



THE RESPONSIBILITY OF PRESERVING THE SUNNAH



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I would like to remind myself and fellow congregation. Let us strive our utmost in having the taqwa of Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala by fulfilling all of His Commands and abstaining from all of His prohibitions.

Verily, all of the commands and prohibitions from Allah can only be truly understood through al-Qur'an and ahaadeeth of Rasulullah sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam. Hence, to comprehend and practice authentic Islam,

we definitely must refer to these two important sources. Today's khutbah intends to develop the Muslim soul to inculcate "The **Responsibility Of Preserving** The Sunnah Of

Rasulullah sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam And Warding Off The Onslaught Of Anti-Hadeeth Advocates."

Few months ago, we were awakened with the "renewed" dispute regarding the status of ahaadeeth of Rasulullah sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam in Islam. Even more puzzling,

the second part of kalimah shahaadah (testimony of faith), which is to bear witness upon the messengership of Prophet Muhammad sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam,

is equated to deifying the Messenger sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam, wal 'iyaadhubillah. This was among the views and notions mentioned in a conference that was organized by certain

groups in the nation's capital. Therefore, the Friday mimbar (pulpit) as a primary medium for da'wah of the day would like to shift the attention of the Muslims to the wicked reality and peril

of such thoughts. These types of people would go around claiming that it suffices for the Muslim ummah to hold firm upon al-Qur'an only without referring to ahaadeeth of

Rasulullah as a source for Islamic rulings. Hadeeth is the second primary source of Islamic legislation after al-Qur'an. It is a primary source for Islamic rulings in

determining the regulations for the commands and prohibitions of Allah. It is also a source of knowledge in comprehending the reality and purpose of life. Furthermore, it aids and

enhances our understanding on matters that are based upon divine revelation and the will of Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala. This reality was not only emphasized by Rasulullah

sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam, but also confirmed by Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala Himself. Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala mentions in al-Qur'an:

"... And whatever the Messenger has given you take; and what he has forbidden you - refrain from. And fear Allah; indeed, Allah is severe in penalty." (al-Hashr 59:7)

This verse clearly asserts that whatever command or prohibition given by Rasulullah sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam must be heeded. It clearly indicates that there could never be any conflict

or contradiction between the commands of Allah and that of His Messenger sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam. Hence, with Allah The Most Wise having chosen His Messenger,

then undoubtedly He has chosen one who will not order matters that would contradict His Will. Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala mentions in al-Qur'an:

"He who obeys the Messenger has obeyed Allah; but those who turn away - We have not sent you over them as a guardian." (an-Nisaa' 4:80)

So, not only that, the command to obey Allah is clearly associated with obeying the Messenger, as clearly mentioned in al-Qur'an al-Kareem. This is just some of the

assertion in al-Qur'an for the Muslim *ummah* to remain in obedience unto Allah and also unto Rasulullah sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam. Obeying Rasulullah sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam

means to abide by his commands and teachings that are mentioned in the ahaadeeth of Rasulullah sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam. It is based on this basis that his statements and remarks in

the ahaadeeth are all accepted as a source of knowledge and legislation in Islam. Let us make the first comparison. As a creation that understands history,

human being will definitely reminisce about the past or previous events. For example, those that honor and revere specific individuals or groups from the past will collect anything

that they could find regarding them from historical treasures. As an example, the legendary Hang Tuah and his four warrior friends. So, any manuscripts or historical records

that contains their quotes or describing them will definitely get collected and referred to as important materials in learning and understanding their era.

Similarly with Rasulullah sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam and the period that he lived in. The **Companions and scholars from** time to time have accumulated, compiled, and narrated everything

related to Rasulullah sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam and his era. That is what is meant by hadeeth and sunnah of Rasulullah sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam. Hence, they are very

precious and important treasure. It is not only precious due to its historical value, but should instead upheld as a source of knowledge and rulings in understanding how to

become obedient slaves of Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala. The sunnah should be made as the reference and manual in implementing the Sharee'ah and fulfilling the commands

of Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala in our lives. By not accepting ahaadeeth, mankind will be unable to fulfill the commands of Allah. Moreover, there are many ahaadeeth collected,

purified and authenticated, for it has undergone filtration through rigorous authenticating process of its chain of narration (isnaad) and the strict discipline of hadeeth sciences so as to

reject fabricated narrations that are associated with Rasulullah sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam. Narrated Abu Hurayrah radiyAllaahu 'anh: Rasulullah sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam said:

"Whoever lies upon me intentionally, then let him take his seat in the Fire." (al-Bukhaari and Muslim)

Rejecting ahaadeeth on the pretext of clinging only upon al-Qur'an will cause our understanding to be distorted and deviating from the real intent of al-Qur'an. This is because Rasulullah

sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam is the one having the best understanding of al-Qur'an. Similarly with the early generation of Muslims, they understood al-Qur'an well for they had lived during the

period when al-Qur'an was being revealed. It is unbefitting and highly ignorant if we deny such valuable treasure in knowledge ('ilm) and practice ('amal) solely to

restrict religious sources to al-Qur'an alone. Indeed, those that reject ahaadeeth will ultimately reject al-Qur'an and reject Islam in the end.

Let us now make the second comparison. A man invites his companion to stop and go for a drink while his companion is not even thirsty. Hence, when asked to select his preferred

beverage, his companion replied saying that he is in no need of any beverage. An engineer who constructs a building will surely need building materials. He will definitely ensure that his

supplies are adequate until the building's completion. However, for the engineer who is not planning to construct anything at that moment, he will not need any building materials

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supplies to be purchased or kept. Therefore, it is similar with matters in implementing Islam and the Sharee'ah in our lives. For the one who does not intend to practice Islam and uphold

the Sharee'ah, it becomes meaningless for him regarding anything attributed to Rasulullah sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam, whether his words, actions, or tacit approval in all matters.

And yet, this same person pretends to emphasize in referring to the Book of Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala alone, without ever thinking to acquire explanations and

clarifications regarding the purpose and decree of Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala upon His slaves, whilst all the explanation and clarification are found in the ahaadeeth of Rasulullah sallAllahu

'alayhi wasallam. Hence, the hidden reality of those rejecting ahaadeeth of Rasulullah sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam is their attitude in refusing to implement Islam and upholding the Sharee'ah

in our lives. Therefore, the Muslim ummah must exercise their role in rejecting any deviating thoughts and heresy in preserving the purity and authenticity of the sources of

Islam. We must obstruct these twisted and convoluted ideologies from spreading amongst our family and friends.

In reality, the attitude of rejecting ahaadeeth is deeply influenced by the modern day movement of freedom and liberalism. It retorts that everyone is free to speak about religion even if

ignorant or having inadequate knowledge on the matter. Therefore, let us ponder and contemplate deeply with cognizance and sanity.

It is not an offense to discuss anything in this life, for as long as we possess knowledge and the correct understanding. Not only in religious matter, even in worldly matter we are in

need of proper knowledge. Would we ever refer to one who knows nothing about the knowledge of medicine when we are suffering from illness? Would we send our broken down car to a

motorcycle mechanic for repair? Or when faced with computer failure, would we send it to an electrical repair shop for fixing?

Why is it when one who is devoid of religious knowledge makes a wrong statement regarding religious matters and then corrected, he becomes angry and claims being denied the

freedom of speech? Those who attempt to restrict religious sources to only al-Qur'an have actually restricted the rights of Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala to address to His slaves.

They actually think that Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala could only convey His Message and Risaalah through only one book. While it is Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala who

had revealed the religious scriptures and He had communicated with His Messengers regarding all matters. Some of it were conveyed by His Messenger specifically as hadeeth qudsi and some others were conveyed generally in *ahaadeeth*. The lessons and conclusion derived from this *khutbah* are:

1- Everyone from the common folk to leaders, all walks of life, from the lowest level to the top truly shoulders the role in rejecting these anti-hadeeth zealots, resorting to serious

measures according to respective jurisdictions and authority. 2- The Muslim ummah must firmly hold and refer to ahaadeeth as a primary source of Islamic legislation

after al-Qur'an. 3- The dissemination and teachings of authentic ahaadeeth of Rasulullah sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam and relevant sciences must be intensified and extended.

4- The Muslim ummah must not be easily duped and influenced by supporting, aiding, and spreading anything related to these anti-hadeeth zealots for it may lead to apostasy.

"Indeed, those who disbelieve in Allah and His messengers and wish to discriminate **between Allah and His** messengers and say, "We believe in some and disbelieve in

others," and wish to adopt a way in between - Those are the disbelievers, truly. And We have prepared for the disbelievers a humiliating punishment." (an-Nisaa' 4:150-151)

بَارَكَ اللهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيْمِ وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيْهِ مِنَ الأَبَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيْمِ وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلاوَتَهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ أَقُوْلُ قَوْلِي هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللهَ الْعَظِيْمَ لِي وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِر الْمُسْلِمِيْنَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِيْنَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ الأَحْبَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالأَمْوَات فَاسْتَغْفِرُ وْهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ 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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