

**REPENT BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE**

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إِنَّ الْحَمْدَ لِلَّهِ، مُحَمَّدُهُ وَنَسْتَعِينَهُ وَنَسْتَغْفِرُهُ وَتَتُوبُ 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 تُفْلِحُونَ.

قَالَ تَعَالَى: أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

وَأَتَّقُوا يَوْمًا تُرْجَعُونَ فِيهِ إِلَى اللَّهِ ثُمَّ تُوَفَّى كُلُّ نَفْسٍ مَّا كَسَبَتْ وَهُمْ لَا يُظْلَمُونَ ﴿٣٨١﴾

**Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah,**

On this auspicious day, let us take the opportunity to enhance our conviction towards Allah SWT. Let us be determined to carry out all that Allah SWT has commanded and instructed, while at the same time avoid all that He has prohibited and disallowed. May we be raised among the righteous ones on the Day of Judgment.

Through this noble *mimbar* today, the *khatib* would like to deliver a sermon entitled, **“Repent Before It Is Too Late”**.

**Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah,**

The world as we know it is coming closer to its end. Various forms of natural disasters are occurring. However, as Muslims, we should be mindful of the message conveyed and learn from such events. They are to be considered as trials that remind us of the



disobedience and negligence that we have committed over the years. This coincides with the reprimand by Allah SWT in Surah ar-Rum, verse 41:

ظَهَرَ الْفَسَادُ فِي الْبَرِّ وَالْبَحْرِ بِمَا كَسَبَتْ  
أَيْدِي النَّاسِ لِيُذِيقَهُمْ بَعْضَ الَّذِي  
عَمِلُوا لَعَلَّهُمْ  
يَرْجِعُونَ ﴿٤١﴾

**Which means:** “Corruption has appeared throughout the land and sea by (reason of) what the hands of people have earned so He may let them taste part of (the consequence of) what they have done that perhaps they will return (to righteousness).”

Time that has passed will never return. Without realizing it, we commit sin after sin, either consciously or not. Vices after vices have stained our hearts: it is as if we think that there is no Day of Resurrection, no Court of Retribution, and no Supreme Being seeing all our deeds.

Moral collapse in the society is often a topic that attracts intense discussions, be it in the press or in the electronic media, with the problems of vice at all age levels, coupled with the increasingly widespread issues of corruption. Have we forgotten that Allah SWT shall judge every deed, good or bad, even if it is smaller than an atom? It is true that man cannot escape from committing sin, big or small, but that is not an excuse for us to continue committing them. This has been stated by Allah SWT in verse 10 of Surah al-Balad:

وَهَدَيْنَاهُ النَّجْدَيْنِ ﴿١٠﴾

Which means: “And We have shown him the two paths, (the righteous path to follow and the path of evil that should be avoided?)”

**Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah,**

Remember! Sin is the barrier of obedience to Allah SWT, when in fact, obedience is the guarantee of salvation in this world and in the Hereafter. Allah SWT shall never let His



servants live their lives without guidance. Let us be remorseful for the mistakes and wrongdoings that we have committed so far, and repent before it is too late, for Allah SWT's door of grace has not been shut closed. As our guidance, among the conditions of repentance outlined by scholars are:

***First: Be regretful of any sin committed***

This is one of the conditions for our repentance to be accepted by Allah SWT. Such feelings of remorse will create a sense of servitude that removes the feeling of arrogance towards Him. Do not delay, for time will not stop for our death. Imam Tirmizi RH recorded a narration by Abdullah bin Umar RA, where the Prophet SAW was reported to have said:

إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَقْبَلُ تَوْبَةَ الْعَبْدِ مَا لَمْ يُغْرَغِرْ

**Which means:** “Allah accepts a servant’s repentance as long as the latter is not on his death bed (that is, before the soul of the dying person reaches the throat)”.

***Second: Be determined not to repeat sinful acts***

In addition to stopping the sinful act, a person who wants to repent must also be determined not to repeat it again in the future. Sin is like a tree that grows within the heart. The longer the sin is left without being removed, the stronger the root of sin grips a person’s soul. One should be able to plant in his heart the will to not repeat the immoral act and repent from it. Imam Muslim RH recorded a narration by Abu Musa al-Asy'ari RA, where the Prophet SAW was reported to have said:

إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ يَبْسُطُ يَدَهُ بِاللَّيْلِ لِيَتُوبَ مُسِيءُ النَّهَارِ وَيَبْسُطُ يَدَهُ بِالنَّهَارِ لِيَتُوبَ مُسِيءُ اللَّيْلِ  
حَتَّى تَطْلُعَ الشَّمْسُ مِنْ مَغْرِبِهَا

**Which means:** “Allah, the Most Exalted, will continue to open the doors of repentance widely in the night so that the sinners of the day may repent, and continue to open the



*doors of repentance widely in the daytime so that the sinners of the night may repent, until the sun rises from the west (Judgement Day)”.*

***Third: Be sincere in begging for forgiveness from Allah SWT***

Repent due to Allah SWT alone, and not due to pride, or for wanting to show off (*riya*), or due to other creatures or worldly affairs. Sincere repentance will induce individuals to have conviction in Allah SWT, and fear His punishment and expect forgiveness from Him.

A well-known and appropriate story to reflect and share is that of Wahsyi bin Harb who had killed Saidina Hamzah RA, an uncle of Rasulullah SAW, in the Battle of Uhud. Much later, Rasulullah SAW sent a representative to invite Wahsyi to embrace Islam. Wahsyi went to meet Rasulullah SAW and voiced his concern and anxiety in embracing Islam because Rasulullah SAW once declared that whoever commits murder, associates a partner with God, or commits adultery, then such person has sinned and his punishment will be multiplied on the Day of Judgment and shall remain, despairingly, in Hell. Allah SWT instantly revealed Surah al-Zumar, verse 53, which said:

قُلْ يٰۤاَعْبَادِيَ الَّذِيْنَ اَسْرَفُوْا عَلٰٓى اَنْفُسِهِمْ لَا تَقْنَطُوْا مِنْ رَّحْمَةِ اللّٰهِ اِنَّ اللّٰهَ يَغْفِرُ الذُّنُوْبَ جَمِيْعًا  
اِنَّهٗ هُوَ الْغَفُوْرُ الرَّحِيْمُ

**Which means:** “Say (O Muhammad), “O My servants who have transgressed against themselves (by sinning), do not despair of the mercy of Allah. Indeed, Allah forgives all sins. Indeed, it is He who is the Forgiving, the Merciful.”

However, guidance and forgiveness belongs to the Almighty. Soon after hearing this verse, Wahsyi embraced Islam. Indeed, All Glory be to Allah SWT, The Most Merciful... for the men who have sinned against Him, He still has the door of repentance wide open for them. Opportunities are granted to the servants of Allah SWT to seek forgiveness due to His love and affection. Those who do not want to repent would only show how stubbornness and arrogance have dominated them. Who are we to be arrogant and



conceited in the estimation of Allah SWT, who is always the Supreme Receiver of Repentance?

***Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah,***

We should all take into account every mistake and wrongdoing that we have committed so far. We are not faultless human beings who are free from any sin. We should never stop asking for repentance from Allah SWT, for we do not know when we shall return to Him. May the sincerity of our repentance towards Him enable us to always be under the auspices of Allah SWT's grace and pleasure.

The conclusions that we can take from today's sermon are:

**First:** No human being can escape from committing mistakes and wrongdoings. Every deed, whether great or small, shall be accounted for by Allah SWT in the Hereafter.

**Second:** The punishment of Allah SWT awaits those who disobey and often do damage on Earth.

**Third:** Allah SWT's door of repentance is always open wide for His servants who really want to repent. Remember that His mercy would always supersede His wrath.

Reflect on the words of Allah SWT in Surah as-Sajadah, verse 12:

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ  
وَلَوْ تَرَىٰ إِذِ الْمُجْرِمُونَ نَاكِسُوا رُءُوسِهِمْ عِنْدَ رَبِّهِمْ رَبَّنَا أَبْصَرْنَا وَسَمِعْنَا فَارْجِعْنَا  
نَعْمَلْ صَالِحًا إِنَّا مُوقِنُونَ ﴿١٢﴾



**Which means:** "If you could but see when the criminals are hanging their heads before their Lord, (saying), "Our Lord, we have seen and heard, so return us (to the world); we will work righteousness. Indeed, we are (now) certain."

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.



## SECOND SERMON

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 عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ، صَادِقُ الْوَعْدِ الْأَمِينِ.

أَمَّا بَعْدُ، فَيَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَكُونُوا مَعَ الصَّادِقِينَ، وَحَافِظُوا عَلَى الطَّاعَةِ وَحُضُورِ  
الْجُمُعَةِ مَعَ الْمُصَلِّينَ.

The *Mimbar* would like to request for the congregation who are here today to use the donation boxes provided around the mosque to donate from their pockets, so that we can continue organising activities that would utilise the benefit of this House of Allah SWT. May such donations be counted by Allah SWT as part of the charity given by us throughout our life.

وَاعْلَمُوا أَنَّ اللَّهَ سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى أَمْرُكُمْ بِأَمْرِ بَدَأَ فِيهِ بِنَفْسِهِ وَتَنَى بِمَلَائِكَتِهِ الْمُقَرَّبِينَ. فَقَالَ  
اللَّهُ تَعَالَى مُخْبِرًا وَأَمْرًا بِالْمُؤْمِنِينَ :

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



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.

وَارْضُ 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. وَارْضُ عَنَّا بِرَحْمَتِكَ يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ.

اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِلْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ.  
وَإِيْدِ اللَّهُمَّ بِالتَّوْفِيقِ وَالهِدَايَةِ مُدَبِّرِ هَذِهِ الْبِلَادِ الْإِسْلَامِيَّةِ مَلِكْنَا كَبَاوَهُ دَوْلِي يَغْمَهَا  
مِلْيَا سِرِي قُدُوكِ بَكِينِدَا يَغِ دَفَرْتَوَانِ اَكُوغِ ك-15 سُلْطَانِ مُحَمَّدِ ك-5.

اللَّهُمَّ أَطْلُ عُمْرَهُ مُصْلِحًا لِلْمُوظَّفِينَ وَالرَّعِيَّةِ وَالْبِلَادِ، وَبَلِّغْ مَقَاصِدَهُ لِطَرِيقِ الْهُدَى  
وَالرَّشَادِ. اللَّهُمَّ اجْعَلْ مَالِيزِيَا وَسَائِرَ بِلَادِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ طَيِّبَةً آمِنَةً مُطْمَئِنَّةً رَخِيَّةً، يَا  
رُؤُوفُ بِالْعِبَادِ.

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

O, Allah, You are The One Lord Who is the Most Gracious and the Most Merciful, we express our gratitude to You for all the gifts and blessings which



you have bestowed upon us, provide to us and to our leaders direction and guidance, strengthen the solidarity among us, unite our hearts for Your sake, ease all our affairs, multiply our beneficial knowledge, cultivate our souls with good morals, lead us to the route that You would approve, reinforce our faith while facing all forms of trials and tribulations from You, preserve the peace, harmony and safety of our country Malaysia and of our states and territories, namely the Federal Territories. Eschew us from any form of upheaval, 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 وَإِيتَايَ ذِي الْقُرْبَىٰ وَيَنْهَىٰ عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ  
وَالْبَغْيِ يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ ﴿١٠﴾

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