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**Doing Justice Towards Allah's Blessings**

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْعَنِيِّ الْحَمِيدِ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَهُوَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ شَهِيدٌ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدَهُ وَرَسُولَهُ الْمَبْعُوثُ بِالرَّحْمَةِ وَالْقَوْلِ السَّدِيدِ، اَللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ وَسَلِّمْ وَسَلِّمْ تَسْلِيمًا كَثِيرًا. أَمَّا بَعْدُ، فَيَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تَقَاتِهِ وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ.

Beloved Friday jemaah,

On this blessed Friday, let us strive to increase our taqwa to Allah s.w.t. to the highest level of taqwa. Let us obey all of Allah's commands and abstain from His prohibitions.

Blessed jemaah,

Allah s.w.t. says in the Noble Quran in Surah Ibrahim verse 34:

وَأَتَاكُمْ مِنْ كُلِّ مَا سَأَلْتُمُوهُ وَإِنْ تَعُدُّوا نِعْمَتَ اللَّهِ لَا تَحْصُوهَا إِنَّ الْإِنْسَانَ لَظَلُومٌ كَفَّارٌ



Which means: *“And He gave you from all you asked of Him. And if you should count the favour of Allah, you could not enumerate them. Indeed, mankind is [generally] most unjust and ungrateful.”*

Jemaah,

In the verse above that has just been recited, Allah s.w.t. reminds us that those who disobey Allah’s favours are actually doing injustice to themselves. As we have discussed in last week’s sermon about the need to act justly, justice demands that we place something accordingly and to honour its rights. Without justice, there will be widespread oppression and cruelty.

In fact, in the Quran, Allah s.w.t. reminds us repeatedly of stories of those who failed to receive His mercy because they were unjust to the blessings He bestowed upon them. They failed to use those blessings to enjoin goodness and for acts of worship to Allah. Instead, they used them to fulfil their desires. For example, Firaun and his army were drowned at sea because he showed kufr towards the blessings of authority and power that Allah gave him. Qarun was swallowed by the earth along with his wealth because he showed kufr towards the blessing of wealth. And Hamman did not appreciate the gift of intelligence that Allah s.w.t. gave to him.

Jemaah,

One of the biggest blessings from Allah which we may tend to overlook, is the blessing of natural resources, specifically water. Do you know that for one in every nine people on this earth does not have access to clean water? Perhaps we have forgotten the blessing of clean water because of the ease we have here in our country. Because of this ease, we tend to take for granted that water is such a huge gift from Allah not just to serve the basic necessities of life, but also for the purposes of worship such as making wudhu'. We hardly experience water rationing or the difficulty of having access to clean water for drinking. Remember that every drop of water is in fact a drop of life. Water is a basic necessity for all creations, and without it one is unable to survive. Let us reflect on what Allah s.w.t. says in the Quran regarding the blessing of water from Him.

وَجَعَلْنَا مِنَ الْمَاءِ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ حَيٍّ أَفَلَا يُؤْمِنُونَ ﴿٣٠﴾

Which means: *“And We made from water every living thing, Then will they not believe?”* [Surah Al-Anbiya’: 30]

Allah the Creator has decided that water will be the source of life on this earth. What would happen then if the blessing of water is taken away from us, as what has happened in some countries? Jemaah, can you imagine the difficulty that we will face? I am sure many can remember the prolonged dry season we experienced in Singapore not too long ago. We saw how the

trees and plants became so dry, and this worried us. We worried that the hot weather can affect our water supply and cause mosquitoes to breed to a higher level, thus posing a substantial threat to ourselves and the environment. Thus, we should always act justly toward the nikmat of having water.

Jemaah,

In line with Islam's call to appreciate the blessing of having water, we should also strive to uphold the sunnah of Rasulullah s.a.w. by using water wisely and prudently. We need develop a deep appreciation of the blessings of water and start instilling good water-saving habits in ourselves, our children, other family members. Let us try to not waste even a drop of water. The Prophet s.a.w. was able to perform wudhu by using one *mudd* of water, which is approximately half a litre. As his follower, we must develop the same conscientiousness to not waste water as it is also an indication of faith. Allah s.w.t. says in Surah Al-Isra' verse 27:

إِنَّ الْمُبَذِّرِينَ كَانُوا إِخْوَانَ الشَّيَاطِينِ وَكَانَ الشَّيْطَانُ لِرَبِّهِ  
كَفُورًا

Which means: *“Indeed, the wasteful are brothers of the devils, and ever has Satan been to his Lord ungrateful.”*

Hence, let us work towards saving water; not just when making wudhu' but in all aspects of life. Know that every effort that we

undertake in trying to save water is an honourable act in the sight of Allah, and contributes towards efforts of sustaining the world. May Allah s.w.t. grant us prosperity and protection for our families, our country, and ourselves from any disasters and catastrophes.

بَارِكَ اللهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ، وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ  
الآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ، وَتَقَبَّلْ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتَهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ  
الْعَلِيمُ، أَقُولُ قَوْلِي هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللهَ الْعَظِيمَ لِي وَلَكُمْ، وَلِسَائِرِ  
الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ، وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ، فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ يَا  
فَوْزَ الْمُسْتَغْفِرِينَ يَا نَجَاةَ التَّائِبِينَ.