

HAVING GOOD THOUGHTS OF ALLAH



Let us strive to increase our taqwa of Allah Ta'aala with the true taqwa by fulfilling all that was commanded by Allah and His Messenger and avoiding all that He had

prohibited. Salawaat and salaam upon our beloved Prophet Muhammad sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam, his family, his Companions and his followers until the End of Time.

Having good thoughts of Allah is from the actions of the heart that is highly virtuous in Islam. It develops us into becoming slaves that are truly faithful unto Him, fully accepting all of His

Decree and making us strive diligently in seeking the provision that He had bestowed. There are various situations in life that we must endure as trials from Allah, thus we must always

have good thoughts of Allah. Among them:

1. When making du'aa (supplication), we must have yaqeen (certainty) that Allah will accept them.

Abu Hurayrah *radiyAllaahu* 'anh narrated that Rasulullah sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam said:

"Call upon Allah while being certain of being answered..." (at-Tirmidhi: hasan)

2- Making 'ibaadah with the hope that Allah will accept our deeds as it was mentioned in al-Qur'an:

"... To Him ascends good speech, and righteous work raises it..." (Faatir

35:10)

3- Making *tawbah* (repentance) with the hope that it will be accepted by Allah as mentioned in al-Qur'an:

"Do they not know that it is Allah who accepts

repentance from His servants and receives charities and that it is Allah who is the Accepting of repentance, the Merciful?" (at-Tawbah 9:104)

- 4- We should have yaqeen with the retribution from Allah Ta'aala, whether good or bad, for it is to Allah that we will all return to.
 - 5- We must have certainty regarding meeting Allah

while in a good state. Jaabir ibn 'Abdillaah radiy Allaahu 'anhuma reported: I heard Allah's Messenger sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam say three days before his death:

"None of you should die but hoping only good from Allah, the Exalted and Glorious." (Muslim)

Hence, in planting the noble trait of having good thoughts of Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala, it behoove us to comprehend that the Mercy of Allah is Vast, encompassing His

Forgiveness, rewards, and generosity. As believing slaves, we must manifest our gratefulness to Allah by fulfilling all of His Commands, performing the obligatory 'ibaadah and also

the supererogatory 'ibaadah as well, so that our imaan will increase. Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala mentions in al-Qur'an:

"Say, "I am only a man like you, to whom has been

revealed that your god is one God. So whoever would hope for the meeting with his Lord - let him do righteous work and not associate in the worship of his Lord anyone."" (al-Kahf 18:110)

Therefore, whoever firmly believes and hopes for the meeting with His Lord, then he must perform righteous deeds and do not associate anyone in worship with Allah."

Among the characteristics of the hypocrites is that they would have bad thoughts of Allah. This occurred during the Battle of Uhud where the hypocrites had thought that Allah would no longer

grant victory to His Messenger. Their excuse for not participating in the Battle of Uhud was so that they would not incur any loss and injuries including casualties. All of their assumptions

were recorded and mentioned by Allah in al-Qur'an: "Then after distress, He sent down upon you security [in the form of] drowsiness, overcoming a faction of

you, while another faction worried about themselves, thinking of Allah other than the truth - the thought of ignorance, saying, "Is there anything for us [to have done] in this matter?"

Say, "Indeed, the matter belongs completely to Allah."

(Aal-'Imraan 3:154)

Remaining certain that Allah will one day forgive our sins while continuously engaging in acts of disobedience, or committing suicide due to despair and losing hope in the mercy of Allah upon

calamities inflicted upon, these are from matters that we must avoid.

Aside from that, thinking that the worldly success attained is solely due to one's own effort and know-how will

only make the person forget that such bounty had all originated from Allah Ta'aala Alone. Hence, we should all avoid from becoming arrogant with the little bounty that Allah

Ta'aala had bestowed as a trial. Let us ponder upon the story of Qaaroon with abundant and magnitudes of wealth. Allah Ta'aala mentions in al-Qur'an:

"He [Qaaroon] said, "I was only given it because of knowledge I have." Did he not know that Allah had destroyed before him of generations those who were greater than him in power

and greater in accumulation [of wealth]? But the criminals, about their sins, will not be asked."

(al-Qasas 28:78)

Therefore, let us strive in evaluating ourselves, how far have we actually pondered and practiced upon this religion whether in our knowledge, deeds, and akhlaaq.

This is because the ugly disease of having bad thoughts of Allah originates from our own ignorance in acknowledging the fact that everything that happens are all from Allah, no matter what.

"And you were not covering yourselves, lest your hearing testify against you or your sight or your skins, but you assumed that Allah does not know much of what you do.

And that was your assumption which you assumed about your Lord. It has brought you to ruin, and you have become among the losers." (Fussilat 60:22-23)

بَارَكَ اللهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيْمِ وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِبَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيْهِ مِنَ الأَبَاثِ وَالذَّكْرِ الْحَكِيْمِ وَتَقْبَلَ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلاوَتَهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيْمُ ۖ أَقُولُ قَوْلِي هَذَا وَ أَسْتَغْفِرُ اللهَ الْعَظِيْمَ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِيْنَ وَ الْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَ الْمُؤْمِنِيْنَ وَ الْمُؤْمِنَاتِ الْأَحْبَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَ الْأُمْوَ اتْ فَاسْتَغْفِرُ وْهُ 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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