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الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي أَرْسَلَ رَسُولَهُ بِالْهُدَىٰ وَدِينِ الْحَقِّ لِيُظْهِرَهُ عَلَى الدِّينِ كُلِّهِ وَلَوْ كَرِهَ الْمُشْرِكُونَ،  
 أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ، اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ  
 وَبَارِكْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ وَمَنْ تَبِعَهُمْ بِإِحْسَانٍ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ.  
 أَمَّا بَعْدُ،  
 فَيَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تَقَاتِهِ وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ.

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

**Dear brothers and sisters,**

Allah the Almighty says in chapter 3 (surah Ali Imran) verse 190:

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ  
 إِنَّ فِي خَلْقِ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَأَخْتِلَافِ اللَّيْلِ وَالنَّهَارِ لَآيَاتٍ لِأُولِي الْأَلْبَابِ ۚ ١٩٠

**Which means:** “Indeed, in the creation of the heavens and the earth and the alternation of the day and night there are signs for people of reason.”



Imam Ibn Kathir interpreted that the creation of the heavens and the earth, their height and breadth, the moon and stars, the oceans and mountains, plants, fruits, animals and their diversity are signs of Allah's greatness for those who think. In another verse, Allah the Almighty explains that the movement of clouds and the occurrence of rain are part of the signs of His power. Allah the Almighty says in chapter 24 (surah an-Nur) verse 43:

أَلَمْ تَرَ أَنَّ اللَّهَ يُزْجِي سَحَابًا ثُمَّ يُؤَلِّفُ بَيْنَهُمْ يَجْعَلُهُ رُكَامًا فَتَرَى الْوَدَقَ يَخْرُجُ مِنْ خِلَالِهِ

**Which means:** *“Do you not see that Allah gently drives the clouds, then joins them together, piling them up into masses, from which you see raindrops come forth?”*

**Dear brothers and sisters,**

Behind the abundance of blessings bestowed by Allah the Almighty, there are a few tests. As believers, we believe that every calamity and disaster that befalls humans, including feelings of fear and loss of property, is part of a test from Allah Azza Wajalla. Sometimes it is a warning or reminder from Allah Azza Wajalla to His negligent servants and sometimes it is intended to erase the sins of those who are patient.

Allah the Almighty says in chapter 2 (surah al-Baqarah) verse 155:

وَلَنَبْلُوَنَّكُمْ بِشَيْءٍ مِّنَ الْخَوْفِ وَالْجُوعِ وَنَقْصٍ مِّنَ الْأَمْوَالِ وَالْأَنْفُسِ وَالتَّمْرِتِ وَبَشِيرِ الصَّابِرِينَ ١٥٥



**Which means:** *“We will certainly test you with a touch of fear and famine and loss of property, life, and crops. Give good news to those who patiently endure.”*

Disasters such as floods often occur in our country, especially during the monsoon season, particularly in November, December and January. This season often causes concern and worry to residents on the East Coast, especially those in low-lying areas or near rivers. Recently, our country has been experiencing frequent flooding incidents that come suddenly following heavy rain. Flash floods sometimes hit urban and residential areas, causing property damage.

According to the Malaysian Meteorological Department, there is a possibility that La Niña will form starting in October to November and is expected to continue until early next year. La Niña usually causes increased rainfall and the risk of flooding. Based on this forecast, we should take precautions to face any eventuality.

**Dear brothers and sisters,**

Although we are required to be patient in facing trials including disasters such as floods and others, we are also encouraged to be vigilant and strive to take appropriate steps to safeguard the safety of our lives and property. Among the recommended steps to deal with disasters is to stock up on basic supplies such as food, clean water, medicine, important documents and flashlights. We must always obtain information regarding weather



conditions and be aware of the authorities' instructions. If the area where we live is frequently hit by floods, make plans to evacuate early for the safety of ourself and our family members.

For those who are not affected by the floods, it is our responsibility as Muslim brothers and sisters to provide assistance to ease the burden of the affected victims. Our country has witnessed several episodes of major flooding that forced tens of thousands of residents to evacuate and some lives were also lost due to drowning. Some were stranded on the roofs of their houses for days because they did not have time to evacuate. In addition, outbreaks of diseases caused by bacteria, viruses and parasites are also easily transmitted.

Apart from floods, another disaster that has recently occurred frequently and has claimed lives is the phenomenon of massive surge of water (water column) and large waves that appear suddenly, especially in picnic areas, waterfalls, rivers and the sea. As a precautionary measure, we are advised to avoid activities such as bathing, picnicking or fishing for a while, especially during the rainy season.

It is emphasized that we should always repent and continue to seek protection from any disaster, including floods from Allah the Almighty. Increase our prayers and righteous deeds, because with the grace of Allah, we will be safe from all danger. May Allah give us the strength to face His tests with patience and trust.



**Dear brothers and sisters,**

From today's sermon, it can be concluded that:

**Firstly**, disasters or calamities such as floods are part of a test from Allah Azza wa Jalla to His believing servants.

**Secondly**, we must always strive to take appropriate measures for the safety of ourselves, our family members and our properties.

**Thirdly**, we need to reflect by constantly repenting and doing good deeds to be kept away from all disasters.

Allah the Almighty says in chapter 2 (surah al-Baqarah) verse 156:

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ  
الَّذِينَ إِذَا أَصَابَتْهُمُ مُصِيبَةٌ قَالُوا إِنَّا لِلَّهِ وَإِنَّا إِلَيْهِ رَاجِعُونَ ١٥٦

**Which means:** “*who say, when struck by a disaster, “Surely to Allah we belong and to Him we will all return.”*”

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِي 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 لِي وَلَكُمْ، وَلِسَانِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ، وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ، فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ.