



## THE MUSLIMS? RESPONSIBILITY TOWARDS THEIR AMAANAH

Let us strive to increase our taqwa of Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala by fulfilling all of His Commands and avoiding all of His prohibitions. With that, we hope to become successful in this world and the Hereafter.

Today's khutbah will expound on the topic of: "The Muslims' Responsibility Towards Their Amaanah."

Amaanah (trustworthy) is one of the characteristics that are waajib for all messengers. Amaanah is also among the important elements that should be embedded within every

Muslim. The ruling of fulfilling amaanah (trust) is waajib, while betraying it is considered haraam.

On the authority of Anas bin Maalik *radiyAllaahu 'anh*, Rasulullah *sallAllahu 'alayhi* 

## wasallam said: "There is no faith for the one who is not trustworthy and there is no religion for the one that does not fulfill his promises."

(al-Bayhaqi, Ahmad)

In Islam, amaanah is defined as such where every individual would have the consciousness and awareness that Allah is always present in every matter that has been entrusted upon the person.

It means that one is to fulfill that task which has been assigned unto him or her without involving elements of deviation and deceits. Allah elevates the dignity and stature of those that

fulfills their amaanah. Furthermore, the relationship amongst humans would remain safeguarded for as long as the amaanah is upheld. Similarly for a nation, if the ruler as the

trustee (amaanah carrier) truly safeguards the maslahah of the masses, then the nation will become prosperous with many initiatives and programs that are welfare-oriented.

Such conditions indicate that one of the way to nurture a society that is characterized by justice, are those that would always protect and honor the amaanah that was bestowed by Allah.

Hence, we must never fail and forget to refer to figures that are most trustworthy in the history of mankind, which are the Prophets and the Messengers 'alayhimussalaam.

Ultimately, they are the role models that are to be emulated and admired by all of us. Not only were they fulfilling the commands of Allah with amaanah, but they also dealt with human

affairs unprejudiced. Therefore, it is no wonder why Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala expounds many of their stories in al-Qur'an as the benchmark model for the ummah at all time.

The noble characteristics possessed by Rasulullah sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam as the exemplary leader for the entire mankind were truly manifested in many occasion.

Among the narrations recorded by Imaam ibn Jareer at-Tabari rahimahullah was the dialogue and discussion between Abu Jahl and Waleed bin al-Mugheerah

regarding the personality of Rasulullah sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam. Abu Jahl remarked, "Since his teenage years we had called Muhammad as as-Saadiq al-Ameen."

The virtuous character of "as-Saadiq al-Ameen" that shined within Rasulullah sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam was also testified by the leader of the largest empire of that era. In the dialogue

between the Roman emperor and Abu Sufyaan, the emperor had inquired from Abu Sufyaan, "What did he (Rasulullah sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam) command to your people?"

Abu Sufyan replied, "He (Muhammad) commanded us to perform the prayer, to become honest, restraining ourselves from prohibited matters, performing hajj, and fulfilling our amaanah."

Upon hearing Abu Sufyaan's reply, the Roman emperor stated, "That is the characteristic of a prophet." It is evident that amaanah is a special characteristic for those entrusted with the

risaalah, that it has become the "qudwah" (exemplary) for the successors after Rasulullah such as Abu Bakr as-Siddeeq, 'Umar ibn al-Khattaab, and many others radiyAllaahu 'anhum

ajma 'een. They were those that took turns in shouldering the leadership tasks of Rasulullah sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam in safeguarding the religion and governing the world with amaanah.

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teachings of the Prophet sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam that we continue to deal kindly with others regardless of their beliefs. Have we actually exemplified the akhlaaq of the Prophet

sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam when dealing with people of different faiths who are living under Muslim authority? Let us take this opportunity to strengthen our relationship with our Muslim

brethren, building good relationships with the non-Muslims and intensifying our da'wah to the non-Muslims through collaborations intellectually and in their areas al-Qur'an:

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For example, if there is a flaw or shortcoming in the government's administration, it will cause the distribution of basic facilities' funds to become unbalanced and widespread of weak

governance. Indeed, leadership within the family institution is of vital importance as the fundamental basis, serving as the fortress or bastion in the wake of widespread

akhlaaq crisis and immorality amongst the young generation. All these had stemmed from the level of amaanah that are fulfilled by all levels within the society.

Take heed for vices and wickedness are not just limited to all types of sinful acts, moreover the negligence towards our amaanah also is from among the sins that will cause one

to fall into the abyss of Hellfire. From the hadeeth of 'Abdullah ibn 'Amr ibn al-'As radiyAllaahu 'anhuma, he heard Rasulullah sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam said:

## "It is enough sin for a man not to give food to the one whom he is supposed to feed (i.e. his dependents)."

(Abu Dawood, Ahmad)

We must always remember and become conscious of the fact that there are always angels on our right and left that are fully dedicated in recording our good and evil deeds without even a split

second of laxity or negligence. Such certainty is the type of taqwa that should be nurtured by every Muslim undertaking the burden of amaanah. Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala mentions in

## al-Qur'an: "And indeed, [appointed] over you are keepers, Noble and recording; They know whatever you do."

(al-Infitaar 82:10-12)

In the process of nation building, the role of the religion is very significant.

Constitutional laws alone are unable to develop and shape individuals to become *amaanah*.

There will always be those having the intelligence resorting to trickery and deception in escaping punishment. With the separation between laws and religion, mankind can

commit any type of evil and immorality, for they are deemed as legit according to the prevailing laws. While in Islam, the Muslims are taught that amaanah-related affairs do not just end in this

world. However great is one's intelligence, however immune or secured is one's status, we will all be judged by Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala with full justice in the Hereafter.

## "And never think that Allah is unaware of what the wrongdoers do. He only delays them for a Day when eyes will stare [in horror]." (Ibraaheem 14:42)

بَارَكَ اللهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيْمِ وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيْهِ مِنَ الأَيَاتِ وَالذَّكْرِ الْحَكِيْمِ وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلْاوَتُهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ. أَقُولُ قُوْلِيْ هَذَا وَأُسْتَغْفِرُ اللهَ الْعَظِيْمَ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِر الْمُسْلِمِيْنَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِيْنَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ الأُحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالأُمْوَاتِ 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.

O Allah, We beseech You, strengthen our Imaan based on Ahli Sunnah Waljamaah and protect us from deviated teaching and Aqeedah such as Syiah and Qadyani.

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



## **DISEDIAKAN OLEH:**

BAHAGIAN KHUTBAH,

JABATAN AGAMA ISLAM SELANGOR

**ILLUSTRASI OLEH:** 

UNIT TEKNOLOGI MAKLUMAT,

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