



RAISING

RIGHTEOUS

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Let us strive to increase our taqwa of Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala by fulfilling all of His Commands and avoiding all of His prohibitions, so that our lives in this world and the

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Hereafter will always be pleasing to Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala. Let us contemplate and ponder today's khutbah titled: "Raising Righteous Offspring."

Children are precious gifts from Allah Subhaanahu Wata aala bestowed unto the parents. They are innocent and pure like a clean piece of white cloth (clean slate), so it's the very duty

of the parents to nurture, raise and educate them unto becoming beneficial individuals, successful in this world and the Hereafter. From the hadeeth of Abu Hurayrah radiyAllaahu 'anh:

Rasulullah sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam said: "No child is born except on alfitrah (Islam) and then his parents make him Jewish, Christian or Magian..." (Muslim)

Therefore, Islam is the best religion in providing guidance and guidelines for raising righteous offspring.

As parents, we always hope to be blessed with good and righteous children. They are the coolness of the eyes and curer for the heart. Our offspring would not only aid us in this world,

but it is hoped that they will also aid us in the Hereafter. Abu Hurayrah radiyAllaahu 'anh narrated that Rasulullah sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam said: "When a person dies, all action is cut off for him

except for three things:sadaqah which continues, knowledge which benefits, and a righteous child who makes supplication for him."

(al-Bukhaari and Muslim)

Hence, the tarbiyyah (upbringing) process of our children unto becoming saalih (righteous) is a major task and responsibility, and also challenging for every parents.

Even more so in today's world, with its modernity and sophistication, which has tremendously affect human lifestyle especially upon the children.

There are a few significant matters that must be given attention to by the parents in raising a generation of righteous children, namely:

1- Effectively planting the correct understanding of 'ageedah within the children 'Aqeedah is the very basic and fundamental matter that must be given due attention and priorit

for only sound 'aqeedah guarantees blissfulness and excellence of lives in this world and the Hereafter. A solid 'aqeedah will produce individuals that are always protecting their imaan and

avoiding any elements of shirk. Allah Subhaanahu Wata aala mentions in al-Qur'an "And [mention, O Muhammad], when Luqmaan said to his son

while he was instructing him, "O my son, do not associate [anything] with Allah. Indeed, association [with him] is great injustice.""

(Luqmaan 31:13)

2-Always stressing and emphasizing on matters of *'ibaadah* The complete 'ibaadah truly symbolizes one's complete obedience and submission unto Allah.

In addition, engaging in 'ibaadah also signifies one's relationship with Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala at all times. With 'ibaadah, it can alert and enlighten the child upon the characteristics of the human as the true slave of Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala. Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala mentions in al-Qur'an: "Say, "Indeed, my prayer, my rites of sacrifice, my living and my dying are for Allah, Lord of the worlds."" (al-An'aam 6:162)

3- Always providing education in developing good akhlaaq (conduct). Possessing excellent akhlaaq is truly a manifestation of a true Muslim character and personal

With good akhlaaq, one will become well respected withink the society. With disgraceful and dispraised akhlaaq, one will be despised and ridiculed by the society. Noble akhlaaq is from

among deeds that will make one's account heavy on the scale in the Hereafter. In the hadeeth of Abu ad-Dardaa radiyAllaahu 'anh, he reported that Rasulullah sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam

said:

"Nothing will be heavier on the Day of Resurrection in the Scale of the believer than good manners..." (Abu Dawood and at-Tirmidhi: hasan saheeh)

4- Always ensuring that the food and drinks consumed by the children originate from halaal sources. Every parent must ensure that every morsel of food fed to their children actually

originate from halaal sources, and to abstain from doubtful sources, so what more with prohibited ones. Food and drinks that are from halaal sources, healthy, nutritious, and blessed,

would truly have a great impact upon the children's akhlaaq development. Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala mentions in al-Qur'an: "O mankind, eat from

whatever is on earth [that is] lawful and good and do not follow the footsteps of Satan. Indeed, he is to you a clear enemy." (al-Baqarah 2:168)

5- Always and constantly supplicating to Allah The desire to have excellent and righteous offspring must be accompanied with making du'aa to Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala,

for it was the practice of the prophets and messengers. For example, the story of Nabi Zakariya 'alayhissalam who made du'aa to Allah without despair, asking for a righteous child, so it was

accepted and answered by Allah. Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala mentions in al Qur'an: "At that, Zechariah called upon his Lord, saying,

"My Lord, grant me from Yourself a good offspring. Indeed, You are the Hearer of supplication."" (Aal-'Imraan 3:38)

6- Always striving to create a conducive environment Every parent must provide the necessary environment and experience for their offspring For example, sending the children to

Islamic learning institution, Islamic circle of knowledge, and Islamic events in getting them accustomed to praying in jamaa 'ah at the masjid, and many more.

Let us altogether provide the complete and necessary education to our children, in realizing the excellent generation in the coming future. Let us sacrifice our time and wealth for their

sake. Grant them adequate love and affection, and provide them with the much needed exemplary. Stay well informed and up-to-date with their most current affairs and status such as the friends that

they are with, their hangout place, the times that they leave and return home, and many more. These will all prove that we have fulfilled the amaanah from Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala untoour children with sufficiency and perfection.

"And those who say, "Our Lord, grant us from among our wives and offspring comfort to our eyes and make us an example for the righteous."" (al-Furgaan 25:74)

بَارَكَ اللهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيْمِ وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيْهِ مِنَ الأَيَاتِ وَالذَّكْرِ الْحَكِيْم أوَتَقَبَّلُ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلاوَتَهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ والعليم أقول قولي هذا وأستغفر الله المعظيم الله في أَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِيْنَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ والْمُؤْمِنِيْنَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ الأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالأَمْوَات فَاسْتَغْفِرُ وْهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُوْرُ الرَّحِبْمُ

O Allah, You are All-Powerful, we are truly grateful unto You for bestowing upon us rahmahand ni'mah, that we are able to contin le the efforts in strengthening the **Muslim nation especially the state** of Selangor, as an advanced state, prosperous, and providing welfare services.

Hence, we beseech You, O Allah, strengthen our imaan, accept our good deeds, solidify our unity, increase our sustenance, enrich us with beneficial knowledge, fill our hearts with noble characters,

guide us to the path that is pleasing to You, protect us from all types of calamities and Your severe tribulations so that our state will continue to prosper and remain blessed.

O Allah, we implore upon you, keep us steadfast upon the methodology of Ahlus Sunnah wal Jamaa'ah, and protect us from 'ageedah and practices that are misguided and deviated such as extreme Shee'ism, Qaadiyani, and others.

O Allah, open up our hearts to complete the five daily salawaat and 'ibaadah of zakaat as You have ordained. Bless the lives of those who have fulfilled their zakaat obligation, loving the poor and needy.

and also those that have given away and endowed (waqf) their wealth to the Selangor Islamic Development **Trust Fund (Tabung Amanah** Pembangunan Islam Selangor) with eternal rewards until the Hereafter.



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