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JABATAN AGAMA ISLAM SELANGOR

REFLECTING UPON SACRIFICE



In a few days, we will be celebrating *‘Eiduladha* and perform the *‘ibaadah* of *qurbaani* (or *ud-hiyah*). As we know, the slaughtering or *qurbaani* is a manifestation

of sacrifice by the slave in servitude and devotion unto Him. Indeed, may our sacrifices, good deeds, and righteous acts be accepted by Allah, and for them to become witnesses to our deeds in this world and the Hereafter.

For us Muslims, the great sacrifice undertaken by Nabi Ibraaheem *'alayhissalam* in the slaughtering of his son Nabi Ismaa'eel *'alayhissalam* is truly a true manifestation of the utmost

submission and a symbol of full devotion and obedience in fulfilling the command of Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala*. It is from this great incident that the ordainment of the

'ibaadah of *qurbaani* came about and linked with the *'ibaadah* of hajj that is commemorated every year. Such devotion displayed by Nabi Ibraheem *'alayhissalam* in fulfilling

the command of Allah

Subhaanahu Wata'aala as

mentioned in al-Qur'an, truly

represents the ultimate *taqwa* of

a slave towards his Creator.

The Muslim *ummah* must comprehend the fact that every incident or stories mentioned in al-Qur'an carries beneficial lessons for us to derive from.
Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala*

mentions in al-Qur'an:

“There was certainly in their stories a lesson for those of understanding. Never was the Qur'an a narration invented, but a confirmation of what was

**before it and a detailed
explanation of all things and
guidance and mercy for a
people who believe.”**

(Yoosuf 12:111)

Such was the great story of
sacrifice depicted by Nabi
Ibraaheem *'alayhissalam* in
responding to the command of
his Creator Allah *Subhaanahu
Wata'aala*. May the fruits from
deep

internalization upon the story of
Nabi Ibraaheem and Nabi
Ismaa'eel *'alayhimassalam*
continue to motivate and
encourage us to constantly
strive in becoming the best of
people with full

submission and surrender to the
Will of Allah *Subhaanahu*
Wata'aala.

Then the question begs: Today,
have we truly become those
slaves possessing the great spirit
of sacrifice that

equals to the sacrifice of Nabi
Ibraaheem and Nabi Ismaa'eel
'alayhimassalam?

If we truly research and
understand thoroughly the
seerah of Rasulullah *sallAllahu*
'alayhi wasallam,

we find it clearly teaching us
that his life journey *sallAllahu*
'alayhi wasallam is filled with
self-sacrifice, emotional
sacrifice, surrendering the
wealth, body and soul that he

sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam
personally endured. Therefore,
Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala*
has commanded upon us to
emulate the life of Rasulullah
sallAllahu 'alayhi

wasallam as our greatest
exemplary. Allah *Subhaanahu*
Wata'aala mentions in al-
Qur'an:

**“There has certainly been for you
in the Messenger of Allah an
excellent pattern for anyone
whose hope is in Allah and the
Last Day and [who] remembers
Allah often.”**

(al-Ahzaab 33:21)

This verse illustrates how
Rasulullah *sallAllahu 'alayhi
wasallam* was always faced
with difficulties and
tribulations. However it is only
through *jihad* and great
sacrifice that they can

all be overcome. Hence, the Muslim *ummah* of today must realize that the concept of sacrifice must be engrained within each single one of us as an agenda that must be upheld in this life,

so as to allow them to become
eligible in attaining the Pleasure
of Allah *Subhaanahu*
Wata'aala.

The clash between *haqq* (truth) and *baatil* (falsehood) is from *sunnatullah*. This is because the reason for the coming of Islam itself is to destroy and extinguish *baatil*.

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

**“And say, “Truth has come,
and falsehood has departed.
Indeed is falsehood, [by
nature], ever bound to
depart.”**

(al-Israa' 17:81)

Therefore, if we want to see Islam dignified and victorious far above other creed and ways of life, then it behoove the Muslim *ummah* to be ready and ever willing to sacrifice for the

sake of Islam. One question that may arise: Do the Muslims living today have the heart and soul that is willing to sacrifice in championing their *deen*?

The *seerah* of Rasulullah
sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam and
his Companions *radiyAllaahu*
'anhum ajma'een have proven
to us how they were willing to
fight and struggle for the

deen that they truly loved. After the demise of his uncle (Abu Taalib) and his wife (Khadeejah *radiyAllaahu 'anha*) in the 10th year of Prophethood, the pressure, intimidation, death threats,

and oppression upon Rasulullah
sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam had
greatly exacerbated. But for the
sake of Allah and the beloved
deen, he *sallAllahu 'alayhi*
wasallam steadfastly

remained patient and placed *tawakkul* that only Allah Alone that can provide aid and assistance. Rasulullah *sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam* had attempted to sought protection in Taif from the

onslaughts in Makkah but was
instead met with severe
resistance, intimidations, and
oppression, being pelted with
stones, thorns, and feces.

However, Rasulullah *sallAllahu*
'alayhi wasallam

remained patient and supplicated to Allah for guidance upon the people of Taif. Rasulullah *sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam* and his Companions *radiyAllaahu 'anhum ajma'een* made a

great sacrifice in leaving their beloved homeland, which is Makkah, and migrated to Madeenah solely to build strength for the Muslims though being in a foreign land.

Prior to the *hijrah* to Madeenah,
the Quraysh (pagans) had
surrounded and attempted to
assassinate Rasulullah
sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam
himself, but Allah *Subhaanahu*
Wata 'aala had

saved him from such evil plot.

Not long after Rasulullah *sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam* had settled in Madeenah, a series of battles in defending Islam took place.

Among them is al-Badr al-Kubra, which symbolized the utmost *jihad* and sacrifice of Rasulullah *sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam* and his Companions *radiyAllaahu 'anhum*

ajma'een, a Muslim army of 313 soldiers fighting against 1000 enemy combatants. With unwavering *imaan* and *yaqeen*, the Muslims were victorious. The battle of Tabook taught us the

meaning of sacrificing one's
wealth, lives, and resources as
manifested by Abu Bakr, 'Umar,
'Uthmaan, and other great
Companions *radiyAllaahu*
'anhum ajma'een who gave up

significant portions of their
wealth in funding and equipping
the Muslim army for *jihaad*.
Furthermore, there are many
more military expeditions that
portrays great sacrifice by
Rasulullah

sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam and
his Companions *radiyAllaahu*
'anhum ajma'een in defending
their *'aqeedah* and Islam, which
necessitate deep contemplation
and

internalization by today's generation. Such is the spirit that was successful in raising Islam as the way of life since 1400 years ago. They were willing to “sacrifice” with their wealth and

soul purely for the sake of Allah
and His Messenger *sallAllahu*
'alayhi wasallam. Allah
Subhaanahu Wata'aala
mentions in al-Qur'an:

**“The believers are only the
ones who have believed in
Allah and His Messenger and
then doubt not but strive with
their**

**properties and their lives in
the cause of Allah. It is those
who are the truthful.”**

(al-Hujuraat 49:15)

To become the best of nations
“*khayra ummah*”, it behooves
us to possess the thinking,
mindset, attitude, and character
that are ever willing to
“sacrifice” as displayed by
previous

generations. Just look at how the enemies of Islam today, led by the Zionists, ferocious and vicious in dominating the Muslim world, aggressively spreading their agenda of capitalism

throughout the entire Muslim world. The realities in the land of Palestine specifically in Ghazza, in 'Iraq, Afghanistan, Egypt, Syria, and few other nations gives clear indication of the

dubious nature of our enemies
in opposing Islam. Their cohorts
that are led by the United States
are willing to “sacrifice” the
wealth and lives of their own

people just to ensure that their
capitalism ideology is widely
spread all over the globe
especially in the Muslim lands.

It is *waajib* for the Muslim *ummah* to sacrifice and enjoin *jihad* in any way or form in defending and guarding Muslim lands that are under the oppression of the enemies of Islam,

whether through financial means, military, medicine, education, development, human resource, and many more.

If the sacrifice and *jihaad* of the Muslim *ummah* is not

multiplied or greatly enhanced,
then it is not impossible for the
Muslim lands to be dominated.

The Muslims in Palestine,
where Masjid al-Aqsa lies as the
first *qiblah* for the Muslims

and the third holiest place after Masjid al-Haram and Masjid an-Nabawi, are still under the authority of the Zionist regime *la 'natullah*. Similarly, the Muslims in 'Iraq, Afghanistan, and other

nations are predominantly under the *kuffaar* authority, whether directly or indirectly. Now, Syria and Egypt are burning with severe war crisis that can severely threaten the

sovereignty of Islam. Hence, in restoring the glory and sovereignty of Islam and the Muslims, a great sacrifice from the entire Muslim world is truly required.

Are we Muslims today ready to undertake a great sacrifice as we prepare to celebrate the '*eid* of sacrifice all over the world in just a few days?

For those of us having the spirit
of sacrifice, we will always be
compelled in fulfilling the
devotion and obedience upon all
the commandments of Allah
Subhaanahu Wata'aala,

whether in the order or
prohibition of Allah

Subhaanahu Wata'aala, in our
fine effort to attain His Pleasure
even if we have to sacrifice and
forego everything, be it our
property

or lives. We must consciously understand that our very existence and purpose in this world is solely and pure for full servitude unto the Will of Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala.*

**“Go forth, whether light or heavy,
and strive with your wealth and
your lives in the cause of Allah.
That is better for you, if you only
knew.”**

(at-Tawbah 9:41)

بَارَكَ اللهُ لِيْ وَ لَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيْمِ وَ نَفَعَنِي
وَ اِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيْهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ وَ الذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيْمِ وَ تَقَبَّلْ
مِنِّيْ وَ مِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتَهُ اِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيْعُ الْعَلِيْمُ. اَقُوْلُ
قَوْلِيْ هَذَا وَ اَسْتَغْفِرُ اللهَ الْعَظِيْمَ لِيْ وَ لَكُمْ وَ لِسَائِرِ
الْمُسْلِمِيْنَ وَ الْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَ الْمُؤْمِنِيْنَ وَ الْمُؤْمِنَاتِ
الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَ الْأَمْوَاتِ فَاسْتَغْفِرُوْهُ
اِنَّهُ 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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