



## OUR YOUTHS DETERMINE OUR FUTURE

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الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي هَدَانَا لِلْإِسْلَامِ، وَأَبَانَ لَنَا الشَّرَائِعَ وَالْأَحْكَامَ، وَرَتَّبَ عَلَيْهَا جَزِيلَ  
الْفَضْلِ وَالْإِنْعَامِ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ الْمَلِكُ الْعَلَامُ،  
وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدَهُ وَرَسُولَهُ سَيِّدُ الْأَنَامِ، صَلَّى اللَّهُ وَسَلَّمْ عَلَيْهِ وَعَلَى آلِهِ  
وَأَصْحَابِهِ الْبَرَّةِ الْأَعْلَامِ.

أَمَّا بَعْدُ، فَيَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ، أُوصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ وَطَاعَتِهِ، فَقَدْ فَازَ  
الْمُتَّقُونَ.

قَالَ تَعَالَى:

وَالَّذِينَ يَقُولُونَ رَبَّنَا هَبْ لَنَا مِنْ أَزْوَاجِنَا وَذُرِّيَّاتِنَا قُرَّةَ أَعْيُنٍ وَاجْعَلْنَا

لِلْمُنْقِبِينَ إِمَامًا ﴿٧٤﴾

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

Let us together increase the level of our conviction in Allah SWT through our obedience, confidence and sincerity, by performing all that He has commanded and abandoning all that He has prohibited. May we be among those who are full of conviction, allowing us to be successful and secure in this world and in the hereafter.

Our youths are the assets and backbone of our nation. An expression attributed to Sayidina Ali RA states: *"If you want to see the future of a nation, then look at its youth today."* This phrase asserts that the rise and fall of a nation is in the hands of the youths today, because they are the heirs to the leadership of the country in the future.



Therefore, the *mimbar* today shall discuss a sermon entitled: “**Our Youths Determine Our Future**”.

**Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah,**

Youths, or youngsters, are a group of people aged between 15 and 40 years old. In Islam, puberty becomes a measure or standard to determine whether a person has attained adolescence, or the level of *muhafaf*, namely a person who has reached the relevant age of majority and is obliged to perform all the commandments of Allah SWT.

As recorded in history, youths played important roles in the spread of Islam. Sayidina Umar RA was 27 years old when he embraced Islam. Sayidina Ali RA was among the youngest persons to embrace Islam, besides other great youths such as Abdullah bin Mas'ud, Abdul Rahman bin Auf, Bilal bin Rabah and Mus'ab bin Umayr Radhiyallahu 'anhum.

Through these determined youths, Islam began to spread from the Arabian Peninsula, to the colonies of Rome and Persia, Syria, Egypt, Iraq, Libya and Northern Africa. The spread of Islam into these countries happened within 35 years of *Khulafa 'al-Rashidin's* rule.

Additionally, Muhammad Al-Fatih was a good example. He was educated since childhood by his father to fulfil the following prophetic words of Rasulullah SAW, as recorded by Ahmad *rahimahullah*, from a narration by Abdullah ibn Bisyr al-Khath'ami RA:

لَتَفْتَحَنَّ الْقُسْطَاطِينِيَّةَ ، فَلَنَعَمَّ الْأَمِيرُ أَمِيرُهَا ، وَلَنَعَمَّ الْجَيْشُ ذَلِكَ الْجَيْشُ



**Which means:** *"Constantinople will be opened (be conquered by Islam). Its commander shall be the best and its army (that would conquer it) would be the best."*

Imagine, when other 8-year-olds had nothing to care about, Muhammad Al-Fatih had memorized the Al-Quran. When other youths were confused, daydreaming, fantasizing and unclear of their own identity, Muhammad Al-Fatih was determined to achieve his dreams by asserting to his father: *"Father, I want to conquer Constantinople!"* As other youths were searching for their direction in life, Muhammad Al-Fatih was appointed a Sultan. When other 19-year olds were proud of their conquest of a woman's heart, Muhammad Al-Fatih had conquered the city of Constantinople. *Subhanallah...* is there a similar youth now with such a soul?

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

It is sad that today, most youths live their lives far from Islamic guidance. Their thinking, behaviour and style of dressing, as well as their socialising and way of life have been very contaminated with western culture. Indeed, the enemy of Islam is always finding ways to poison the minds of the society, especially the youths. A more liberal school of thought encompassing a stand that seeks freedom without religious guidance, as long as it does not interfere with the interests of others, is freely pursued. Hence, there are widespread free-sex culture, donning of indecent attires, *lepak*, consumption of alcohol, extreme entertainment and so on. As a result, a generation is born that is Islam in name and ancestry, but without the soul of a true Muslim.



Indeed, the youths are not to be totally blamed, because they are still uncertain of their aim in life, still searching for direction and purpose, still needing education and guidance, and still in the process of development. In addition, their character is essentially shaped by their surroundings. A youth is a reflection of his family, his community and his country. Therefore, to form future generations, the cooperation of all parties - parents, society and leaders – is required. The most important effort in the formation of youths is to create a more mature thinking process in them. If you expect to develop youths with the soul and identity of a real Muslim, then an Islamic way of thinking consisting of faith, *syariat* and morality must be planted and nourished within them.

**Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah,**

Islam gives great attention to the development of youths. The basics for the formation of their character includes the following:

**First:** Youths who are always in control of their desires, who strive to avoid unpleasantness and are used to doing good deeds. In a hadith recorded by Ahmad and narrated by 'Uqbah bin' Amir RA, Rasulullah SAW was reported to have said:

إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ لَيَعْجَبُ مِنَ الشَّابِّ لَيْسَتْ لَهُ صَبْوَةٌ

**Which means:** "Verily, Allah Azza Wa Jalla is truly amazed at a young man who does not obey the requests of his desires."



The hadith just now highlights the importance of forming a future generation of young men imbued with the feeling of *ihsan*, or awareness of Allah SWT within them. Youths who possess compassionate souls will always take care of their conduct and obey the commands and prohibitions of Allah *Azza wa Jalla*.

**Second:** Youths who are steadfast in obeying Allah SWT's commands and prohibitions. A hadith recorded by al-Bukhari, as narrated by Abu Hurairah R.A, mentioned about the *seven groups of people who are sheltered by Allah SWT with His protection on the Day of Judgment*, which among them is:

وَشَابُّ نَشَأَ فِي عِبَادَةِ رَبِّهِ

**Which means:** *"The youth who grew up worshipping his God"*

**Third:** Youths who utilise their time to develop their character from the point of knowledge, soul, morals, spiritual and physical. Therefore, youths should be educated to always enliven the mosque. Indeed, those whose hearts and souls are always linked to the mosque will have the protection of Allah SWT in the Hereafter. This is also stated in the same hadith regarding the seven groups sheltered by Allah SWT, as recorded by Imam al-Bukhari and narrated by Abu Hurairah RA:

وَرَجُلٌ قَلْبُهُ مُعَلَّقٌ فِي الْمَسَاجِدِ

**Which means:** *"And the man whose heart is always linked to mosques."*

**Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah,**

To conclude the sermon today, let us observe some takeaways as our reflection together:



**First:** Youths carry the future of the religion, race and nation, as they are the individuals who will govern the country.

**Second:** Youths who are still unclear of their identity and stray aimlessly in their lives have to be thought to think maturely and rationally, as it is the foundation of good deeds, behaviour and lifestyle.

**Third:** Emulate the character of Rasulullah SAW, as he is the best role model, example or representative in all aspects of life.

Allah SWT declared in Surah an-Nisa, verse 9:

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ  
وَلِيَخْشَ الَّذِينَ لَوْ تَرَكُوا مِنْ خَلْفِهِمْ ذُرِّيَّةً ضِعَافًا خَافُوا عَلَيْهِمْ فَلْيَتَّقُوا اللَّهَ  
وَلْيَقُولُوا قَوْلًا سَدِيدًا ﴿٩﴾

**Which means:** “And let those [executors and guardians] fear [injustice] as if they [themselves] had left weak offspring behind and feared for them. So let them fear Allah and speak words of appropriate justice.”

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، 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 عَبْدَهُ وَرَسُولَهُ، صَادِقُ الْوَعْدِ الْأَمِينِ.

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

وَاعْلَمُوا أَنَّ اللَّهَ سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى أَمْرُهُ بِأَمْرٍ بَدَأَ فِيهِ بِنَفْسِهِ وَثَنِي بِمَلَائِكَتِهِ الْمُقَرَّبِينَ.  
فَقَالَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى مُخْبِرًا وَأَمْرًا 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 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.  
وَأَيِّدِ اللَّهُمَّ بِالتَّوْفِيقِ وَالْهُدَايَةِ مُدِيرَ هَذِهِ الْبِلَادِ الْإِسْلَامِيَّةِ مَلِكَنَا كِبَاوَهَ دُولِي  
يَعْمَهَا مَوْلِيَا سَرِي فَدُوكَ بَكِينِدَايَعِ دَفَرْتَوَانِ اكَوْغِ ك-15 سُلْطَانِ مُحَمَّدِ ك-5.

اللَّهُمَّ أَطْلُ عَمْرَهُ مُصْلِحًا لِلْمَوْظِفِينَ وَالرَّعِيَّةِ وَالْبِلَادِ، وَبَلِّغْ مَقَاصِدَهُ لِطَرِيقِ الْهُدَى  
وَالرِّشَادِ. اللَّهُمَّ اجْعَلْ مَالِيزِيَا وَسَائِرِ بِلَادِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ طَيِّبَةً آمِنَةً مُطْمَئِنَّةً رَّخِيَةً، يَا  
رُؤُوفُ بِالْعِبَادِ.

اللَّهُمَّ أَعِزِّ الْإِسْلَامَ وَالْمُسْلِمِينَ فِي كُلِّ مَكَانٍ وَحِينٍ، وَاَنْصُرْ 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 ﴿٩٠﴾  
فَاذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ يَذُكُرْكُمْ، وَاشْكُرُوا عَلَىٰ نِعَمِهِ يَزِدْكُمْ، وَاسْأَلُوهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ  
يُعْطِكُمْ وَلَذِكْرُ اللَّهِ أَكْبَرُ، وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا تَصْنَعُونَ.