAW insisted that if one's faith is strong and resolute, one would not consume alcohol, commit adultery, steal, rob or kill.

Indeed, appreciating the pillars of Islam, the *Iman* (or faith) and the *Ihsan* should be strengthened in an integrated manner so as to produce a true believer. *Islam* is the physical aspect related to practice. *Iman* is the mental or intellectual aspect associated with faith. While *Ihsan* is the spiritual aspect or soul, which is the spirituality or connection of our hearts to God. Our knowledge of Islam can be strengthened further through the science of jurisprudence (*fiqh*), *Iman* through knowledge of our creed (or *aqidah*) and *Ihsan* through *tasawuf*

Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah,

Indeed, faith has a strong impact on the formation of a true believer's soul, be it among children, adolescents or adults. Faith is also the core of Islamic education.



That is the reason why the teaching and development of faith and strengthening of it took 13 years in Makkah. It was only after that the implementation of tenets and principles of *Shari'ah* was able to succeed in Madinah.

A true believer must always be vigilant in these troubled times, because this is also a concern of Rasulullah SAW. Here are some recommendations on how to be protected from persecution and slander:

First: Accept only the truth and avoid what is doubtful. Also, abstain from what is prohibited, especially things that are heinous, sinful and violating Islamic laws. As recorded by Imam At-Tarmizi and narrated by Al-Hassan bin Ali RA, Rasulullah SAW had said:

دَعْ مَا يَرِيْبُكَ إِلَى مَا لَا يَرِيْبُكَ، فَإِنَّ الصِّدْقَ طُمَأْنِينَةٌ وَإِنَّ الْكُذْبَ رِيْبَةٌ

Which means: "Cast aside things you have doubts about and embrace the things that you do not suspect. Indeed, the truth is peace and the lies are doubts."

Second: Strengthen our faith and piety as a shield in the face of trials and tribulations. Thereafter trust, and leave all matters to Allah SWT once the necessary steps have been taken.

Third: Steer clear of disunity and discord, and follow what has been agreed by a majority of the scholars. At-Tarmizi recorded, as narrated by Abdullah bin Umar RA, that Rasulullah SAW had said:

عَلَيْكُمْ بِالْجَمَاعَةِ وَإِيَّاكُمْ وَالْفُرْقَةَ فَإِنَّ الشَّيْطَانَ مَعَ الْوَاحِدِ

Which means: "Be among the congregation, and beware of division and disunity because the devil is always with individuals who are alone."

Fourth: Say the *istighfar* and seek refuge with Allah SWT by asking for help through patience and prayer. Pray for safety from persecution and slander of wealth, slander of poverty, slander of the *Dajjal*, punishment in the grave, punishment in Hell, and so on. Rasulullah SAW highly advised this.



Fifth: Always encourage and promote the performance of good deeds, while avoiding the performance of what is wrong. Indeed, the followers of Prophet Muhammad SAW are the best of people as we believe in Allah SWT with the truest of faith, contribute to what is good, or right, and forbidding what is wrong, bad and shameful.

Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah,

The conclusion of the sermon delivered today include:

- First:** The birth of a true believer comes through the solid cohesion between the pillars of *Islam, Iman* and *Ihsan*.
- Second:** A true *Mukmin* must always be wary of all forms of slander, trials and tribulations.
- Third:** The reflection of a true believer is a strong Muslim whose faith is strong and intact. True believers distance themselves from sins and disobedience.

Allah SWT declared in Surah al-Hadid, verse 28:

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

يَأْتِيهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَءَامِنُوا بِرَسُولِهِ يُؤْتِكُمْ كِفْلَيْنِ مِنْ رَحْمَتِهِ وَيَجْعَلْ لَكُمْ نُورًا تَمْشُونَ بِهِ وَيَغْفِرْ لَكُمْ وَاللَّهُ غَفُورٌ رَحِيمٌ ﴿٢٨﴾

Which means: “O, you that believe! Fear Allah, and believe in His Messenger, and He will bestow on you a double portion of His Mercy: He will provide for you a Light by which you shall walk (straight in your path), and He will forgive you (your past): for Allah is Oft-Forgiving, Most Merciful.”

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ بِالْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ، وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ، وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتَهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ. أَقُولُ قَوْلِي هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ لِي وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ، فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ.



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الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ وَلِيِّ الصَّالِحِينَ، وَالْعَاقِبَةُ لِلْمُتَّقِينَ، وَلَا عُدْوَانَ إِلَّا عَلَى الظَّالِمِينَ، وَالصَّلَاةُ
وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَى إِمَامِ الْمُرْسَلِينَ، وَقُدُورَةِ النَّاسِ أَجْمَعِينَ، وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ وَمَنْ
تَبِعَهُمْ بِإِحْسَانٍ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ.

أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، الْمَلِكُ الْحَقُّ الْمُبِينُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ
سَيِّدَنَا مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدَهُ وَرَسُولَهُ، صَادِقُ الْوَعْدِ الْأَمِينِ.

أَمَّا بَعْدُ، فَيَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَكُونُوا مَعَ الصَّادِقِينَ، وَحَافِظُوا عَلَى الطَّاعَةِ
وَحُضُورِ الْجُمُعَةِ مَعَ الْمُصَلِّينِ. وَاعْلَمُوا أَنَّ اللَّهَ سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى أَمْرُهُ بِأَمْرٍ بَدَأَ فِيهِ
بِنَفْسِهِ وَثَنِي بِمَلَائِكَتِهِ الْمُقَرَّبِينَ. فَقَالَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى مُخْبِرًا وَآمِرًا بِالْمُؤْمِنِينَ :

إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَمَلَائِكَتَهُ يُصَلُّونَ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا صَلُّوا عَلَيْهِ وَسَلِّمُوا

تَسْلِيمًا ﴿٥٦﴾

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِ سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ كَمَا صَلَّيْتَ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا إِبْرَاهِيمَ
وَعَلَى آلِ سَيِّدِنَا إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِ سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ كَمَا بَارَكْتَ
عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَعَلَى آلِ سَيِّدِنَا إِبْرَاهِيمَ فِي الْعَالَمِينَ إِنَّكَ حَمِيدٌ مُجِيدٌ.



وَارْضَ اللَّهُمَّ عَنِ الْأَرْبَعَةِ الْخُلَفَاءِ الرَّاشِدِينَ سَادَاتِنَا أَبِي بَكْرٍ وَعُمَرَ وَعُثْمَانَ وَعَلِيًّا،
وَعَنْ أَزْوَاجِ نَبِيِّنَا الْمُطَهَّرَاتِ وَعَنْ أَهْلِ بَيْتِهِ وَقَرَابَتِهِ وَسَائِرِ الصَّحَابَةِ وَالتَّابِعِينَ
وَمَنْ تَبِعَهُمْ بِإِحْسَانٍ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ. وَارْضَ عَنَّا بِرَحْمَتِكَ يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ.

اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِلْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ.
اللَّهُمَّ أَنْزِلِ الرَّحْمَةَ عَلَى السَّلَاطِينِ الْكِرَامِ وَوُلَاةِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ الْعِظَامِ الَّذِينَ قَضَوْا
بِالْحَقِّ وَبِهِ كَانُوا يَعْدِلُونَ، وَخُصُوصًا عَلَى سِرِي قُدُوكِ بِكَيْنِدَايِغِ دَفَرْتَوَانِ الْخَوْغِ
الْمُعْتَصِمِ بِاللَّهِ مُحَمَّدِ بْنِ عَبْدِ الْحَلِيمِ مُعَظَّمِ شَاهِ ابْنِ الْمَرْحُومِ
سُلْطَانِ بَدَلِي شَاهِ، وَعَلَى سِرِي قُدُوكِ بِكَيْنِدَا رَاجِ قَرْمَايَسُورِي الْخَوْغِ تَوَانِكُو
حَاجِهِ حَمِينِهِ.

اللَّهُمَّ أَطْلُ عُمْرَهُمَا مُصْلِحِينَ لِلْمَوْظَفِينَ وَالرَّعِيَّةِ وَالْبِلَادِ، وَبَلِّغْ مَقَاصِدَهُمَا لِطَرِيقِ
الْهُدَى وَالرَّشَادِ. اللَّهُمَّ اجْعَلْ مَالِيزِيَا وَسَائِرَ بِلَادِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ طَيْبَةً آمِنَةً مُطْمَئِنَّةً
رَخِيَّةً، يَا رَوْوْفُ بِالْعِبَادِ.

اللَّهُمَّ انصُرْ مَنْ نَصَرَ الدِّينَ، وَاخْذُلْ مَنْ خَذَلَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ، وَأَعْلِ كَلِمَتَكَ إِلَى يَوْمِ
الدِّينِ، وَدَمِّرْ أَعْدَاءَكَ أَعْدَاءَ الدِّينِ.

O, Allah, You are the Most Gracious and the Most Merciful, we are thankful for all the favours and blessings that You have bestowed upon us, grant to us and to our leaders guidance and direction, strengthen the unity among us, join our hearts to act in Your way, facilitate all our affairs, enrich us with beneficial knowledge,



invigorate our souls with good morals, lead us to the path which You approve of, strengthen our faith when faced with all forms of trials and tests from You, preserve the peace, security and tranquillity of our nation Malaysia, especially the area of our Federal Territories. Protect us from any form of upheaval, turmoil and chaos.

رَبَّنَا لَا تُزِغْ قُلُوبَنَا بَعْدَ إِذْ هَدَيْتَنَا وَهَبْ لَنَا مِنْ لَدُنْكَ رَحْمَةً إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ الْوَهَّابُ.
رَبَّنَا آتِنَا 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 يَذُكِّرْكُمْ، وَاشْكُرُوهُ عَلَىٰ نِعَمِهِ يَزِدْكُمْ، وَأَسْأَلُوهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ
يُعْطِكُمْ وَلِذِكْرِ اللَّهِ أَكْبَرُ، وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا تَصْنَعُونَ.