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JABATAN AGAMA ISLAM SELANGOR

# LIFE IN THE OLD AGE



Let us increase our *taqwa* of  
Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala*  
by fulfilling all of His  
Commands and avoiding all of  
His prohibition.

May we all be among those  
that are granted *barakah* in this  
world and the Hereafter,  
*ameen.*

The topic of today's *khutbah* is  
**“Life In The Old Age.”**

The 1<sup>st</sup> of October has been declared annually as the International Day of Older Persons (by the UN). This day is designated to commemorate and recognize the services and sacrifices

made by the senior citizens for their religion, nation, and community. With this Seniors Day, it implicitly reminds us that everyone will indeed reach his or her old age, by the Will of Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala*.

Whether we like it or not,  
whether we want it or not, we  
must accept the fact and reality  
that the young will become old  
after reaching a certain stage  
that has been decreed by Allah.

Rasulullah *sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam* had reminded us and stated that those who do not respect the elders are not from among the Muslims, as it was narrated in a *hadeeth*:

**“He is not one of us who does not show mercy to our young ones and respect our old ones.”**

**(at-Tirmidhi, Abu Dawood,  
Ahmad: *saheeh*)**



This *hadeeth* stipulated as condition that Islam demands its adherents to respect and be kind to the elders, be it their parents, relatives, or anyone in their old age.

Respecting and appreciating the elders means that we are kind to them. It calls for us to obey them, have good conduct (*adaab*) with them, showing love and care with *ikhlaas*, without hurting

their feelings whether directly  
or not. From the beginning,  
Islam require Muslim children  
and the community to be  
respectful and kind to the elders,  
so what more with our own  
parents.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala*  
mentions in al-Qur'an:

**“And your Lord has decreed  
that you not worship except  
Him, and to parents, good  
treatment.**

**Whether one or both of them  
reach old age [while] with you,  
say not to them [so much as],  
“*uff*,” and do not repel them  
but speak to them a noble  
word.**

**And lower to them the wing of  
humility the wing of humility  
out of mercy and say, “My  
Lord, have mercy upon them  
as they brought me up [when I  
was] small.””**

**(al-Israa’ 17:23–24)**

From this verse, it is evident to us that good treatment to our parents is actually *waajib*, after full servitude to Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala*. This means that children and the youth

can never disregard this very obligation and duty to their respective parents. Also, the heavy emphasis in being kind to the parents encompasses various aspects.



Nowadays, we see clearly the negligence in the responsibility towards the parents, truly manifested and increasing within our society. Many of the elderly are abandoned, neglected,

and some sent packing to  
charity and welfare homes.

Even saddening are children  
having no qualm in abusing and  
injuring their own parents.

Unfortunately, there

have even been cases where parents were murdered by their own children due to greed for money and wealth. According to the statistics from the Department of Social Welfare,

there were a total of **1436**  
**senior citizens** that were  
registered into welfare homes in  
**2010**. This number had  
increased to **1804 persons** in  
**2011**.

**Between January to July 2012,  
a total of 2020 elderly people  
were placed into various welfare  
homes affiliated with the  
Department of Social Welfare.  
From them, 982 are Malay  
Muslims.**

From the overall figures, 19% are due to cases of negligence or abandonment by their own family. 26% of cases are due to problems with care or custody,

and 3% are due to abuse.

These numbers are truly staggering and worrisome.

More disheartening is the fact that some of the residents of these senior

homes have children having high positions and status, but yet willing to send their own parents to senior homes? Take heed, O Muslims! That the parents' love for their children will remain



throughout their entire lives,  
their sacrifices throughout day  
and night, without expecting  
any return, knowing that it is  
their own offspring that they  
carried for nine months. In one  
*hadeeth*, Rasulullah *sallAllahu*  
*'alayhi wasallam* said:

**“There are three kinds of people that are cursed by Allah: the one that hates his parents, the one that separates between the husband and wife and**

**then marries the wife,  
and the one that  
incites hatred and  
causes envy between  
Muslims.”**

**(ad-Daylami)**

Remember O Muslims, that the possessions that we have today, the wealth, occupation, status, comfort, and family, are all products of our parents' sacrifice. Without them, we will not

even experience this world. And  
without their advice and  
sacrifices, we will not own all  
these possessions. Therefore, it  
behooves us as the progeny to  
respect, obey, and be dutiful to  
our parents.

This is to serve as high recognition and honor from the offspring, and to recompense or repay the favors of the parents. Let us all manifest our feelings of love and care for our parents at all times.

Loving them is not limited to buying them gifts only, but to give our heart and soul to them.

Make them happy, seek their pleasure, and always make *du'a* seeking forgiveness for them.

Inculcate the culture of honoring and respecting the parents throughout our entire lives, not restricted to only certain times. We must realize that when parents are



not pleased with their children's vile behavior, then it will only incur the Wrath of Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala*.

For as long as we are not pleasing to the parents,

we will continue to live in  
transgression and angering  
*Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala.*

So, take this full opportunity  
and occasion to love our parents  
while they are still breathing in  
this world.

**“And lower to them the wing of humility out of mercy and say, “My Lord, have mercy upon them as they brought me up [when I was] small.”**

**(al-Israa’ 17:24)**

بَارَكَ اللهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ وَنَفَعَنِي  
وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ وَتَقَبَّلْ  
مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتَهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ. أَقُولُ  
قَوْلِي هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللهَ الْعَظِيمَ لِي وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ  
الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ  
الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ  
إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ

**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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