

# WAOF: SAVINGS FORTHE HEREARIER



In this blessed opportunity today, let us all increase our imaan and tagwa of Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala by fulfilling all of His Commandments and avoiding all of His prohibitions.

Indeed, the noblest among us in the Sight of Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala are those having utmost tagwa unto Him. Today's khutbah is titled "Wagf: Savings For The Hereafter."

From among the bounties bestowed by Allah, the foremost of them is the ni mah of Islam and imaan. With this ni mah, all the other bounties become precious and highly valuable

in the Sight of Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala. Hence, it behooves us to manifest our gratefulness unto Him. Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala mentions in al-Qur'an:

"And [remember] when your Lord proclaimed, "If you are grateful, I will surely increase you [in favor]; but if you deny, indeed, My punishment is severe."

(Ibraaheem 14:7)

Let us be thankful for all the bounties that we have been blessed with in this world, for if we were to count and enumerate them, we will never be able to do so. This clearly shows that Allah

never accounts for the bounties and blessings bestowed upon us. On the authority of Asma' bint radiyAllaahu 'anha, Rasulullah sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam said:

"Give (in charity) and do not give reluctantly lest Allah should give you in a limited amount; and do not withhold your money lest Allah should withhold it from you."

(Agreed upon)

Therefore, as a Muslim that is diligently seeking to attain the Pleasure of Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala, he must be willing to part with and sacrifice whatever wealth possessed and loved

in the Path of Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala. In other words, the practice of infaaq (donating) upon one's wealth will elevate the doer to a noble status, for such sacrifice is truly a great act

# of service and devotion by the slave to his Creator. Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala mentions in al-Qur'an:

"Never will you attain the good [reward] until you spend [in the way of Allah] from that which you love. And whatever you spend - indeed, Allah is Knowing of it." (Aal-'Imraan 3:92)

As mentioned in the hadeeth collected by Imaam al-Bukhaari rahimahullah in his Saheeh, upon hearing this verse, Abu Talha, radiyAllaahu 'anh told Rasulullah sallAllahu 'alayhi

wasallam: 'O Allah's Apostle! Allah, the Blessed, the Superior says: By no means shall you attain righteousness, unless you spend (in charity) of that which you love.

And no doubt, Bairuha? garden is the most beloved of all my property to me. So I want to give it in charity in Allah's Cause. I expect its reward from Allah. O Allah's Apostle!

Spend it where Allah makes you think it feasible.' On that Allah's Apostle said, 'Bravo! It is a useful property. I have heard what you have said (O Abu Talha),

and I think it would be proper if you gave it to your kith and kin.' Abu Talha said, 'I will do so, O Allah's Apostle.' Then Abu Talha distributed

that garden amongst his relatives and his cousins. Rasulullah sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam praised Abu Talha's noble act and encouraged him to endow his beloved property.

We acknowledge that in general, mankind is not free from the entrapment of the lustful desire especially in chasing after worldly possessions. This is from the fitrah of mankind,

truly loving worldly possession that they are willing to work day and night just to attain that wealth. But, wouldn't it be better if he endows the property with ikhlaas purely for the

sake of Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala Alone. Indeed, that would be better for him. Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala mentions in al-Qur'an:

"...And whatever good you [believers] spend is for yourselves, and you do not spend except seeking the countenance of Allah."

(al-Bagarah 2: 272)

Therefore, the Selangor Waqf Corporation has implemented various efforts in increasing the level of awareness, understanding, and the importance of giving waqf,

to the general population. Aside from encouraging and assisting the masses to give off their wealth as waqf, the Selangor Waqf Corporation is also involved in developing endowed lands as

well as its management and maintenance in the best possible manner.

In realizing these noble efforts, various methods are being offered to attract and facilitate

the masses in partaking in the "ibaadah of waqf regardless of their rank and status. Among those methods offered are: 1- Through cash payment or check, with a minimum of

### RM10 and no maximum limit. 2- Through salary deduction, from as low as RM5. 3- Through auto debit, from the bank account. 4- Through gold.

With all the efforts in place, the Selangor Waqf Corporation has collected RM2 million of waqf in cash in 2011, which increased to RM4 million in 2012, walhamdulillah.

For this year, RM1 million has been collected up until March 2013. Evidently, this indicates that the society is well aware of the significance and superiority of giving waqf.

Furthermore, there are various development projects that are managed by the Selangor Waqf Corporation such as Masjid Tengku Ampuan Jemaah in Bukit Jelutong and Madrasah

#### Tahfizh Miftaah al-'Uloom in Hulu Langat. Hence, the endower can also benefit from their waqf receipt furnished by the Selangor Waqf

## Corporation that entitles them to adeduction in their income tax of 7% for individuals or 10% for corporations.

The masjid committee and myself today strongly recommends for the 'ibaadah of waqf to be revived and cultured within our society. Therefore, let us seize this very golden

opportunity in manifesting our love for Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala by giving waqf according to our capabilities. Indeed, wealth that is given away in waqf becomes the property of

#### Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala. Therefore, any heir or any party is forbidden from claiming properties that have been made waqf.

Moreover, waqf properties cannot be sold, given as gift, and inherited by anyone. If the heir retrieves the endowed property, then it will block and cease the reward from being received

by the endower. Those that adamantly demand to retrieve endowed properties are deemed as greedy and miserly, thinking that they will profit from them while on the contrary it will only

harm them because those properties will be hung on their necks on the Day of Judgment. Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala mentions in al-Qur'an:

"And let not those who [greedily] withhold what Allah has given them of His bounty ever think that it is better for them. Rather, it is worse for

them. Their necks will be encircled by what they withheld on the Day of Resurrection..." (Aal-'Imraan 3:180)

I remind myself and fellow blessed congregation, to strive and race in performing good deeds by giving off our wealth for waqf according to our capabilities, and increase our taqwa of Allah

Subhaanahu Wata 'aala by increasing our righteous deeds. One of the way is to perform the "ibaadah of waqf in increasing our "savings" in the Hereafter before we return to Allah

Subhaanahu Wata 'aala. Therefore, the wealth given off in waqf will forever remain with Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala while the wealth amassed will run out just like that.

The conclusions drawn from today's khutbah are: Wealth that is given off in waqf becomes under absolute ownership of Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala.

## 1- It is haraam for anyone including the heirs to retrieve any property endowed. 2- Everyone earning a stable income should

## deduct at least RM5 from his or her paycheck to help increase the Selangor Waqf fund.

"O you who have believed, let not your wealth and your children divert you from remembrance of Allah. And whoever does that - then those are the losers.

And spend [in the way of Allah] from what We have provided you before death approaches one of you and he says, "My Lord, if only You would delay me for a brief term so I would

give charity and be among the righteous." But never will Allah delay a soul when its time has come. And Allah is Acquainted with what you do."

(al-Munaafiqoon 63:9-11)

بَارَكَ اللهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيْمِ وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيْهِ مِنَ الأَيَاتِ وَالذَّكْرِ الْحَكِيْمِ وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلاوَتُهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيْمُ. أَقُوْلُ قُوْلِي هَذَا وَأُسْتَغُوْرُ اللهَ الْعَظِيْمَ لِي وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِيْنَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِيْنَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ الأُحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالأُمْوَاتِ 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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