

**THE BLESSINGS OF A CHILD**

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إِنَّ الْحَمْدَ لِلَّهِ، فَحَمْدُهُ وَنَسْتَعِينَهُ 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  
تُفْلِحُونَ.

قَالَ تَعَالَى: أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

لِلَّهِ مُلْكُ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ يَخْلُقُ مَا يَشَاءُ يَهَبُ لِمَنْ يَشَاءُ إِنِ شَاءَ لِمَنْ يَشَاءُ

الذِّكْرَ ﴿٤٩﴾

**Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah,**

Let us together increase the level of our faith in Allah SWT with full obedience, conviction and sincerity, by executing all that He has instructed us to do and by abandoning all that He has prohibited us from doing. May we become persons of conviction and faith, and ultimately, successful and safe in this world and in the hereafter.

A child is a priceless award and gift from Allah SWT. The arrival of a child is usually anticipated with great excitement and happiness. The child's appearance is a joy to those who await it and the birth eliminates the pain of delivery by a pregnant mother. The child's presence is a source of pride for a man known as a father, and his lineage is continued.

Today's *mimbar* shall deliver a sermon entitled: **"The Blessings of A Child"**

**Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah,**

A child is a great trust and obligation from Allah SWT. It is the responsibility of the parents to ensure that a child's needs in this world and in the hereafter are met, with the physical and spiritual needs guaranteed. The mental, physical and spiritual wellbeing of the child should also be healthy. It is also considered a test or trial for parents to raise a child into becoming a useful and successful human being in this world and in the afterlife.

The Al-Quran describes the position of children, for parents, as follows:

**First:** Children are the adornments in the life of their parents. As stated by Allah SWT in surah al-Kahf, verse 46:

الْمَالُ وَالْبَنُونَ زِينَةُ الْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا وَالْبَاقِيَاتُ الصَّالِحَاتُ خَيْرٌ عِنْدَ رَبِّكَ ثَوَابًا وَخَيْرٌ أَمْلاً ٤٦

**Which means:** *“Wealth and sons are allurements of the life of this world: But the things that endure, good deeds, are best in the sight of your Lord, as rewards, and best as (the foundation for) hopes.”*

According to Imam al-Alusi *rahimahullah*, children are described as ‘*allurement*’ due to them being the pride and joy of the family. If property is viewed as something which helps with the continuation of human life, then children are considered the continuation of their descendants and lineage. Property and children are considered the jewels which adorn the life of their parents’ world.

**Second:** Children are also their parents’ trials and tribulations. Allah SWT declared in Surah al-Taghabun, verse 15:

إِنَّمَا أَمْوَالُكُمْ وَأَوْلَادُكُمْ فِتْنَةٌ وَاللَّهُ عِنْدَهُ أَجْرٌ عَظِيمٌ ١٥

**Which means:** *“Your riches and your children may be but a trial: but in the Presence of Allah, is the highest, Reward.”*

What it means when children are the parent’s trial and tribulation is because children can be the cause of sins and weariness in life. They can also eliminate the rewards of



our obedience; And on the Day of Judgment, a man could come with the deeds of his worship and practices erased, due to his children or his family.

**Third:** Children are the comfort for the eyes and the tranquillity of the heart for parents. As declared by Allah SWT in Surah al-Furqan, verse 74:

وَالَّذِينَ يَقُولُونَ رَبَّنَا هَبْ لَنَا مِنْ أَزْوَاجِنَا وَذُرِّيَّاتِنَا قُرَّةَ أَعْيُنٍ وَاجْعَلْنَا  
لِلْمُنْقِبِينَ إِمَامًا

**Which means:** "And those who pray, "Our Lord! Grant unto us wives and offspring who will be the comfort of our eyes, and give us (the grace) to lead the righteous."

Children become comfort for the eyes and the tranquillity of the heart when they are beneficial to parents, whether in life or after death. During their parent's lifetime, the children are devoted to them and after their death, the children continue to be devoted through supplications and good deeds. Such is are the filial children: they are coveted and longed for by every parent.

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

Children are considered an important asset and are able to provide blessings to the parents in the hereafter. When a son of Adam dies, all his deeds are cut off from him, except for three things, namely his charitable deeds, his beneficial knowledge and a virtuous child who prays for him. These three things can be gained simultaneously through a virtuous child. There is no charity or good deed that can be regarded as a permanent asset other than a virtuous child who continues to perform good deeds, which benefits parents. A virtuous child will continue to utilize the knowledge gained from his parents. A virtuous child will continue to pray for forgiveness and blessings for his parents. Therefore, happy and blessed indeed are the parents who leave behind a righteous child, who is an important asset for parents in the Hereafter.

Rasulullah SAW once stated in a Qudsi Hadith, which was recorded by Imam Ahmad Rahimahullah and narrated by Abu Hurairah RA:



إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ لَيَرْفَعُ الدَّرَجَةَ لِلْعَبْدِ الصَّالِحِ فِي الْجَنَّةِ، فَيَقُولُ: يَا رَبِّ أُنِّي لِي هَذِهِ؟ فَيَقُولُ:  
بِاسْتِغْفَارِ وَلَدِكَ لَكَ

**Which means:** "Verily, Allah Azza wa Jalla will raise the rank of a righteous servant in heaven. So the servant asked: O Lord, why am I getting this gift? So Allah SWT replied: because your son prayed for your forgiveness."

How could children be devoted to their parents after their death? A Bani Salamah man had asked the same question, and the reply of Rasulallah SAW was recorded by Abu Daud and narrated by Abi Usayd Malik bin Rabiah al-Sa'idiy as follows:

يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ هَلْ بَقِيَ مِنْ بِرِّ أَبِي شَيْءٌ أُرْهِمًا بِهِ بَعْدَ مَوْتِهِمَا؟ قَالَ: نَعَمْ، الصَّلَاةُ عَلَيْهِمَا،  
وَالِاسْتِغْفَارُ لَهُمَا، وَإِنْفَاذُ عَهْدِهِمَا مِنْ بَعْدِهِمَا، وَصِلَةُ الرَّحِمِ الَّتِي لَا تُوصَلُ إِلَّا بِهِمَا، وَإِكْرَامُ  
صَدِيقِهِمَا

**Which means:** "O, Messenger of Allah! Is there anything good that I could perform now for my parents to benefit them after their deaths?" He replied, "Yes, four things: pray and ask for their forgiveness, fulfil their pledges, be kind to their friends. And maintain the ties of kinship that come from only their direction."

### Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah,

We as parents certainly want virtuous children because they are our most valuable asset, either in this world or in the Hereafter. Therefore, in shaping a virtuous child, the parents must ensure that the child is provided with sustenance derived from honest and *halal* sources. This is because Rasulallah SAW had guaranteed that only the prayers of individuals who do not consume illicit sustenance will be heard and fulfilled.

To end the sermon today, let us observe some conclusions as our reflection together.

**First:** Children are considered as awards, gifts, trusts, responsibilities, trials, assets, and blessings for parents.



**Second:** A *halal* and good source of sustenance is among the important factors in producing virtuous children and family members who can realize the saying *My Home, My Paradise*.

**Third:** A virtuous child would provide not only benefits and blessings for his parents, but also becomes an important asset to the religion, race and nation.

As declared by Allah SWT in Surah al-Ahqaf, verse 15:

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

وَوَصَّيْنَا الْإِنْسَانَ بِوَالِدَيْهِ إِحْسَانًا حَمَلَتْهُ أُمُّهُ كُرْهًا وَوَضَعَتْهُ كُرْهًا وَحَمَلُهُ وَفِصْلُهُ ثَلَاثُونَ شَهْرًا حَتَّىٰ إِذَا بَلَغَ أَشُدَّهُ وَبَلَغَ أَرْبَعِينَ سَنَةً قَالَ رَبِّ أَوْزِعْنِي أَنْ أَشْكُرَ نِعْمَتَكَ الَّتِي أَنْعَمْتَ عَلَيَّ وَعَلَىٰ وَالِدَيَّ وَأَنْ أَعْمَلَ صَالِحًا تَرْضَاهُ وَأَصْلِحْ لِي فِي ذُرِّيَّتِي إِنِّي تُبْتُ إِلَيْكَ وَإِنِّي مِنَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ ﴿١٥﴾

**Which means:** "We have enjoined on man kindness to his parents: In pain did his mother bear him, and in pain did she give him birth. The carrying of the (child) to his weaning is (a period of) thirty months. At length, when he reaches the age of full strength and attains forty years, he says, "O my Lord! Grant me that I may be grateful for the favour which You have bestowed upon me, and upon both my parents, and that I may work righteousness such as You may approve; and be gracious to me in my issue. Truly have I turned to You and truly do I bow (to You) in Islam."

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 وَأَسْتَغْفِرُوا



اللَّهُ الْعَظِيمَ لِي وَلِكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ الْأَحْيَاءِ  
مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ، فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ.



## SECOND SERMON

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ وَبِإِصْحَابِهِ، 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 الْمُصَلِّينِ.

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 أَمْرُهُ بِأَمْرِ بَدَأَ فِيهِ بِنَفْسِهِ وَثَبَّتْ 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 وَعُمَرَ وَعُثْمَانَ وَعَلِيَّ،  
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.  
وَأَيِّدِ اللَّهُمَّ بِالتَّوْفِيقِ وَالْهُدَايَةِ مُدِيرَ هَذِهِ الْبِلَادِ الْإِسْلَامِيَّةِ مَلِكَنَا كِبَاوَهُ دَوْلِي  
يَعْمَهَا مَلِيَا سِرِي قُدُوكَ بَكِينِدَا يَغْ دَفَرْتَوَانِ اِكُوغْ ك-15 سُلْطَانِ مُحَمَّدِ ك-5.

اللَّهُمَّ أَطْلُ عُمُرَهُ مُصْلِحًا لِلْمُوظَّفِينَ وَالرَّعِيَّةِ وَالْبِلَادِ، وَبَلِّغْ مَقَاصِدَهُ لِطَرِيقِ الْهُدَى  
وَالرِّشَادِ. اللَّهُمَّ اجْعَلْ مَالِيزِيَا وَسَائِرَ بِلَادِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ طَيِّبَةً آمِنَةً مُطْمَئِنَّةً رَّخِيَةً، يَا  
رُؤُوفُ بِالْعِبَادِ.

اللَّهُمَّ أَعِزِّ الْإِسْلَامَ وَالْمُسْلِمِينَ فِي كُلِّ مَكَانٍ وَحِينٍ، وَانصُرْ 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 يَذُكُرْكُمْ، وَاشْكُرُوهُ عَلَىٰ نِعَمِهِ يَزِدْكُمْ، وَاسْأَلُوهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ يُعْطِكُمْ  
وَلَذِكْرُ اللَّهِ أَكْبَرُ، وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا تَصْنَعُونَ.