

Let us strive to increase our taqwa of Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala with full obedience, certainty, and sincerity. That is by fulfilling all of His Commands and avoiding all of His prohibitions.

Verily, we truly hope to become those having true *taqwa*, attaining salvation and success in this world and the Hereafter. Today's khutbah intends to remind us that "The Mother's Sacrifice Is Unparalleled."

The mother is a very noble individual. Their status is unmatched, that even Rasulullah sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam had reminded us that the mother is most rightful and deserving of

kind treatment with love and affection than the father. In the event if both parents are in need of their children's service, then the mother is given preference. The mother's nobility is not only

due to her enduring the pain of pregnancy, giving birth, and breastfeeding the child, but also because of her patience and resilience in rearing, nurturing, and educating the children until

they become adults. Narrated Abu Hurayrah radiyAllaahu 'anh: A man came to Allah's Apostle (sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam) and said, "O Allah's Apostle!

Who is more entitled to be treated with the best companionship by me?" The Prophet said, "Your mother." The man said. "Who is next?" The Prophet said,

"Your mother." The man further said, "Who is next?" The Prophet said, "Your mother." The man asked for the fourth time, "Who is next?" The Prophet said, "Your father." (al-Bukhaari and Muslim) Two reasons why Islam honors the mother over the father are: 1. Indeed, the mother's deep concern and care for the children's rearing beginning from pregnancy,

to giving birth, breastfeeding, upbringing, educating, and all other related responsibilities are way greater than the father's.

2- Indeed, the mother's attention and concern from the emotional perspective such as love, affection, care, and consideration towards her children are deeper the father's.

It is mentioned that a mother is capable of raising many children, but it is not always the case that all the children can care for that one mother. This is the stark reality that strikes us in our lives today.

Many children are undutiful and rebellious to their parents, let alone being kind and generous to them. The undisputed reality is that being kind and serving the

parents is not something light and easy. It demands great sacrifice. And that is why Islam offers enormous reward in this regard.

Kindness and good treatment towards the parents is a form of 'ibaadah having lofty value and status. Such that at times, kindness to parents is of higher importance as compared to going out for

jihaad in the battlefield. It was reported from Mu'aawiyah ibn Jaahimah radiyAllaahu 'anhuma that Jaahimah radiyAllaahu 'anh came to Rasulullah sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam

and said: "O Messenger of Allah, I want to go out for jihaad, and I have come to consult you." He said,

"Do you have a mother?" He said, "Yes." He said, "Then stay with her, for Paradise is at her feet." (Ahmad, ibn Maajah, an-Nasaa'ie: hasan)

There are several ways in doing good and kind treatment to the parents, namely: 1. Mix and interact with them in good conduct and manner.

This aspect is waajib even if they are not Muslims. Indeed, being good to the parents has the second highest status after the obligation of worshipping and full servitude to Allah

Subhaanahu Wata'aala. 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." (al-Israa' 17:23)

2- Making the parents happy Dutifulness to parents is something that is difficult to perform. Therefore, let us try our level best in making our parents happy. Do not leave them to become sorrow.

Narrated 'Abdullah ibn 'Amr radiyAllaahu 'anhuma: A man came to the Messenger of Allah (sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam) and said: "I have come to swear

allegiance to you and pledge to migrate but I have left my parents weeping." He said: "Go back to them and make them smile as you have made them weep." (Abu Dawood, ibn Maajah, an-Nasaa'ie: saheeh)

From among the ways in making the parents happy is by facilitating their lives in providing financial means, moral support, and facilitating in any type of needs that they would need.

3. To speak with softness and gentleness. The utterance of a person to their mother and father should be very soft and in the best manner as compared to their spouse, children,

colleagues, and others. In Islamic mannerism, words that can offend or hurt the mother's feelings should not be uttered at all, so what more with ridiculing, abusing, or cursing them.

4. Staying humble and having humility.

The child who is now successful in life, with high-flying career, status, and more, should never forget the love and great sacrifice

of the parents. Without them, how could one achieve those feats? Without them, how could one exist in this world? Without them, how could one grow healthily?

Thus, let us serve and do all type of good deeds unto them. For that will never lower or reduce one's current status and rank by even the slightest bit.

5- Making du'aa for the mother and father. Supplicating for the well-being and prosperity of our mother and father is greatly demanded in Islam.

Moreover, it is a continuous deed and its reward remains perpetual for as the child continues to make du'aa for the well-being of the parents.

6. Performing good deeds after the demise of the parents. Doing good deeds to the parents after their passing away can be achieved through du'aa.

and asking for forgiveness, giving charity on their behalf, maintaining silaaturrahm, and performing good deeds to their friends and colleagues. Islam greatly denounces

those that disobey and rebel against their own parents. Narrated Anas radiyAllaahu 'anh:

The Prophet (*sallAllahu* 'alayhi wasallam) was asked about the great sins. He said, "They are: to join others in worship with Allah,

to be undutiful to one's parents, to kill a person (which Allah has forbidden to kill), and to give a false witness."

(al-Bukhaari)

The reflections, lessons, and conclusion from today's khutbah are: 1. The mother is a very noble individual having the most rights to be treated with love and kindness.

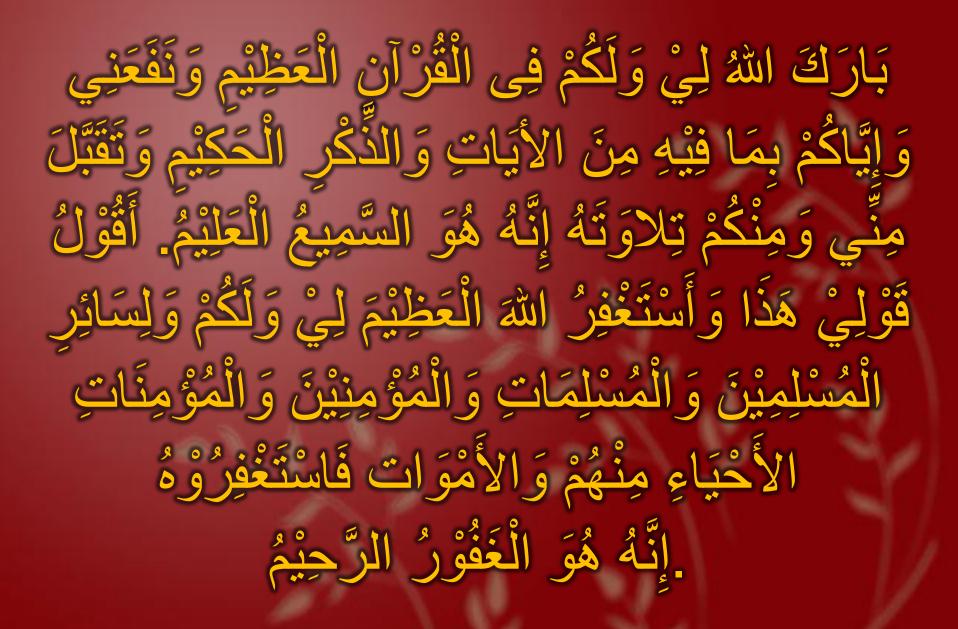
However, the command to do good in Islam is unto the parents. 2. Dutifulness and kind treatment towards the parents is an 'ibaadah having lofty rank and status.

It can be done by facilitating in their lives and well-being from the financial aspect or others, and supplicating for their prosperity while alive and after their passing away.

3- Disobeying and rebelling against the parents is from among the major sins that will tremendously incur the Wrath of Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala.

"And We have enjoined upon man [care] for his parents. His mother carried him, [increasing her] in weakness upon weakness, and his

weaning is in two years. Be grateful to Me and to your parents; to Me is the [final] destination." (Luqmaan 31:14)



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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