

Let us be grateful for the ni 'mah of Islam and imaan that we have been enjoying all these while by making effort to increase our knowledge and practice. Most importantly is to increase our

taqwa of Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala by fulfilling all of His Commands and avoiding all of His prohibitions. Let us increase our *dhikr* (remembrance) of Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala,

increase salawaat and salaam upon Rasulullah sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam, with increasing effort to perform all of his sunnah. We truly hope that this will bring us benefit in this world and the Hereafter.

Let us contemplate and ponder upon today's *khutbah* entitled: **"Refuting Insults Upon Prophet Muhammad** sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam."

We fully acknowledge that insults made against Prophet Muhammad sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam is nothing new, and had even occurred since his early prophethood sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam.

Various abuses and humiliations were done by the enemies of Islam such as Abu Lahab, Abu Jahl, and the *mushrikeen* of Makkah in their attempt to hinder and block the spread of the

religion that Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala is pleased with. They falsely accused the Prophet as being a madman, sowing enmity and disunity among people, and others that labeled the

Prophet as misguided and much worse. We acknowledge that mockery and defamation against the Messenger sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam has occurred throughout history,

beginning from his time sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam until today. However, we are truly certain and firmly believe that Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala will always protect and preserve

our beloved Messenger from all these *fitnah*. Allah *Subhaanahu Wata 'aala* mentions in al-Qur'an:

"Indeed, We are sufficient for ou against the mockers. Who make [equal] with Allah another deity. But they are going to know." (al-Hijr 15:95-96)

Wake up O mankind! Take heed for those that mock and blaspheme Rasulullah sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam will be severely punished by Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala, as mentioned in

al-Qur'an: "And those who abuse the **Messenger of Allah – for** them is a painful punishment."

(at-Tawbah 9:61)

We realize that all these notorious efforts are backed by the international Zionist movement to misguide the Muslim ummah, particularly the youth or 'Generation Y', that they become confused

and lose confidence in Islam as the true religion. The enemies of Islam have launched various propaganda and hatred towards Islam through smear campaigns such as releasing anti-Islam

videos and cartoons and caricatures insulting the Prophet like those published in Denmark and ones exhibited at a heritage center in Sweden,

depicting Prophet Muhammad sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam as terrorist and immoral. The latest one being caricatures defaming

the Prophet published in a weekly magazine in France in September 2012, based on the same objective, solely to disgrace and provoke the Muslim ummah.

What is unfortunate is that we sometimes find a group of people claiming to be Muslims and yet they themselves have no shame and guilt in mocking our beloved Rasulullah

sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam, like Salman Rushdie, the Iranian citizen and his blasphemous work "The Satanic Verses." Then came Taslima Nasreen from Bangladesh with her profane

work defaming the Prophet that it was repeatedly published in the West, giving her wealth and asylum in the West. In the Middle East, a Syrian novelist by the name of Haidar bin Haidar whom

had lived in Egypt during Hosni Mubarak's era, brazenly falsified the actual character of the Prophet sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam, Khadeejah radiyAllaahu 'anha,

and 'A'ishah radiyAllaahu *Canha* in his filthy novel that was infested with slander towards Rasulullah sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam. Moreover, every now and then we hear from within the

Muslim rank including leaders that are ignorant of Islamic teachings and the seerah of Rasulullah sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam but they attempt to distort the facts regarding the

seerah and his sunnah. would claim that Islamic rulings are only relevant during the Prophet's time but not in our time. Covering the 'awrah was legislated due to the strong sexual desire of

the Arabs. The Arabs would grow their beard back then because there was no shaving blade available, and many other comments that only manifest series of insults and mockery towards

Rasulullah sallAllahu 'alayhi vasallam, which are subtle and sometimes unnoticed. We may not be sure of the motives behind these defamation towards Rasulullah sallAllahu 'alayhi

wasallam and the religion of Islam, especially when those blasphemous statements originate from those claiming to be Muslims. Was it intended to deceive the Muslims in their *`aqeedah*

and Sharee 'ah? Or were they intended to humiliate and discredit the religion of Islam entirely? The Muslim ummah must be sensitive in this regard and must not allow it to continue further

without accountability. Therefore, in handling these type of matters, the Muslim ummah must always be in the forefront in undertaking suitable approaches and capable in refuting those

insults hurled towards Rasulullah sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam. Such effort will definitely require courage and firmness in becoming proactive, not becoming bystanders, keeping silent,

and passive without any reaction. The Muslims must take the necessary measures in warding off these attacks by the enemies of Islam, such as:

1- The Muslim *ummah* must emulate Rasulullah *sallAllahu* 'alayhi wasallam in all of their actions, utterances, akhlaaq, and all aspects of lives.

This is the greatest recipe in dealing with mockery and insults towards Rasulullah sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam and Islam. Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala mentions in al-Qur'an:

And those who abuse the **Messenger of Allah – for** them is a painful punishment." (Aal-'Imraan 3:31)

It is waajib for the Muslims to protect and defend Rasulullah's personality sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam, and to champion and implement his teachings.

Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala mentions in al-Qur'an: "Indeed, We have sent you as a witness and a bringer of good tidings and a warner.

That you [people] may believe in Allah and His Messenger and honour him and respect the Prophet and exalt Allah morning and afternoon." (al-Fath 48:8-9)

- It is *waajib* upon the Muslims to fight those that fight against their religion, and also defend their religion from its enemies. Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala mentions in al-Qur'an:

"And fight them until there is no fitnah and [until] the religion, all of it, is for Allah. And if they cease – then indeed, Allah is Seeing of what they do." (al-Anfaal 8:39)

4-It is *waajib* for the Muslims to aid and uphold their religion so that it will always remain respected and honorable. Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala mentions in al-Qur'an:

you who have believed, if you support Allah, He will support you and plant firmly your feet. But those who disbelieve – for them is misery, and He will waste their deeds." (Muhammad 47:7-8)

5- It is waajib upon the Muslim ummah to inform and explain to the masses that those who slander and defame the Prophet will be greatly punished and tormented even in this world.

Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala mentions in al-Qur'an: "Indeed, those who abuse Allah and His Messenger –

Allah has cursed them in this world and the Hereafter and prepared for them a humiliating punishment."

(al-Ahzaab 33:57)

6- The Muslims should increase their salawaat and utter it always. Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala mentions in al-Qur'an: "Indeed, Allah confers blessing upon the Prophet,

and His angels [ask Him to do so]. O you who have believed, ask [Allah to confer] blessing upon him and ask [Allah to grant him] peace." (al-Ahzaab 33:56)

7- To have deep longing and love to meet him sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam even if having to give up wealth and family. Abu Hurayrah radiyAllaahu 'anh reported Rasulullah sallAllahu 'alayhi

wasallam as saying: "The people most loved by me from amongst my ummah would be those who would come after me but everyone

amongst them would have the keenest desire to catch a glimpse of me even at the cost of his family and wealth."



8- The Muslim ummah must be bold in exploring new da'wah medium in attracting the young generation to become closer to Islam through entertainment, sports, movies, internet,

and many others that do not contradict the Sharee 'ah, in maintaining continuity and the inculcation of the culture of knowledge, loving the masjid, and others.

Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala mentions in al-Qur'an: "Invite to the way of your Lord with wisdom and good instruction, and argue with them in a way that is best." (an-Nahl 16:125)

Mocking and insulting the Prophet is an act of crime and it becomes waajib for the Muslim ruler to take necessary action to its perpetrators.

O Muslimeen, let us return in implementing all of the sunnah of Rasulullah sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam and truly struggle in upholding Islam. Without jihaad and sacrifice,

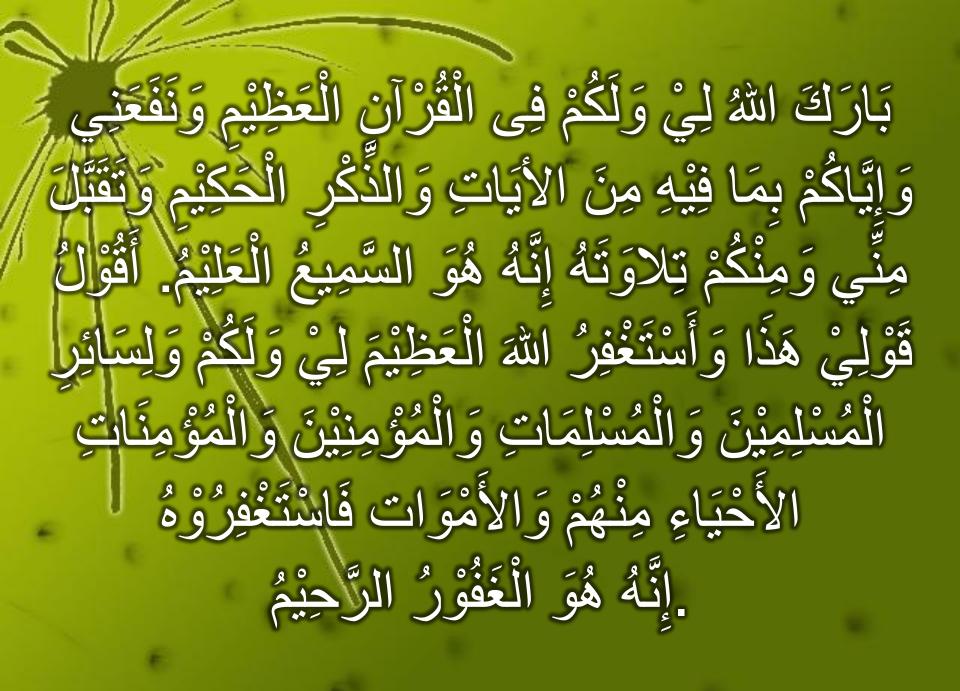
definitely we will fail in defending this beloved religion from evil elements and enemies that are relentless in defeating

US.

"And whoever opposes the Messenger after guidance has become clear to him and follows other than the way of the believers –

We will give him what he has taken and drive him into Hell, and evil it is as a destination."

(an-Nisaa' 4:115)



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

