



INAAN: THE CORE OF THE MUSLIN'S LIFE

Let us all strive to increase our taqwa of Allah by giving our utmost in fulfilling all of His Commands and avoiding all of His prohibitions. Indeed, we hope to become among the muttaqoon.

On this blessed day, let us fully ponder and contemplate upon the khutbah entitled: **'Imaan:** The Core Of The Muslim's Life."

The issue of *imaan* is truly a fundamental matter in the life of a Muslim, for imaan is the determining factor for one's fate (or salvation) in this world and the Hereafter.

With *imaan*, one will attain a great reward from Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala, which will be the cause for one to enter Paradise and saved from the torment of Hellfire.

Imaan is not just yaqeen (certainty) in the heart only. It is also not mere verbal utterance. But the true imaan is imaan that encompasses certainty in the heart, utterance (verbal) upon the

tongue, and physically manifested with the actions of the limbs. All three of these must exist and they are all closely interrelated with each other.

Furthermore, we must always remember that *imaan* increases and decreases. Imaan will always increase and rise due to acts of obedience to Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala.

Every time one performs an act of obedience, his or her imaan will rise and increase. On the contrary, imaan will decline and decrease due to acts of disobedience. Every time one performs an act of

disobedience, his or her imaan will decline and decrease, some even reaching the level of kufr (disbelief). Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala mentions in al-Qur'an:

"The believers are only those who, when Allah is mentioned, their hearts become fearful, and when His verses are recited to them,

it increases them in faith; and upon their Lord they rely." (al-Anfaal 8:2)

Indeed, imaan is a significantly important matter in the life of a human being, in attaining salvation and happiness in this world and the Hereafter. Therefore, the true genuine imaan will

truly have a deep profound impact upon the life of the believer. Among them: 1- Imaan will result in serenity and blessings in one's life.

The believer will always deem himself or herself as the slave of Allah, having been created solely for the purpose of absolute servitude to The Creator. Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala

mentions in al-Qur'an: ***Those who have believed and whose hearts are assured by the remembrance of Allah.**

Unquestionably, by the remembrance of Allah hearts are assured." (ar-Ra'd 13:28)

2- A deep profound imaan will cause one to perform multitudes of righteous deeds that is pleasing to Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala, and abstaining from all of His prohibitions.

3- The true imaan will foster characteristics of *ihsaan* (perfection or excellence) and muraaqabah (vigilant in knowing that Allah is always watching). It is where the believing person will truly

feel that Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala is always present and always watching over the believer's actions wherever the person may be. From the hadeeth of 'Ubaadah ibn as-Saamit

radiyAllaahu 'anh, Rasulullah sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam said: "The best of imaan is knowing that Allah is always with you (i.e. watching) wherever you are." (al-Bayhaqi: da'eef with sound meaning)

4- The complete *imaan* will strengthen and solidify the bond of ukhuwwah (brotherhood) within the Muslim ummah. Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala mentions in al-Qur'an:

"And (it is He that) brought together their hearts. If you had spent all that is in the earth, you could not have brought their hearts

together; but Allah brought them together. Indeed, He is Exalted in Might and Wise." (al-Anfaal 8:63)

As it was previously explained, that imaan can corrode and decay due to acts of disobedience and evil committed. The scholars have mentioned several matters that can destroy and

nullify one's imaan. Among them: 1- Committing shirk against Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala. 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- Doubting the authenticity of al-Qur'an. **3- Denying Prophet Muhammad** sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam as the last and final prophet.

4- Rejecting the sunnah of Rasul as one of the primary source of the Sharee'ah. 5- Having certainty and believing that Allah has limbs (body parts) just like His creations

(anthropomorphism). 1- It is incumbent upon us to increase our authentic religious knowledge according to the correct understanding of Ahlus Sunnah Wal Jamaa 'ah.

2- Imaan must be fostered and nurtured with righteous deeds, and protected from becoming corrupted. 3- We must always remain cautious in accepting and performing teachings of a

tareeqah by always referring to qualified religious authorities in ensuring the authenticity and permissibility of such teachings.

Definitely we must always avoid from being involved with any deviant sects or teachings.

"Indeed, Allah does not forgive association with Him, but He forgives what is less than that for whom He wills. And he who associates others

with Allah has certainly fabricated a tremendous sin." (an-Nisaa' 4:48)

بَارَكَ اللهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيْمِ وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيْهِ مِنَ الأَيَاتِ وَالذَّكْرِ الْحَكِيْمِ وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلاوَتَهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيْمُ. أَقُوْلُ قَوْلِيْ هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللهَ الْعَظِيْمَ لِى وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِيْنَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِيْنَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ الأَحْبَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَ الأَمْوَ اتَ فَاسْتَغْفِرُ وْهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُوْرُ الرَّحِبْمُ

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 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.

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.

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.

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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