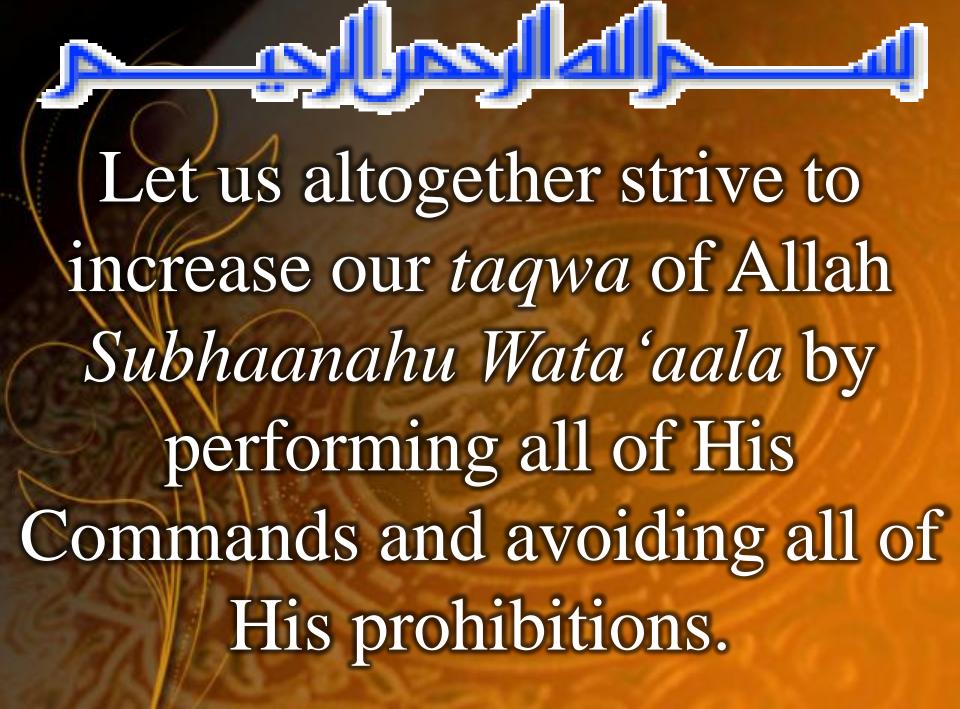




MESSAGES FROM THE LAST SERMON OF RASULULLAH

صلى الله عليه وسلم)



May we become among those having imaan in Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala, always in remembrance of Him, and sincerely hoping to meet Him.

Today's khutbah intends to remind us on the "Messages From The Last Sermon Of Rasulullah (عليه وسلم الله)."

The plains of 'Arafah became the witness for a historical event that should not be forgotten by anyone claiming to have imaan in Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala and

Messenger. It was there where Rasulullah (صلى الله) delivered his final sermon to his ummah, known as Khutbah al-Wadaa' (The Farewell Sermon), a khutbah that truly touched the hearts

and emotions of everyone present at that time, and also for the generations succeeding them.

If one was to delve deeply into the contents of *Khutbah al-Wadaa'*, one will find that

it is full of lessons and reminders for the Muslims nowadays, guiding mankind in all aspects of lives, whether at the individual, communal, or state level.

Even though the hajj season had long gone, our thoughts on Khutbah al-Wadaa' (The Farewell Sermon) is deeply embedded in our hearts as the Muslim ummah. With the recent commemoration of

Mawlid ar-Rasool, let us ponder upon several crucial points from the message of Rasulullah (عليه وسلم). Among them:

1-The prohibition of killing a soul and seizing the wealth of others without a legitimate cause.

Truly, Islam deems life and wealth of the Muslims as noble entities that must be

preserved and protected. In a lengthy hadeeth explaining the rituals of hajj and details of the Farewell Sermon, Jaabir ibn 'Abd-Allah radiyAllaahu 'anh narrated Rasulullah (عليه وسلم) as

saying: "Verily your blood and your property are as sacred and inviolable as the sacredness of this day of yours, in this month of yours, in this town of yours..."

(Muslim, Abu Dawood, ibn Maajah)

Unfortunately, nowadays we find that the blood and wealth of the Muslim ummah no longer dignified as it was reminded by Rasulullah. We find many within the Muslim ummah

that would actually kill and rob of each other's wealth. We find murder after murder being committed in the most inhumane way in Muslim countries such as Egypt, 'Iraq, Syria, and others.

Let us look at how the wealth of the Muslims are seized and confiscated without justification, usurped in unscrupulous way, with deceits, manipulations, extortions, and other

wickedness. Actions that contradicts the message of Rasulullah (صلى الله) will عليه وسلم) definitely incur the wrath of Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala, only to be severely tormented by Him.

2- The obligation of abandoning traditions and practices of Jaahiliyyah, killing, and ribaa The practice of ribaa implemented nowadays is a way of increasing economic

gain and it is truly oppressive for it snatches away the rights of others unjustly. Hence, Islam prohibits ribaa as it was mentioned in al-Qur'an:

"O you who have believed, fear Allah and give up what remains [due to you] of interest, if you should be believers."

(al-Baqarah 2:278)

Nowadays, the ribaa-based system has returned as the core of the economic system that affects the lives of individuals and society. This ribaa-based system is instilled without feeling

fearful or sinful to Allah, not even a single bit. The majority of those involved in this jaahiliyyah practice do not even feel guilty for the haraam practice being committed, as if ribaa is a

legitimate and halaal practice. They totally ignore the heavy warning from Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala and His Messenger upon the severe torment that await those

dealing with ribaa. Moreover, they would always give excuses and reasons to legitimize their actions.

3- Always remain cautious of Shaytaan's deception and the obligation to preserve the religion.

Indeed, *Shaytaan* is the number one enemy for mankind. *Shaytaan* will

always entice mankind unto evil, enmity, and disobedience that will cause one to fall into ruin and destruction. Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala mentions in

al-Qur'an:

"...and do not follow the footsteps of Satan. Indeed, he is to you a clear enemy. He only orders you to evil and immorality and to say about Allah what you do not know." (al-Baqarah 2:168-169)

Hence, to fight off the temptations from Shaytaan, it is obligated upon the Muslim ummah to preserve

religious obligations by preserving the religion, life, intellect, lineage, and wealth, as they are the core elements according to Magaasid ash-Sharee 'ah. These key elements are safeguarded as

they are the basic necessities to the life of every Muslim individual.

4- The prohibition to prohibit permissible matters, and vice versa.

Indeed, the matter of halaal

and haraam is solely the rights of Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala Alone. Islam is the only religion that is capable of safeguarding the humanitarian nature (fitrah). It would be impossible for

Islam to allow matters that will inflict harm to mankind, and prohibiting matters that will bring benefit to mankind. Anything permissible remains permissible, and anything

impermissible remains impermissible. That is the basic principle in Islam. Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala mentions in al-Qur'an:

"O you who have believed, do not prohibit the good things which Allah has made lawful to you and do not transgress. Indeed, Allah does not like transgressors."

(al-Maa'idah 5:87)

5- The obligation of dignifying the women (wives) Our wives are an amaanah from Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala, and Allah has made permissible marital

relations with them through the sacred agreement. Islam obligates the husbands to preserve the rights of their spouses, treating them with gentleness, embracing and mixing with them with good

conduct. Even in giving advice, rectifying their affairs, or physically disciplining them for the purpose of educating, they all must be done in a good manner. The husband has

rights that must be duly fulfilled by his spouse, but it should be heeded that the wife also has rights that must be fulfilled by the husband. 'A'ishah radiyAllaahu 'anha narrated: Rasulullah (عليه وسلم) said:

"The best of you are those who are the best to their wives, and I am the best of you to my wives."

(at-Tirmidhi and ibn Maajah: saheeh)

6- The obligation of clinging upon the teachings of al-Qur'an and as-Sunnah. Abu Hurayrah radiyAllaahu 'anh narrated that Rasulullah (عليه وسلم) said:

"I have left among you two matters by holding fast to which, you shall never be misguided: the Book of Allah and the Sunnah of His Prophet."

(Maalik, al-Haakim, al-Bayhaqi)

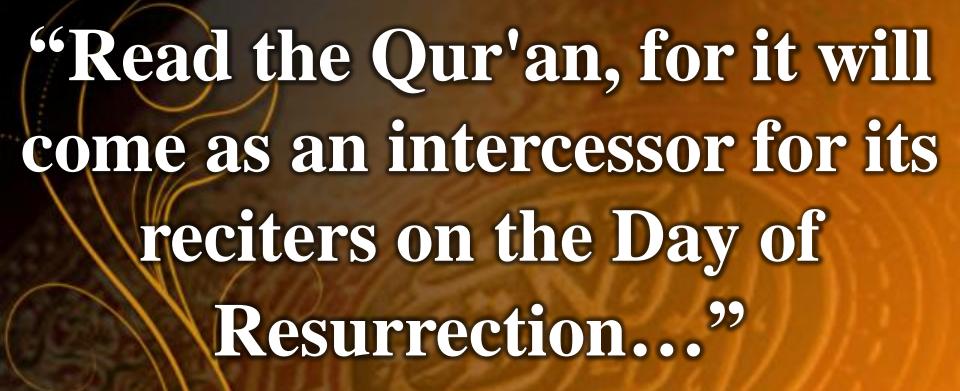
As an ummah having imaan in al-Qur'an, it behoove us to take al-Qur'an as our topmost reference and reading material in our daily lives, and always seeking the protection of Allah

Subhaanahu Wata'aala. Therefore, while busy in our daily affairs, we must strive our utmost to make time for our own selves and our families in seeking the pleasure of Allah

Subhaanahu Wata'aala. Let us not become like those claiming to possess knowledge but they themselves do not recite al-Qur'an nor act upon its teachings. They will not be

among those that will be granted the intercession of al-Qur'an on the Day of Resurrection.

Abu Umaamah al-Baahili radiyAllaahu 'anh reported: I heard Rasulullah (عليه وسلم) saying:



(Muslim)

7- The obligation to obey the ruler, whoever it may be, for as long as he holds fast onto al-Qur'an.

A stable leadership within a nation is deemed as a vital aspect in Islam. Without a

leader, the affairs of the people will not be administered properly. When the society is left without a leader, definitely there will be chaos and injustice, where the strong will oppress the

weak. Without a leader, the 'law of the jungle' prevails, and oppression will become widespread. Hence, Islam has outlined several important principles on the need to obey the ruler, for

the sake of political stability and prosperity within the society in a Muslim nation. Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala mentions in al-Qur'an: "O you who have believed,

obey Allah and obey the Messenger and those in authority among you..."

(an-Nisaa' 4:59)

However, Islam only obligates obedience to the ruler for as long as he does

not command acts of disobedience. Among lessons from Khutbah al-Wadaa' (The Farewell Sermon) that can be inculcated as guidelines in our lives are:

1- It is incumbent upon the Muslim ummah to fulfill their rights, which is the rights of Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala, the rights of Rasulullah (عليه وسلم), and the rights upon mankind.

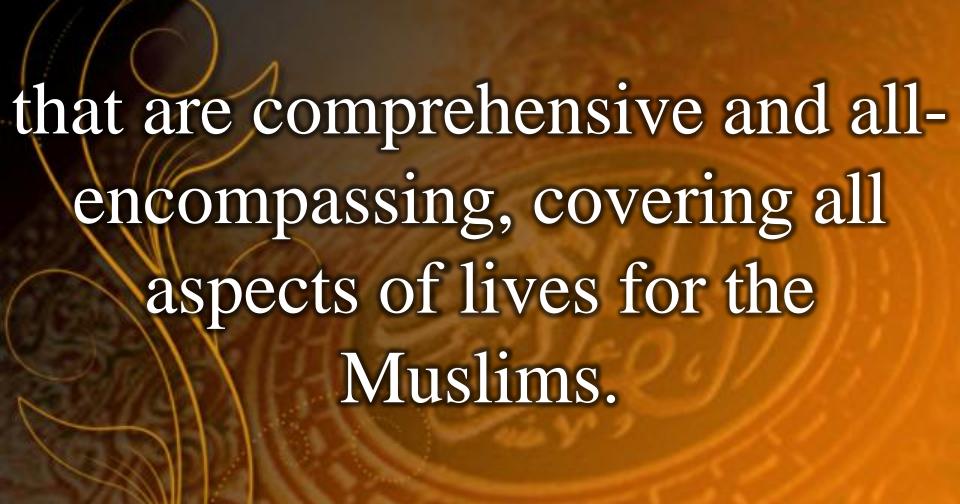
rights cannot be transgressed or violated.

2- It is waajib upon the Muslim ummah to only make transactions with Sharee 'ahcompliant financial institutions

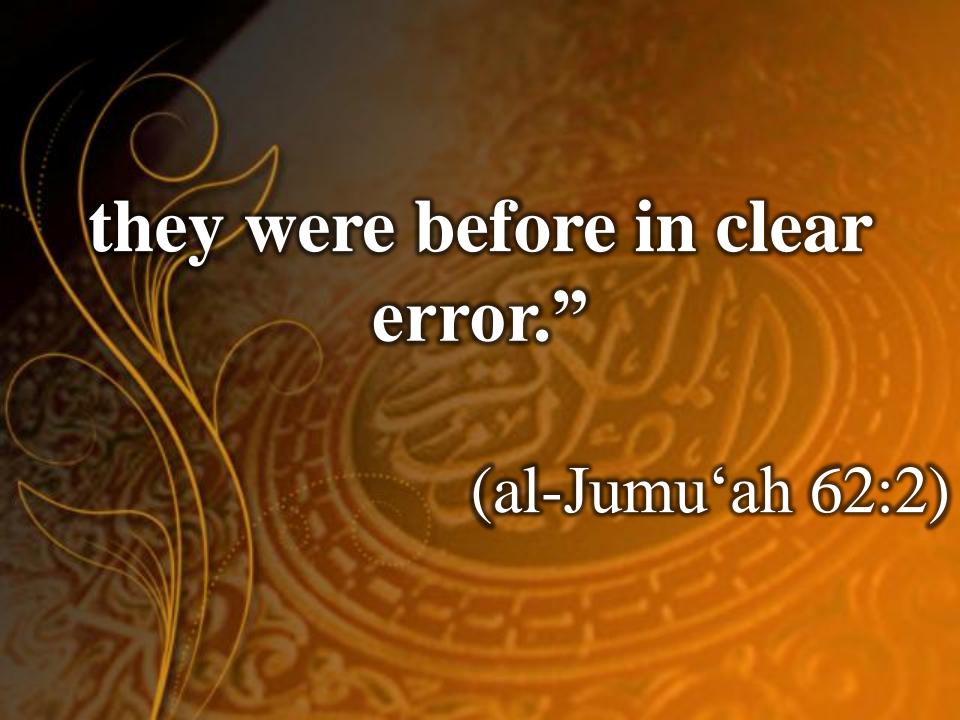
ensure salvation in this world and the Hereafter. 3- It is waajib upon the Muslim ummah to perform righteous deeds ('amal saalih) as it was manifested in the life of Rasulullah (عليه وسلم).

Our righteous deeds will further preserve our religion for blissfulness in this world and the Hereafter.

4- The Muslim *ummah* must protect the purity and sanctity of Islamic teachings



"It is He who has sent among the unlettered a Messenger from themselves reciting to them His verses and purifying them and teaching them the Book and wisdom although



بَارَكَ اللهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيْمِ وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيْهِ مِنَ الأَيَاتِ وَالذَّكْرِ الْحَكِيْمِ وَتَقْبِلَ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلْاوَتُهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ الْقُولُ قُولِيْ هَذَا وَأَسْتَغُورُ اللهَ الْعَظِيْمَ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِر الْمُسْلِمِيْنَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِيْنَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ الأُحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتَ فَاسْتَغْفِرُوْهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيْمُ 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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