

Prohibition of Insulting the Prophet

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ نَحْمَدُهُ وَنَسْتَعِينُهُ وَنَسْتَغْفِرُهُ. وَنَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنْ شُرُورِ
أَنْفُسِنَا وَمِنْ سَيِّئَاتِ أَعْمَالِنَا. مَنْ يَهْدِهِ اللَّهُ فَلَا مُضِلَّ لَهُ وَمَنْ يُضِلِّ
فَلَا هَادِيَ لَهُ.

أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا مُحَمَّدًا
عَبْدَهُ وَرَسُولَهُ. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى
آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ.

أَمَّا بَعْدُ،

فَيَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ أَوْصِيَكُمْ وَأَيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ، فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ.

Let us increase our righteousness to Allah the Almighty by doing all that He prescribes and and leaving all that He prohibits. May we be blessed by Allah the Almighty in this life and the hereafter.

Dear brothers and sisters,

Do we know that one day in *Mahsyar* (vast plains in the afterlife), the righteous believers would go in droves to the gates of heaven after being reckoned. All of them while in a state of anxiety, worried, indifferent, and on *As-Sirāt* (the hair-narrow bridge which every human must pass on the Day of Judgment in order to enter Paradise), not knowing whether they will fall into the abyss of hell, or go to heaven, will find that in front of them is an authoritative man who will be leading millions of people. When this man reaches the heaven's gate, the angel al-Khazin who looks after this gate will ask, "Who are you?". The man answers: "I am Muhammad". The angel then replies:

بِكَ أُمِرْتُ لَا أَفْتَحُ لِأَحَدٍ قَبْلَكَ

Which means: *"Indeed, I am commanded not to open the heaven's door to others before your arrival."*

This hadith shows us the greatness of the Prophet Muhammad (pbuh), so much so that the door of heaven will not open until he enters it first. The greatness of Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) is a gift from Allah the Almighty which should be glorified and his *akhlaq* (good behavior) should be emulated.

Do not forget that in the hereafter, all humans will be resurrected with the person he loves most. Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) said in a hadith as narrated by Imām Bukhārī in *al-Adab al-Mufrad*:

عَنْ أَبِي ذَرٍّ قُلْتُ: يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ، الرَّجُلُ يُحِبُّ الْقَوْمَ وَلَا يَسْتَطِيعُ

أَنْ يَلْحَقَ بِعَمَلِهِمْ؟ قَالَ: أَنْتَ يَا أَبَا ذَرٍّ مَعَ مَنْ أَحْبَبْتَ، قُلْتُ: إِنِّي

أُحِبُّ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ، قَالَ: أَنْتَ مَعَ مَنْ أَحْبَبْتَ يَا أَبَا ذَرٍّ

Abu Zar said: “O Messenger of Allah, what do you think of a man who loves a people, but can not afford to work or do deeds like them. What is his fate? The Prophet (pbuh) answered, “O Abu Zar, you will be with whom you love.” Abu Zar asked again, “Indeed, I love Allah and His apostles,” The Prophet (pbuh) answered, “Indeed you will be with those whom you love Abu Zar.”

Thus, choose the Prophet (pbuh) as our role model and our most beloved person. Allah the Almighty says in chapter3 (surah Ali Imran) verse 31:

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

قُلْ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ تُحِبُّونَ اللَّهَ فَاتَّبِعُونِي يُحْبِبْكُمُ اللَّهُ وَيَغْفِرْ لَكُمْ ذُنُوبَكُمْ وَاللَّهُ غَفُورٌ رَحِيمٌ ﴿٣١﴾

Which means: *Say, [O Muhammad], "If you should love Allah, then follow me, [so] Allah will love you and forgive you your sins. And Allah is Forgiving and Merciful."*

Dear brothers and sisters,

It is very unfortunate today that Malaysians; both Muslims and infidels, have uploaded pictures and statements that insult Prophet Muhammad (pbuh), his wife and Islam. Even though the authorities have begun to take action, there are still those who humiliate him.

Sadly, some Muslims are not firm in dealing with this issue. They are more concerned when they are being insulted or when other religions are insulted. According to the law of the ijmak scholars, those who insult the Prophet (pbuh) is given a severe sentence which include the death sentence.

Allah the Almighty says in chapter 33 (surah al-Ahzab) verse 57:

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ يُؤْذُونَ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ لَعَنَهُمُ اللَّهُ فِي الدُّنْيَا وَالْآخِرَةِ وَأَعَدَّ لَهُمْ عَذَابًا مُهِينًا ﴿٥٧﴾

Which means: *“Indeed, those who abuse Allah and His Messenger - Allah has cursed them in this world and the Hereafter and prepared for them a humiliating punishment.”*

Shortly after the Battle of Badr; Qainuqa' Jews' were rude to the Prophet (pbuh) and the Muslims. They felt that they were strong, and mocked that the Prophet's (pbuh) victory over Mecca's musyrikin army was because the army of Abu

Sufyan was weak. While we know that the army of Badr itself was not prepared for war.

At that time, the Bani Qainuqa' jews became arrogant and felt that they were invincible. A young man from this tribe insulted a muslim lady who was doing business when he lifted her veil. There came a muslim man who defended the muslim lady but he was killed by the Bani Qainuqa' jews.

Thus, the prophet (pbuh) send an army to fight the arrogant Banu Qainuqa'. It was noted that they were the first group to betray the Charter of Medina; although the Prophet (pbuh) initially recognized them as citizens whose rights needed to be guaranteed and preserved.

Dear brothers and sisters,

In closing our sermon today, we as as righteous muslims must love our Prophet (pbuh) more than our fathers, children and others. Teach our children and students to look upon the Prophet (pbuh) as a role model in their lives.

Authorities of mosques must ensure that knowledge about the Prophet's biography (*sirah*) is the main agenda when conducting programs in their mosques. For those who hold the government's mandate, be strict in dealing with those who insult the Prophet (pbuh) and religion; above your assertion when your personal, as well as your associates, or other religions, are concerned.

More stringent laws need to be enacted, in order for our country to remain peaceful and harmonious from elements which deliberately challenge the

sovereignty of Islam and the harmonious life of various races and religions. Hopefully, we are all worthy to receive blessings (*syafa'at*) and be among the entourage of our Prophet (pbuh) in the hereafter.

Allah the Almighty says in chapter 15(surah al-Hijr) verse 95:

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

إِنَّا كَفَيْنَاكَ الْمُسْتَهْزِئِينَ ﴿٩٥﴾

Which means: “*Indeed, We are sufficient for you against the mockers.*”

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ، وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ، وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتَهُ، إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ. أَقُولُ قَوْلِي هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ، وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ، وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ، فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ.