

ALLAH'S TARBIYYAH TO HIS MESSENGER: LESSONS FOR MANKIND



Indeed, blissfulness in this life and the Hereafter will only be determined by the level of our taqwa and imaan. Let us fill our lives with activities that will strengthen our taqwa of Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala

and upholding al-Qur'an as the ultimate guidance and reference for us in attaining His Pleasure in this world and the Hereafter. The title of today's khutbah is "Allah's Tarbiyyah To His Messenger: Lessons For Mankind."

Allah has sent His Messengers onto this earth, selected from among His chosen slaves. It was narrated from al-'Abbaas radiyAllaahu 'anh that the Messenger of Allah sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam

"Allah created mankind, and made me from the best of them, from the best of their two groups. Then He chose tribes and made me from the

best tribe. Then He chose families and made me from the best family. So I am the best of them from the best family." (at-Tirmidhi: saheeh)

The coming of Rasulullah sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam had brought significant impact upon mankind. Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala mentions in al-Qur'an:

"And We have not sent you, [O Muhammad], except as a mercy to the worlds."

(al-Anbiyaa' 21:107)

It all began with the first revelation that was sent to him as tarbiyyah and upbringing that everything begins with recitation, understanding, and learning.

Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala mentions in alQur'an:

"Recite in the name of your Lord who created."

(al-'Alaq 96:1)

This verse taught us that the culture of knowledge begins with the very foundation of igra', just as Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala had sent Jibreel 'alayhissalam to teach and train Prophet

Muhammad sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam to read and recite. Then, followed by learning and thorough understanding of tawheed and 'ageedah. Furthermore, the comprehension upon

the meaning of the life of this world must be based upon tawheed, and upon the Sharee 'ah determined by Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala until blissfulness in the Hereafter is ultimately attained.

This is the fruit of the tarbiyyah that was passed down to the Companions that they were able to change the world landscape from error and ignorance unto the guidance of Islam.

The world's recognition upon Islam significantly depends on how far the Muslims excel in the field of knowledge, and their level of competency in these very challenging times.

Without knowledge and the know-how, the Muslim ummah will fall behind and decline.

Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala has taught Rasulullah sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam to practice the very knowledge that he had learned so that, whether in regular deeds or 'ibaadah.

This was clearly manifested with Rasulullah sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam given the tarbiyyah to wake up in the night, performing 'ibaadah, and reciting al-Qur'an:

"O you who wraps himself [in clothing]. Arise [to pray] the night, except for a little. Half of it - or subtract from it a little.

Or add to it, and recite the Qur'an with measured recitation. Indeed, We will cast upon you a heavy word."

(al-Muzammil 73:1-5)

It behoove us to have full khushoo 'while engaging in our 'ibaadah so that we will taste the sweetness of our relationship with Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala, and attain great satisfaction in the deeds performed.

Moreover, we should be greedy in our 'ibaadah, always thinking that it is never enough with what we have practiced thus far. We will always strive to attain nearness to Allah

Subhaanahu Wata'aala by performing all the naafilah (supererogatory) acts of 'ibaadah such as qiyaamul layl. Verily, qiyaamul layl is an effective deed that can preserve and further strengthen our imaan.

Allah mentions in al-Qur'an: "Indeed, the hours of the night are more effective for concurrence [of heart and tongue] and more suitable for words."

(al-Muzammil 73:6)

'Ibaadah is not only confined to the slave expressing his gratitude and shukr towards Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala. Even more is important is how far and effective is such 'ibaadah in getting the slave to become closer to Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala. Indeed, Islam requires that every from of life to be in the state of 'ubudiyyah and fully obedient to Allah

Subhaanahu Wata'aala only. Such is the meaning of the verse when Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala mentions:

"And I did not create the jinn and mankind except to worship Me."

(adh-Dhaariyaat 51:56)

Therefore, to get all of our 'ibaadah to being in full servitude of Allah, then it behoove us to communicate directly to Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala in every matter that we undertake.

We must connect our hearts to Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala until we are able to taste the level of ihsaan, meaning we perform 'ibaadah unto Allah as if we can see Him. And though

we are unable to see Him, yet we are fully certain that He sees everything that we do. We should always recite al-Qur'an and ponder upon its meaning especially during the time of fajr (early morning),

for it is a recommended and blessed time. Contemplate and understand the meanings so that our soul will be heedful and affected by its contents, resulting from the personal relationship with al-Qur'an.

Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala mentions in alQur'an:

"[This is] a blessed Book which We have revealed to you, [O Muhammad],

that they might reflect upon its verses and that those of understanding would be reminded."

(Saad 38:29)

At the same time, we should always make du 'a to Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala in all of our affairs and deeds, for du'a is the very essence of 'ibaadah. Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala mentions in al-Qur'an:

"And your Lord says, "Call upon Me; I will respond to you." Indeed, those who disdain My worship will enter Hell [rendered] contemptible."

(Ghaafir 40:60)

The obligation that follows is the very responsibility of the Messengers in conveying the risaalah of tawheed on this earth, which was completely fulfilled by Rasulullah sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam.

The commands of Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala to His Messenger to rise and give warning and reminder to his people, provides a signal and valuable lesson to the Muslim scholars and

Muslim ummah at-large, that the duty of calling mankind to Islam and reminding them is an obligated duty that must be fulfilled, especially in these times where the Muslims have far deviated

from true authentic Islam. Allah mentions in al-Qur'an: "O you who covers himself [with a garment]. Arise and warn. And your Lord glorify. And your clothing purify. And uncleanliness avoid." (al-Muddaththir 74:1-5)

This is the road or path of tarbiyyah that Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala had bestowed to His Messenger, and ultimately as hints and lessons for us all, that after attaining 'ilm,

equipping oneself with deeds and 'ibaadah to Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala, then the duty of da'wah and giving reminder is a task that must be fulfilled.

The greatness of Rasulullah sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam in his da'wah and jihaad are the fruits of his true dedication by strictly clinging on, having tawakkul, and having

tagarrub (nearness) to Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala. In conclusion, the lessons that can be derived from today's khutbah are:

1- Equipping oneself with adequate authentic knowledge is the foundation to success of a believer.

2- Getting closer to Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala through good deeds and 'ibaadah until reaching the level of ihsaan.

3- Tadabbur (contemplate) upon the recitation of al-Qur'an and ponder upon its meaning, thorough understanding and implementing all the ahkaam (rulings).

4- Having tawakkal upon Allah after exerting effort and making du 'a are weapons for the believer's success.

5- The obligation of da'wah and calling mankind to Islam is the responsibility of every Muslim.

"And We certainly sent into every nation a messenger, [saying], "Worship Allah and avoid Taaghoot." And among them were those whom Allah guided,

and among them were those upon whom error was [deservedly] decreed. So proceed through the earth and observe how was the end of the deniers." (an-Nahl 16:36)

بَارَكَ اللهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيْمِ وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيْهِ مِنَ الأَبَاتِ وَالذَّكْرِ الْحَكِيْم وَ تَقَبَّلَ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلاوَتُهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيْمُ. أَقُولُ قَوْلِيْ هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللهَ الْعَظِيْمَ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِيْنَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُوْمِنِيْنَ وَ الْمُؤْمِنَاتِ الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَات فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيْمُ

O Allah, You are the Almighty Lord, we are grateful unto You for having bestowed upon us Mercy and Blessings, nourishing us to strive to continue in strengthening the Muslim nation especially the state of Selangor, as an advanced, progressive, peaceful, and benevolent state.

We beseech and beg You, Ya Allah, to strengthen our imaan, increase our good deeds, strengthen our unity, increase our provision, enrich us with beneficial knowledge, nourish our soul with beautiful akhlaaq, guide us to the Path that is Pleasing to You,

protect us from Your severe tribulations such as the long drought, severe flooding, disease outbreak, violence and instability, poverty, and others, so that our land will become more peaceful and blessed.

Oh Allah, we ask You to open up the hearts of the Muslim ummah especially in Selangor, to fulfill their zakaat obligation as You had decreed in al-Qur'an. Bless the lives of those who have fulfilled their zakaat obligation, loving and caring for the poor and needy.

Purify their wealth and soul so that they will live according to that which pleases You. Protect the poor and needy from disbelief and everlasting poverty. Allaahummaa ameen



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