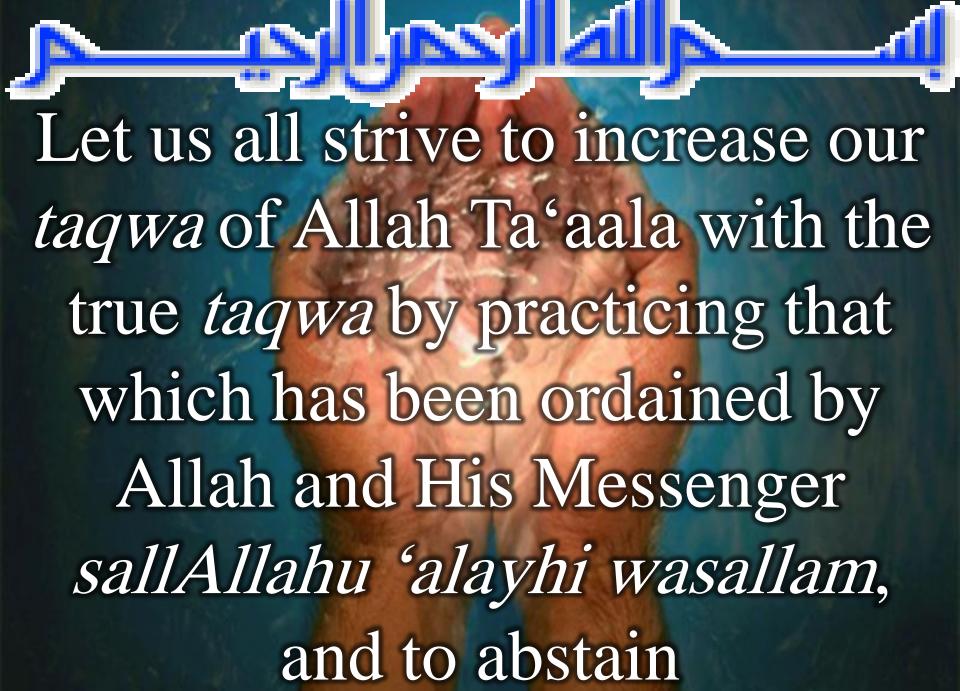


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from that which has been prohibited by Him. May Allah's peace (salaam) and blessing (salawaat) be upon our beloved Prophet Muhammad sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam, his family,

his Companions, and his followers till the End of Time. Today's khutbah will expound on an important topic, namely: "Good Health - Foundation Of A Strong Ummah."

In general, good health is due to cleanliness. The Muslim ummah has been commanded to always be in the state of purity especially when performing 'ibaadah unto Allah.

The healthy person can fulfill his religious obligations far better and comfortably. His 'ibaadah will be more focused, and all the fard 'ayn and fard kifaayah obligations will be

fulfilled with completeness. The rulings regarding maintaining cleanliness according to the Sharee 'ah is such a vast topic that it covers the issue of health and purity, whether physically

spiritually. Religious rulings on matters such as istinjaa', wudoo', removal of major impurities (such as ghusl and samak), and others will intrinsically lead to cleanliness and physical

purity (zhaahir). In the context of performing 'ibaadah, Islam obligates its adherents to always remain clean and be in the state of wudoo'. For example, before performing salaah,

we are obligated to make wudoo'and only then we can pray. The wudoo'that is waajib for us to perform at least five times daily is actually to discipline the Muslim ummah in

maintaining cleanliness in an organized and orderly fashion. Hence, it is clear that taking care of cleanliness and health is vital in the lives of human being, especially for the Muslim

ummah. In one hadeeth, Abu Maalik al-Ash'ari radiyAllaahu 'anh reported: Rasulullah sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam said:

"Cleanliness is half of faith..."
(Muslim)

The good health bestowed by Allah can help to strengthen our imaan unto Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala. This is evident regarding the importance of good health condition in

performing the 'ibaadah of salaah, fasting, and jihaad in the path of Allah. The Muslim that has been bestowed with good health can perform his salaah with perfection, without pain and

difficulty from any sickness, especially if he or she is free from despair and mental disorder. Similarly, the healthy person can enjoy all the benefits of fasting and fully comprehend the lessons

from the rites of hajj, as compared to the unhealthy person. This is because Islam cannot be practiced completely or to the fullest, and cannot be fully internalized without good

health upon the Muslim individual. Prophet Muhammad sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam himself is the role model for the entire Muslim ummah in maintaining good health of

the body and cleanliness. There are ample knowledge on health education that was taught by Rasulullah sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam to his ummah, which includes aspects of

cleanliness of the body, clothing, environment, and also food. From the hadeeth of 'Abdullah ibn 'Umar radiy Allaahu 'anh, Rasulullah sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam said:

"... and take from your health for your sickness, and (take) from your life for your death." (al-Bukhaari)

The health education that was taught by Rasulullah sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam also includes aspects of cleanliness of the body, clothing, environment, and food.

Furthermore, Rasulullah sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam had demonstrated examples through the sunnah fasting and performing sports activities (exercising) with his spouse and companions.

Such examples are sprinting (foot race) and horse-related activities, in maintaining good health, remaining active, and staying fit. In maintaining the health, Rasulullah has taught us indirectly on how to attain good health by performing his sunnah, and among them is "the sunnah of eating," which eases the digestion of food and makes the body healthy.

Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala mentions in al-Qur'an: "O mankind, eat from whatever is on earth [that is] lawful and good..." (al-Baqarah 2:168)

Indeed, dietary habit can shape one's personality. Islam heavily emphasizes on the purity of food in preserving the physical, mental, and character development.

Dietary habit also has a great influence for it can strengthen one's physical and mental aspect, but instead becomes detrimental if left unregulated. What is important to understand 1S

that the food we eat has an effect upon our heart and soul. When eating impermissible food, then our heart becomes darkened. The dark heart will prevent goodness even though one

may be very knowledgeable. When the heart is darkened and concealed (blocked off), then knowledge will not translate into any good deeds or instead good deeds will be performed without ikhlaas in

the heart.

Allah loves His slaves whom are strong both physically and spiritually. From the hadeeth of Abu Hurayrah radiy Allaahu 'anh, Rasulullah sallAllahu 'alayhi

wasallam said: "A strong believer is better and is more lovable to Allah than a weak believer..." (Muslim)

This hadeeth can be understood literally that every mu'min that is strong in various aspects whether physically, mentally, or spiritually, is more beloved by Allah Subhaanahu

Wata 'aala as compared to the mu'min that are weak physically, mentally, or spiritually. This shows that Islam emphasize on the health condition of its ummah, for the healthy body

not only allows us to perform various 'ibaadah (general or specific) but also contributes to increase in productivity. Therefore, the Muslim must ensure that his or her body is strong and

healthy, and at the same time not deny the need for the mental and spiritual to be strong as well. Definitely those having strong imaan and physical body would have better perfection

of 'ibaadah and obedience to Allah. Furthermore, this is a sign manifesting our appreciation and gratefulness upon the *ni'mah* from Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala.

Good health is closely intertwined with human living environment. Hence, we must be responsible in preserving the cleanliness of our natural environment, which includes preserving

the cleanliness of rivers and its surrounding, not littering everywhere, not causing water to collect and become fertile breeding ground for mosquitos, toxic waste dumping, open burning, and

many more activities that are deemed irresponsible because they all can contribute as detriment and harm to human health.

The lessons that we can derive from today's khutbah are: 1- Maintaining our health is from Islamic teachings because when we are healthy, then it becomes

easier to fulfill the daily obligations and 'ibaadah.

2- Preventing a sickness is way better than curing it It is an obligation for us Muslim ummah to preserve our own health, our families,

and our communities because with its preservation not only many illnesses will be cured, furthermore it will keep us away from that which will affect our health condition, whether physically or spiritually.

"Corruption has appeared throughout the land and sea by [reason of] what the hands of people have earned so He may let them taste

part of [the consequence of] what they have done that perhaps they will return [to righteousness]." (ar-Room 30:41)

بَارَكَ اللهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيْمِ وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيْهِ مِنَ الأَبَاتِ وَالذُّكُرِ الْحَكِيْمِ وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلْاوَتُهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ. أَفُولُ قُولِيْ هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللهَ الْعَظِيْمَ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِر الْمُسْلِمِيْنَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِيْنَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ الأُحبَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالأُمْوَاتَ فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ 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 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 (waqt) 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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