



MAAL HIJRAH: BUILDING EXCELLENT CHARACTER

Let us strive in increasing our taqwa of Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala with full obedience, certainty, and sincerity. It is by fulfilling all of His Commands and abstaining from all of His prohibitions.

Indeed, we truly hope to become among the *muttaqoon*, attaining success and salvation in this world and the Hereafter.

In conjunction with Ma'al Hijrah 1435H, let us ponder upon a khutbah titled: "Ma'al Hijrah: Building Excellent Character."

Awwal Muharram and the coming of the new Hijri year remind us of the hijrah of Nabi Muhammad sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam and his Companions radiyAllaahu 'anhum ajma 'een

Madeenah al-Munawwarah. After almost 13 years of calling, spreading, and defending Islam with all the various challenges and obstacles in Makkah, the Muslims finally migrated to

Madeenah. It is due to this historic incident of hijrah that 'Umar radiyAllaahu 'anh during his caliphate declared it as the beginning point of the Islamic calendar.

The hijrah of Rasulullah sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam and his Companions radiyAllaahu 'anhum ajma 'een generally was intended for the safeguarding of the 'ageedah, Sharee 'ah,

and akhlaaq of the society. Also, it was intended to further solidify the internalization of Islam as a way of life, and in spreading the message of Islam throughout the world.

The historical event of hijrah was a great turning point in the history of the Muslim ummah, which led to the establishment of a great Islamic state.

This great event should be internalized by today's generation so that Islam will remain sovereign and upheld on Allah's earth Subhaanahu Wata 'aala.

Narrated ibn 'Abbaas radiyAllaahu 'anhuma: Rasulullah sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam said on the day of the Conquest of Makkah:

"There is no migration (after the Conquest), but jihaad and good intentions, and when you are called for jihaad, you should immediately respond to the call." (al-Bukhaari)

From this *hadeeth*, we understood that from among the meaning of hijrah is to leave off a particular belief, practice, and identity, which are from ignorance to becoming knowledgeable,

from indulging in bad deeds to performing good deeds, and from deficiency to perfection. Deep contemplation upon the great event of hijrah that led to the establishment of an

Islamic state in Madeenah manifests unto us on the need for the process of development and formation upon the Muslim individual. Indeed, Rasulullah sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam

has developed and raised individuals by emphasizing on matters of 'ageedah, Sharee 'ah, and akhlaaq. Hence, in raising a family, society, and

superior Islamic state, then the development and progress of human or the Muslim individual must first and foremost be emphasized.

Last year, the Muslims had to endure various challenges, which include the manipulation of the Kalimah Allah issue by the non-Muslims, the spread of the Shi'ism, and various deviant

teachings that contradict the teachings of Ahlus Sunnah wal Jamaa 'ah. Hence, it behooves the Muslim ummah to strengthen its human development process. Among such measures:

1- Pure authentic 'ageedah and prosperous Sharee 'ah 'Ageedah that is thriving refers to the authentic belief that is purely upon al-Qur'an and as-Sunnah, free from any incoherence, distortion, and

deviation. When founded and built upon authentic 'ageedah, it will definitely lead to the flourishing practice of the Sharee 'ah. Indeed, 'ageedah and Sharee 'ah are the utmost

guidelines in our lives. If every Muslim upholds Islam as their way of life then surely prosperity and well-being will be attained within the family, society, and nation.

Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala mentions in al-Qur'an: "And whoever obeys Allah and His Messenger and fears Allah and is conscious of Him - it is those who are the attainers."

(an-Noor 24:52)

2- Noble character and high morals.

One of the main purposes of the messengers is for human development from the aspect of akhlaaq formation and noble values and character.

Hence, every Muslim must have Islam reflected in their beautiful akhlaaq by always being truthful and not lying, just, honest, trustworthy, honoring promise, serious and diligent in all affairs,

brave in uttering the truth, caring, and others. In reality, akhlaaq or personality in Islam is closely related with belief and practice. When the belief or 'ageedah is sound, then beautiful are its akhlaaq

and practice, and vice versa. 3- Knowledgeable and beneficial to others Verily, the progress and advancement of a nation is due to the presence of members of society that are

knowledgeable and ever ready to benefit others. Among the type of knowledge that must be emphasized in human development is the knowledge and

understanding pertaining to 'ageedah, Sharee 'ah, and Islamic akhlaaq, just like during the golden age of Islam. In addition to that is the knowledge on diplomacy and relationship between

ethnicity, religion, and international community. By having knowledgeable citizen whom often ponder upon ways to contribute to the masses, then the nation will surely attain goodness,

progress, and security. 4- Healthy body and the ability to produce Indeed, the good mind rests on a healthy body. Every Muslim must be well aware and conscious of their health

condition, physical body, and dietary habits so as to remain active and high-spirited in matters of this world and the Hereafter. The Muslims must abstain from forbidden matters such as drug abuse,

smoking cigarette and sheesha (hookah), and many more, which can destroy our intellect and physical body. Abu Hurayrah radiyAllaahu 'anh reported Rasulullah sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam

as saying:

"A strong believer is better and is more lovable to Allah than a weak believer, and there is good in everyone, (but) cherish that which gives you benefit (in the Hereafter) and seek help from Allah and do not lose heart..." (Muslim)

5- Well disciplined, having istiqaamah, and systematic Individuals that are well disciplined, having istiquamah, and systematic are those having the potential to become

successful in all of their endeavors due to their vast knowledge. They are capable of shouldering their responsibility properly in managing themselves, their families, the society, and the

religion.

All of these aspects must be compatible and fulfills the teachings of Islam. By having excellent Muslims, then it surely will produce families, societies, and

ultimately a Muslim nation that is superior. The famous saying goes: "Instill the sovereignty of Islam in your hearts so that Islam will be erected on your earth."

The conclusions that can be derived from today's *khutbah* are:

1- The historic event of hijrah undertaken by the Prophet sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam and his

Companions radiyAllaahu 'anhum ajma 'een to Madeenah and the establishment of the first Islamic state should be taken as the jumping-off point in driving the transformation in

the lives of the Muslims today. 2- The Muslim *ummah* of today must undertake hijrah from ignorance unto scholarly learning, from error to the truth, from

backwardness to progress, from deficiency to perfection, and from division to unity. 3- Everyone within the community must be empowered in the best

manner, whether in the aspects of belief, practice, personality, spiritual and physical, or physical and material, all according authentic Islamic teachings.

4- We must strive and aspire to become excellent Muslims so as to raise families, communities, and Islamic nation that are superior.

"The ones who have believed, emigrated and striven in the cause of Allah with their wealth and their lives are greater in

rank in the sight of Allah. And it is those who are the attainers [of success]." (at-Tawbah 9:20)

بَارَكَ اللهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيْمِ وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيْهِ مِنَ الأَيَاتِ وَالذَّكْرِ الْحَكِيْمِ وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلاوَتُهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ اقْوْلُ قُوْلِيْ هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللهَ الْعَظِيْمَ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِر الْمُسْلِمِيْنَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِيْنَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ الأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالأَمْوَاتِ فَاسْتَغْفِرُوْهُ 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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