



ZAKAAT

CULTIVATES

TAQWA



Let us constantly strive to increase our taqwa of Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala by ensuring that every deeds in our lives are always pleasing and blessed by Him.

It is through absolute obedience upon all of the commands of Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala that will guarantee salvation in this world and the Hereafter.

Today, the khateeb intends to deliver a khutbah entitled: "Zakaat Cultivates Taqwa."

Blessed Muslims, Wealth and property are among the bounties that Allah has bestowed in fulfilling mankind's living needs in this world. It is also an amaanah from Allah that

must be utilized upon matters that have been ordained by Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala. Wealth and property are also bounties that are temporary and they are to be utilized in

ensuring a blissful Hereafter through good deeds such as fulfilling the zakaat, giving charity, or donating for Islamic causes. These noble deeds must be performed with istigaamah for as long

as we are alive, so we can attain the high status and nobility in His Sight as a manifestation of gratitude from a slave to His Creator Subhaanahu Wata'aala.

Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala mentions in al-Qur'an: "And [remember] when your Lord proclaimed, 'If you are grateful, I will surely increase you [in

favor]; but if you deny, indeed, My punishment is severe."

(Ibraaheem 14:7)

Fulfilling the 'ibaadah of zakaat is a manifestation of our tagwa of Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala. It also symbolizes our sacrifice solely in hoping for Allah's pleasure and blessings with

the provision that we have attained, and also living a harmonious life. Prophet Muhammad (عليه وسلم) stated that all creations including the angels would supplicate for goodness,

increase in provision, and blissful life for those that are generous towards the poor and needy.

Abu Hurayrah

radiyAllaahu 'anh reported: the

Prophet (عليه وسلم) said:

"Every day in which a servant awakens there are two angels that descend upon him. One angel says: 'O Allah, give to the one who spends in charity.' The other angel says: 'O Allah,

bring destruction upon the one who withholds."

(Agreed Upon)

Indeed, the 'ibaadah of zakaat fulfilled can save us from the punishment in the Hereafter. Prophet Muhammad mentioned to his Companions regarding the pain, hardship, and misery

that awaits mankind at the plains of Mahshaar. However, those torment and agony can be expunged with our zakaat and sadaqah (charity) performed during our lifetime.

Anas radiyAllaahu 'anh narrated that: the Prophet (صلى الله) said: "Indeed charity extinguishes the Lord's anger and it protects against the evil death."

> (at-Tirmidhi, ibn Hibbaan, at-Tabaraani: *hasan ghareeb*)

Zakaat is also a proof of the love and care amongst the Muslims irrespective of their rank and stature. Stemming from ikhlaas (sincerity) deep down in the bottom of the heart, it is then manifested

through the deed of aiding those in need. These actions emanating from the heart will then connect with the hearts of others and triggers ta 'aawun (aiding each other), ukhuwwah

(brotherhood), and mahabbah (loving one another) through sincere supplications from the recipients, as in the special du'aa taught by Nabi Muhammad (صلى الله explained) explained

by Rabee' radiyAllaahu'anh: "May Allah reward profusely for what you have fulfilled and may Allah bless the remaining of your wealth, and may your giving become

purification and cleansing for you and your wealth."

(al-Bayhaqi)

Let us fulfill the 'ibaadah of zakaat that has been ordained upon us. The Zakaat Board of Selangor has provided many avenues for the Muslims to fulfill this very obligation.

Facilities such as the 26 zakaat counters in every district, zakaat through salary deduction, internet banking, and many others should be benefited in ensuring the third pillar of

Islam is fulfilled with perfection. Today, the role of zakaat is vital for the well-being of the Muslim ummah and safeguarding the rights of those

in need.

This is evident based on the total contribution and distribution of zakaat collected that had tremendously aided the asnaf (zakaat recipients) in the state of Selangor.

Based on the zakaat distribution records in Selangor for 2013, more than RM500 million was disbursed completely to all eight categories of zakaat recipients deemed eligible in

this state. The aid given includes monthly financial and food aid, university and school tuition aid, medical aid, business capital assistance, home construction and renovation

assistance, Ramadaan and 'Eid assistance, masjid and school development aid, and various other form of aid and contribution in safeguarding the rights, physical and spiritual development of the

Muslim ummah, and uplifting the dignity of the Muslims so as to attain excellence in all aspects of life.

Based on the explanation and information from this khutbah, it behooves the Muslims to take heed on matters as follows: 1- Let us become penitent in becoming slaves of Allah

having *taqwa* by fulfilling the obligation of *zakaat*, as proof of our love for Allah *Subhaanahu*Wata 'aala.

2- Allah has promised generosity and blessed *rizq* (provision), tranquility of the

heart and happiness for all His slaves that performed zakaat upon their wealth possessed. 3- Avoid miserliness, selfishness, stinginess, and arrogance for all these traits

will only incur Allah's Wrath. 4- Ensure that the wealth we accumulated such as our income, gold, silver, Sharee 'ahcompliant stocks, businesses,

agricultural produce, and livestock, all have been purified through *zakaat*.

"Those who spend their wealth [in Allah's way] by night and by day, secretly and publicly they will have their reward with their Lord.

And no fear will there be concerning them, nor will they grieve."

(al-Baqarah 2:274)

بَارَكَ اللهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيْمِ وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيْهِ مِنَ الأَبَاتِ وَالذَّكْرِ الْحَكِيْمِ وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلاوَتَهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ. أَقُولُ قُولِيْ هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللهَ الْعَظِيْمَ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِر الْمُسْلِمِيْنَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِيْنَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ الأَحْبَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالأَمْوَاتَ فَاسْتَغْفِرُوْهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيْمُ

O Allah, you are the Lord that is All Mighty, we are grateful to You for having bestowed upon us rahmah and ni'mah, that we are able to continue the effort in empowering the Muslim *ummah* especially in Selangor, as an advanced state, prosperous, and providing welfare.

Hence, we sincerely beseech you, O Allah, strengthen our imaan, accept our deeds, strengthen our unity, increase our rizg, enrich us with beneficial knowledge, cultivate our soul with good mannerisms,

return us to the path that you are pleased with, protect us from disasters and your severe trials, so that our nation will become more peaceful and filled with blessings.

O Allah, we sincerely beseech you, strengthen our beliefs according to the creed of Ahlus Sunnah wal-Jamaa'ah, and protect us from deeds and 'ageedah that are astray such as the extreme Shee'is, Qadiyani, and other ideologies.

O Allah, open up our hearts in fulfilling the five daily prayers, performing zakaat, and other obligations. Bless those that have fulfilled their zakaat and loving the fugaraa' and masaakin, and those that have

made waqf and gave up their wealth for the Tabung Amanah Pembangunan Islam Selangor (Islamic Development Trust Fund of Selangor) with continuous reward until the Day of Judgment.



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