



HEART OF A WOLF

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إِنَّ الْحَمْدَ لِلَّهِ، نَحْمَدُهُ وَنُسْتَعِينُهُ وَنَسْتَغْفِرُهُ وَنَتُوبُ إِلَيْهِ، وَنَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنْ شُرُورِ أَنْفُسِنَا وَسَيِّئَاتِ
أَعْمَالِنَا، مَنْ يَهْدِ اللَّهُ فَهُوَ الْمُهْتَدِ وَمَنْ يُضِلِّ فَلَنْ تَجِدَ لَهُ وَلِيًّا مُرْشِدًا.
أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ، اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ
عَلَى نَبِيِّنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ وَمَنْ دَعَا بِدَعْوَتِهِ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ.
أَمَّا بَعْدُ، فَيَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ، أَوْصِيكُمْ وَنَفْسِي بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ وَطَاعَتِهِ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَفْلِحُونَ.

قَالَ تَعَالَى: أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

وَأَمِنُوا بِمَا أَنْزَلْتُ مُصَدِّقًا لِمَا مَعَكُمْ وَلَا تَكُونُوا أُولَٰ كَافِرِينَ بِهِ وَلَا تَشْتَرُوا بِعَابَتِي ثَمَنًا قَلِيلًا وَإِنِّي

فَأَتَّقُونَ ﴿٤١﴾

Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah,

Let us offer our praise and gratitude to Allah SWT for still giving us the opportunity to worship and pray at any time in order to attain His graces and blessings. Let us endeavour to improve our conviction in Allah SWT with a true devotion by performing all His commands and obeying all His prohibitions. Remember, life on earth is temporary while eternal life is only in the Hereafter.

The *mimbar* on this auspicious day would like to address the congregation with a sermon entitled, "**Heart of a Wolf**".

Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah,

Islam is a way of life which guides people towards success in this world and in the Hereafter. However, there are some among us today who use Islam simply as a way to



gain an edge in this world alone, while disregarding the real goal, which is working towards success in the Hereafter. The danger of those who use Islam for the sake of worldly gains was even stated in a hadith recorded by Imam at-Tirmidhi and narrated by Abu Hurairah RA, where Rasulullah SAW was reported to have said:

يَخْرُجُ فِي آخِرِ الزَّمَانِ رِجَالٌ يَخْتَلُونَ الدُّنْيَا بِالدِّينِ يَلْبَسُونَ لِلنَّاسِ جُلُودَ الضَّأْنِ مِنَ اللَّيْنِ أَلْسِنَتَهُمْ
أَحْلَى مِنَ السُّكَّرِ وَقُلُوبُهُمْ قُلُوبُ الذِّئَابِ

Which means: *"It would appear that in the End of Times, men will come forth to fraudulently use religion for worldly ends, and wear sheepskins in public to display meekness. Their tongues will be sweeter than sugar, but their hearts will be the hearts of wolves."*

Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah,

Recently, an issue went viral on social media regarding a business which provides the service of reciting prayers in the Holy Land of Mecca for, and on behalf of, clients, for a price. The company took the opportunity to use arguments contained in various hadiths of Rasulullah SAW regarding places in the Holy Land where prayers or supplications offered are said to be more inclined to be accepted by Allah SWT, such as the *Hajarul Aswad* and the *Multazam*. The rate is set according to the packages provided by the company. According to the company's website, the most expensive package guarantees all prayers and supplications would be accepted and fulfilled by Allah SWT. Despite being advised against it, the operator insists on continuing the services, based on its own reasons.

Referring to the statement by the Mufti of the Federal Territories in the official newsletter published by his office, *Bayan Linnas, series 85*, this service does not at all conform to true Islamic teachings by way of trading the 'effectiveness' of prayers and supplications. It is Allah SWT's ultimate right to decide which prayer or supplication would be accepted. We should keep away and do not fall for such services in order to avoid any exploitation



or slander with regards to our worship and practices. Always remember that Allah SWT is always close to His servants and answers all their prayers and supplications

Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah,

Islam does not prohibit us from succeeding in business. However, it is necessary to remember that the ends does not justify the means. Using religion to achieve commercial success is increasingly prevalent in the society today. Many owners of shops, cafes and restaurants hang Quranic verses in their establishments with the aim of attracting customers and achieving higher sales and profits. The verses are not being used as it was intended, namely for the contents to be practiced, but rather for the belief that such verses serve as charms, amulets or decorations on the walls. Instead, the teachings of Islam that demands us to be honest in business, to maintain hygiene when preparing food and to always perform the obligations of prayers and worship, are not practiced. Even more disconcerting is the fact that some establishments display fake halal certificates and expiry dates to conceal the truth from their Muslim customers.

Similarly, religion is also exploited to reap excessive profits. After verses from the Quran, and prayers are recited, a bottle of mineral water that originally costs RM1 will thereafter cost RM10. Similarly, the price of honey, raisins and dates would suddenly be inflated after a specific prayer or supplication is recited over it. These products are alleged to be able to solve marital problems, improve self-confidence, banish supernatural spirits, relieve stress, improve livelihoods and so on. Even chicken treated with verses from the Al-Quran are said to be able to sharpen the minds of those who eat them.

As a preventive measure in relation to elements of fraud and abuse of Quranic verses for commercial purposes, at the 108th Convention of the Council of National Fatwa Committee for Religious Affairs Malaysia, which was held on 2nd and 3rd November 2015, it was decided that the use of '*Ruqyah*' and the term '*Sunnah Food*' irresponsibly for profit and publicizing a product should be stopped because of the concern that it would be considered an act of exploiting Quranic verses for profit, which is prohibited by Islam. This decision is in line with the prohibitions of Allah SWT against those who use Quranic verses for profit. Allah SWT declared in Surah al-Baqarah, verse 41:



وَأَمِنُوا بِمَا أَنزَلْتُ مُصَدِّقًا لِّمَا مَعَكُمْ وَلَا تَكُونُوا أَوَّلَ كَافِرٍ ۗ وَلَا تَشْتَرُوا بِعَابَتِي ثَمَنًا قَلِيلًا وَإِنِّي
فَأَتَّقُونِ ﴿٤١﴾

Which means: “And believe in what I reveal, confirming the revelation which is with you, and be not the first to reject Faith therein, nor sell My Signs for a small price; and fear Me, and Me alone.”

Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah,

We are often faced with individuals who ask for donations at mosques, *musollah*, restaurants, R&R stops, by the roadsides and at petrol stations. They take advantage of the generosity of the Ummah by dressing up in the style of religious individuals and offering reasons for collecting the donations, such as building a mosque, *wakaf* for Al-Quran, land *wakaf*, funds for religious schools, welfare and charity for orphans. According to media reports, upon investigation, it was revealed that most of them are fake. They were collecting such donations as an easy way to support their life, even though they are fit and able to work. In fact, there are those who are willing to exploit the orphans to gain sympathy by saying that Islam encourages us to sympathize with orphans. There are also those who deceive the public with fake letters purportedly from the Department of Islamic Affairs and Religious Council for this purpose.

Therefore, the *mimbar* would like to advise the congregation to be more careful and that they should channel their donations to mosques, *musollahs*, zakat collection centres and charities which are recognized, with their authenticity verified. Hopefully, through our attentiveness, we will be able to put a stop to such illegal fundraising activities which misuse the religion, thus preserving the good name of Muslims and Islam.

Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah,

Those who use religion for worldly gains will never feel content with what is bestowed by Allah SWT in life. In a hadith recorded by Ibn Majah and narrated by Zaid bin Thabit R.A, Rasulullah SAW was reported to have said:



مَنْ كَانَتْ الدُّنْيَا هَمَّهُ فَرَّقَ اللهُ عَلَيْهِ أَمْرَهُ وَجَعَلَ فَقْرَهُ بَيْنَ عَيْنَيْهِ وَلَمْ يَأْتِهِ مِنَ الدُّنْيَا إِلَّا مَا كُتِبَ لَهُ وَمَنْ كَانَتْ الآخِرَةُ نِيَّتَهُ جَمَعَ اللهُ لَهُ أَمْرَهُ وَجَعَلَ غِنَاهُ فِي قَلْبِهِ وَأَنْتَهُ الدُّنْيَا وَهِيَ رَاغِمَةٌ

Which means: “Whoever places utmost importance on this world, Allah will confound his affairs and make poverty appear before his eyes and he will not get anything from the world except what has been decreed for him. Whoever places utmost importance on the Hereafter, Allah will settle his affairs and make him content in his heart and the world will come to him although he does not want it.”

To end the sermon today, let us together reflect on the following conclusions:

First: Ensure that we do not use religion for personal gains. Repent, so that we are protected from the wrath of Allah SWT.

Second: Beware of falling prey to those who exploit the religion. May our concerns and attentiveness help to distance the Ummah from being continuously maligned by the actions of irresponsible parties.

Third: Balance the affairs of the world and of the Hereafter so that we are always grateful for the blessings bestowed by Allah SWT. Being extravagant in worldly affairs will make our lives unsettled and never satisfied of the blessings received.

As stated by Allah SWT in Surah Asy-Syura, verse 20:

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ



مَنْ كَانَ يُرِيدُ حَرْثَ الْآخِرَةِ نَزِدْ لَهُ فِي حَرْثِهِ، وَمَنْ كَانَ يُرِيدُ حَرْثَ الدُّنْيَا نُؤْتِهِ مِنْهَا وَمَا لَهُ فِي

الْآخِرَةِ مِنْ نَصِيبٍ ﴿٢٠﴾

Which means: “Whoever desires the harvest of the Hereafter - We increase for him in his harvest. And whoever desires the harvest of this world - We give him thereof, but there is not for him in the Hereafter any share.”

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، وَقُدُوةِ 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 عَبْدُهُ
وَرَسُولُهُ، صَادِقُ الْوَعْدِ الْأَمِينِ.

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

إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَمَلَائِكَتَهُ يُصَلُّونَ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا 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 وَعُمَرُ وَعُثْمَانُ وَعَلِيٌّ، 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.

وَأَيَّدِ اللَّهُمَّ بِالتَّوْفِيقِ وَالهِدَايَةِ مُدِيرَ هَذِهِ الْبِلَادِ الْإِسْلَامِيَّةِ مَلِكَنَا كَبَاوَه دُولِي يَغْمَهَا مِلْيَا سَرِي

فَدُوكْ بِكَيْنِدَا يَغْ دَفَرْتَوَانِ اكَوْغْ ك-15 سُلْطَانِ مُحَمَّدِ ك-5.



اللَّهُمَّ أَطْلِ عُمْرَهُ مُصْلِحًا لِلْمُوظَّفِينَ وَالرَّعِيَّةِ وَالْبِلَادِ، وَبَلِّغْ مَقاصِدَهُ لِطَرِيقِ الْهُدَى وَالرَّشَادِ. اللَّهُمَّ اجْعَلْ مَالِيزِيَا وَسَائِرَ بِلَادِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ طَيِّبَةً آمِنَةً مُطْمَئِنَّةً رَاحِيَةً، يَا رُوُوفُ بِالْعِبَادِ.

اللَّهُمَّ أَعِزِّ الْإِسْلَامَ وَالْمُسْلِمِينَ فِي كُلِّ مَكَانٍ وَحِينٍ، وَأَنْصُرْ مَنْ نَصَرَ الدِّينَ، وَاخْذُلْ مَنْ خَذَلَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ، وَأَعْلِ كَلِمَتَكَ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ، وَدَمِّرْ أَعْدَاءَكَ أَعْدَاءَ الدِّينِ.

O, Allah, the Most Merciful and Compassionate, we are thankful for all the blessings and graces bestowed upon us by You, give guidance and instructions to us and our leaders, Strengthen solidarity between us, unite our hearts in following your path, make all our dealings easy, increase for us useful knowledge, nurture our souls with good character, guide us to the path that is blessed by You, strengthen our faith against all Your trials and tribulations, Preserve peace, prosperity and security of our country, Malaysia and the Federal Territory, in particular. Keep us from any unrest, disunity 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 وَإِيتَايِ ذِي الْقُرْبَى وَيَنْهَى عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَالْبَغْيِ
يَعْظُمُ لِعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكُّرُونَ ﴿٩٠﴾

فَاذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ يَذْكُرْكُمْ، وَاشْكُرُوا عَلَى نِعْمِهِ يَزِدْكُمْ، وَاسْأَلُوهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ يُعْطِكُمْ وَلَذِكْرُ اللَّهِ أَكْبَرُ، وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا تَصْنَعُونَ.