

## WISDOM OF MUHARAM

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أَلْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ نَحْمَدُهُ وَنَسْتَعِينُهُ وَنَسْتَغْفِرُهُ. وَنَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنْ شُرُورِ أَنْفُسِنَا وَمِنْ سَيِّئَاتِ

أَعْمَالِنَا. مَنْ يَهْدِهِ اللَّهُ فَلَا مُضِلَّ لَهُ وَمَنْ يُضِلِّ فَلَا هَادِيَ لَهُ.

وَأَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدَهُ

وَرَسُولُهُ.

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ.

أَمَّا بَعْدُ،

فَيَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَأَوْصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ، فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ.

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

**Dear brothers and sisters**

We are indeed grateful that Allah the Almighty has given us the opportunity to greet the new year of hijrah 1445. The arrival of the hijrah year reminds us of our Prophet's (pbuh) and his companions migration (*hijrah*) from

Mecca to Madinah. This event is mentioned by Allah the Almighty in chapter 9 (surah al-Taubah) verse 20:

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَهَاجَرُوا وَجَاهَدُوا فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ بِأَمْوَالِهِمْ وَأَنْفُسِهِمْ أَكْبَرُ دَرَجَةً عِنْدَ اللَّهِ

وَأُولَئِكَ هُمُ الْفَائِزُونَ

**Which means:** “Those who have believed, emigrated, and strived in the cause of Allah with their wealth and their lives are greater in rank in the sight of Allah. It is they who will triumph.”

The hijrah highlighted to us about a generation that loved Islam more than anything else. When ordered to migrate, they obeyed with great strength of faith, responding to the call of Allah the Almighty. They were willing to migrate by leaving their beloved hometown, families and properties. A companion named Suhaib al-Rumi was stopped by the Quraysh during migration, so he said, “What if I hand over my property? Will you let me go?”. They answered, "Yes". Then Suhaib handed over his wealth to them, and he was allowed to emigrate.

When the news reached the Prophet (pbuh), he said to Suhaib as narrated by Ibn Hisham which means:

*"Blessed Shuhaib, blessed Suhaib".*

They made extraordinary sacrifices simply because of their love for Allah the Almighty and the Prophet (pbuh), their love for Islam and for the sake of saving their religion and faith. This hijrah event requires us to reflect upon what

is the proof of our love for Islam? May Allah the Almighty guide us all so that Islam becomes a priority in our lives.

### **Dear brothers and sisters**

One of the great lessons learned from the hijrah is the strength of the Muslim community which was successfully built through unity and unification among the followers. The Prophet (pbuh) united the people of Madinah which consisted of two major tribes namely the Aus and Khazraj who were called the Ansar. Then they were fraternized with the Muhajirin who made them a strong and united Umma. This was the pioneering way to build a government according to the sunnah of the Prophet (pbuh) that is, by uniting Muslims first before the government is built. This is how it should happen in our country; not by dividing fellow Muslims, especially the Malays.

Let us unite to build the strength of Muslims instead of multiplying political parties that cause us to be divided. Allah the Almighty says in chapter 59 (surah al-Hasyr) verse 9:

وَالَّذِينَ تَبَوَّءُوا الدَّارَ وَالْإِيمَانَ مِنْ قَبْلِهِمْ يُحِبُّونَ مَنْ هَاجَرَ إِلَيْهِمْ وَلَا يَجِدُونَ فِي صُدُورِهِمْ حَاجَةً مِمَّا أُوتُوا وَيُؤْتُونَ عَلَى أَنْفُسِهِمْ وَلَوْ كَانَ بِهِمْ خَصَاصَةٌ

**Which means:** *“As for those who had settled in the city and embraced the faith before the arrival of the emigrants, they love whoever immigrates to them, never having a desire in their hearts for whatever of the gains is given to the emigrants. They give the emigrants preference over themselves even though they may be in need.”*

## Dear brothers and sisters

We are aware that the first thing the Prophet (pbuh) did when he arrived in Madinah was to build a mosque. The Prophet's Mosque became a place for the life affairs of Muslims and congregational prayer of five times a day. These were the most important activities to unite Muslims. The companions were educated by the Prophet (pbuh) himself on how to enliven the mosque. . The mosque was always in their hearts and they miss going to the mosque every day. It is not surprising that these companions became great personalities in building the strength of Islam.

We are very angry when we see Jews and other enemies of Islam demolish mosques. However, at the same time, we are also worried that our act of not enlivening the mosque is also an action like tearing down the mosque without us realizing it. Therefore, may the arrival of the new year of hijrah motivate all of us to make our mosques more attractive. Blessed is the person who befriends the mosque because the Prophet (pbuh) said in a hadith narrated by Imam al-Tirmizi which means:

*"If you see someone who regularly goes to the mosque, then he is a believer."*

Let us take heed to the warning from Abdullah bin Mas'ud in a hadith narrated by Imam Muslim which means:

*"If you pray five times a day in your homes, you have abandoned the Sunnah of your Prophet, and if you do not follow the Sunnah of your Prophet, you will surely go astray. In the time of the Prophet (pbuh) , only hypocrites abandoned this congregational prayer"*

Allah the Almighty says in chapter 16 (surah An Nahl) verse 41:

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

وَالَّذِينَ هَاجَرُوا فِي اللَّهِ مِنْ بَعْدِ مَا ظَلَمُوا لَنُبَوِّئَنَّهُمْ فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَلَا أَجْرَ الْآخِرَةِ  
أَكْبَرَ لَوْ كَانُوا يَعْلَمُونَ

**Which means:** “As for those who emigrated in the cause of Allah after being persecuted, We will surely bless them with a good home in this world. But the reward of the Hereafter is far better, if only they knew.”

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