

I remind myself and my beloved audience to strive in increasing our imaan and taqwa of Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala with full certainty, that is by fulfilling all of His

Commands and striving diligently to avoid all of His prohibitions. We truly hope that all of our efforts in this temporary world will be accepted by Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala and

rewarded in the Hereafter, hence rescuing us from the severe torment of Hellfire. Today's khutbah intends to enlighten us on the topic of "Bakheel: The Path To Hellfire."

Islam strongly advocate its adherents to follow and emulate Prophet Muhammad in becoming a very عليه وسلم generous person. 'Abdullah ibn 'Abbaas radiyAllaahu'anh narrated

صلى الله that Prophet Muhammad عليه وسلم was a very generous person especially during the month of Ramadaan. Therefore, today's khutbah invites and call upon all of us to avoid and eradicate

miserliness that is within us. Indeed, bakheel (miserliness or stingy) is among mazmumah (vile and despicable) characteristics that are embedded within every human being,

irrespective of rank or ancestry. For example, the rich becomes bakheel fearing that their wealth will diminish and the businessman becomes bakheel fearing that their

profit will decline. What are the factors contributing to *bakheel*? Among the factors that lead us to the evil of bakheel, may we become protected from such wickedness, are as follows:

1- The love for *dunya* and hate for death These two diseases that was explicitly mentioned by صلى الله cannot be عليه وسلم separated. This is evident from the hadeeth of the

-regarding "alعليه وسلم Prophet صلى الله Wahn". Rasulullah عليه وسلم explained that the disease of al-Wahn refers to the overwhelming love for dunya and hating death. Loving dunya means to

become greedy, avarice, bakheel, and withholding wealth from being spent in the Path of Allah. Hating death means becoming too absorbed and engrossed in worldly affairs that one does

not make any preparation for the Hereafter. 2- Having no certainty regarding reward and punishment from Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala. The one who is doubtful

with regard to attaining rewards from Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala, will experience difficulty and reluctance in donating his or her wealth.

After knowing the factors causing one to become bakheel, it behoove us to know the effect and consequences that befall upon those afflicted with bakheel, whether in this

world or in the Hereafter. Among its effects are: 1- It will cause one to fall into various sinful acts The one suffering from the disease of *bakheel* will distance himself from

performing good deeds, whether it is pertaining to his relationship with Allah or with other humans. On the contrary, he will be prone to evil deeds that he will be busied with wickedness.

ملى الله had عليه وسلم habi Muhammad reminded us how being bakheel will lead to evil and disgrace. Narrated 'Abdullah ibn 'Amr ibn al-'As radiyAllaahu 'anhuma: صلى الله said: عليه وسلم Rasulullah

"Abstain from avarice, for those who had been before you were annihilated due to avarice. It (avarice) commanded them to show niggardliness; it commanded them to cut off

their relationship with their nearest relatives, so they cut off. It commanded them to show profligacy, so they showed it."

(Abu Dawood: saheeh)

2- Those whom are bakheel will become heedless and remain as such while hoarding wealth. Allah reminds us in al-Qur'an:

"Competition in [worldly] increase diverts you, until you visit the graveyards."

(at-Takaathur 102:1-2)

3- Those whom are bakheel will be despised by most people. Abu Hurayrah radiyAllaahu 'anh narrated that صلى الله عليه وسلم Rasulullah عليه وسلم said: "Generosity is close to

Allah, close to Paradise, close to the people and far from the Fire. Stinginess is far from Allah, far from Paradise, far from the people and close to the Fire. The ignorant

generous person, is more beloved to Allah than the worshiping stingy person."

(at-Tirmidhi: *da 'eef*)

4-Afflicted with severe torment in the Hereafter Being bakheel will not only incur punishment in dunya but calamity will continue to strike upon its doer until the Hereafter with more severe

torment in the Hellfire. Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala mentions in al-Qur'an: "And let not those who [greedily] withhold what Allah has given them of His

bounty ever think that it is better for them. Rather, it is worse for them. Their necks will be encircled by what they withheld on the Day of Resurrection..."

(Aal-'Imraan 3:180)

Such are among the effects and consequences upon those whom are *bakheel* while in this world and the Hereafter. Hence, by knowing those factors, it is only right for us to strive to

avoid them by resorting to these measures: 1- Always instilling certainty within our hearts that everything solely belongs to Allah. 2- Always grateful upon the

bounties that Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala has bestowed upon us 3- Always having certainty that whatever given in the Path of Allah will surely be replaced by Allah

Subhaanahu Wata'aala with that which is better and manifold 4- Always vigilant upon the whispers of Shaytaan in threatening mankind with poverty whenever spending

their wealth in the Path of Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala. 5-Always supplicating with the du'aa that was taught by صلى الله Rasulullah عليه وسلم:

O Allah! I seek refuge with You from worry and grief, from incapacity and laziness, from cowardice and miserliness, from being heavily in debt and from being overpowered by (other) men (al-Bukhaari)

"Let a man of wealth spend from his wealth, and he whose provision is restricted - let him spend from what Allah has given him. Allah

does not charge a soul except [according to] what He has given it. Allah will bring about, after hardship, ease."

(at-Talaaq 65:7)



Once again, I would like to remind all of us that Islam teach its adherents to remain moderate in all actions and deeds. At the same time, the **Muslims are to avoid any form** of extremism in which its

consequences will only disrupt the harmony, unity, and security of the Muslim ummah and our nation. Extremism will only give negative impression upon the nobility and holiness of al-Islam. On the contrary, the Muslim

ummah must inculcate noble akhlaag, having utmost personality and attitude as true Muslims so that the world will (صلى الله) know that Rasulullah (عليه وسلم) was sent down as a messenger, and Islam that was revealed is mercy

for the entire nation and universe.

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 wagf and gave up their wealth for Tabung Amanah Pembangunan Islam Selangor **(Islamic Development Trust** Fund of Selangor) with continuous reward until the Hereafter.

O Allah, increase and widen the rizg of those that made waqf from their wealth with perpetual rewards until the Last Day.



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