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Let us strive to increase our taqwa of Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala to attain utmost taqwa, with obedience in upholding the Sharee'ah, implementing all of the Commands of Allah, and abstaining from all of His prohibitions,

so that we may attain a blissful life in this world and the Hereafter. With the *taqwa* that we strive to achieve, indeed we hope that we will continue to guided and led in attaining the Pleasure of Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala.

Wealth and money are bounties from Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala bestowed upon His servants as a test on the strength of their imaan and taqwa in managing such ni'mah.

In addition, they are also necessities that will greatly aid in the well-being of life of this world. The topic of today's khutbah is **"Planning Your Financial** Affairs."

Indeed, the wealth and money that we possess are all amaanah from Allah that are burdened upon us. Therefore, they must be properly managed, organized, and well spent according to the

guidelines of the Sharee'ah, so as to guarantee prosperity in this life and the Hereafter. Every bit of money that we earn and spent will definitely be questioned about in the Hereafter.

This is the reality that we should engrain and hold as key principle of our lives in the planning of our wealth and financial matters. Abu al-Barzah al-Aslami radiyAllaahu 'anh reported

that Rasulullah sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam said: "The two feet of the servant will not cease (from standing before Allah) on the Day of Judgment until he is asked about four things:

on his life and how he spent it; on his knowledge and what he did with it; on his wealth and where he earned it and how he spent it; and on his body and in what way he utilized it."

(at-Tirmidhi: saheeh)

It is clear from this hadeeth that every bit of our wealth and money will be questioned about for they are *amaanah* belonging to Allah that was lent to us. Hence, we must ensure that they are to be well-managed and adheres to good

financial planning. Financial planning is a very important matter that should be well and efficiently thought out, as a vital step in attaining the success of building a good life.

Those that plan their financial affairs well will secure comfort and happiness in their lives. This is from among the Islamic principles that should be engrained and embedded in the lives of

every Muslim. It is only with careful and successful financial planning that one will be capable of performing good deeds and charity with the wealth possessed.

Among the measures that must be taken in the financial planning of every Muslim are: 1- To ensure that one's source of income is *halaal* and avoid any haraam sources such as bribery, usury, gambling, theft, and others.

This is a very important measure in attaining the barakah of our livelihood and safeguarding the monthly financial capability. Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala mentions in al-Qur'an:

"Then eat of what Allah has provided for you [which is] lawful and good. And be grateful for the favor of Allah, if it is [indeed] Him that you worship."

(an-Nahl 16:114)

2- To oversee the spending and manage it well. Give priority to basic necessities such as essential needs for oneself and the household like food and drink, accommodation, and monthly expenses,

before spending on other things such as leisure, vacation, and entertainment. Make a list of primary expenses that are to be fulfilled first, and whatever remains

from that can then be used for other matters that are suitable to our financial capability. Every family member must be trained to spend wisely so as to avoid wastefulness.

We should not easily give out money to our family members without restriction and justified cause. Let us look at the advice from Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala in this verse:

"And do not give the weakminded your property, which Allah has made a means of sustenance for you, but provide for them with it and clothe them and speak to them words of appropriate kindness." (an-Nisaa' 4:5)

3-Allocate part of the wealth solely for charitable work and good deeds, in attaining the barakah in the provision that Allah had bestowed upon us. Continuous in giving charity, helping those

in need especially from amongst family members, and generous contribution towards Islamic and communal cause. Take heed, for the charity that we perform, our provision will be increased and become blessed.

Is it not true that with every cent that we give in charity, the angels will pray for its recompense? Such is the blessing promised by Allah for His servants who generously give away their wealth to those

in need. Abu Hurayrah radiyAllaahu 'anh reported the Prophet sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam as saying: "There is never a day wherein servants (of God) get up at morning, but are not visited by two angels.

One of them says: "O Allah, give him more who spends (for the sake of Allah)," and the other says: "O Allah, bring destruction to one who withholds.""



4-Allocate a part of the wealth for savings. This savings is essential to provide aid and comfort in times of difficulty. Every Muslim should ensure that he is well-prepared for the

days to come with thorough planning and adequate preparation. Hence, they will be spared from begging and seeking sympathy from others in the time of need. With savings, Muslims will

be able to better manage their family economy (expenditure). Islam encourages for wealth to be increased or invested, but only through means that conforms to Sharee 'ah guidelines and valid in Islam,

such as through the mushaarakah or mudaarabah scheme. If pursued, then the pillars and conditions of these concepts must be adhered to at all times throughout the investment period.

In addition to that, let us not forget our very responsibility upon the wealth that Allah has bestowed upon us, which the obligation of zakaat. In reality, zakaat purifies our wealth and hearts from sins

and mistakes, and it also increases blessings for us in this life and the Hereafter. Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala says in al-Qur'an: "Take, [O, Muhammad], from their wealth a charity by which you purify them

and cause them increase, and invoke [Allah's blessings] upon them. Indeed, your invocations are reassurance for them. And Allah is Hearing and Knowing."

(at-Tawbah 9:103)

Amongst the important points discussed in today's sermon are: 1- Wealth and money are amaanah from Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala bestowed upon mankind as

means to achieve a good and blessed life. Therefore they are to be dispensed in ways that are pleasing to Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala 2- Islam encourages Muslims to earn wealth, to produce, and effectively plan on its proper usage in ensuring prosperity in this world and the Hereafter.

3- Islam strongly promotes for the wealth to grow and develop so that its fruits can be benefited by the masses through zakaah, trade, commerce, investment, and charity.

"And know that your properties and your children are but a trial and that Allah has with Him a great reward."

(al-Anfaal 8:28)

بَارَكَ اللهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآن الْعَظِيْم وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيْهِ مِنَ الأَيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيْمِ وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلاوَتَهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ. أَقُوْلُ قَوْلِي هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللهَ الْعَظِيْمَ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِر الْمُسْلِمِيْنَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِيْنَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ الأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالأَمْوَات فَاسْتَغْفِرُوْهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُوْرُ 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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