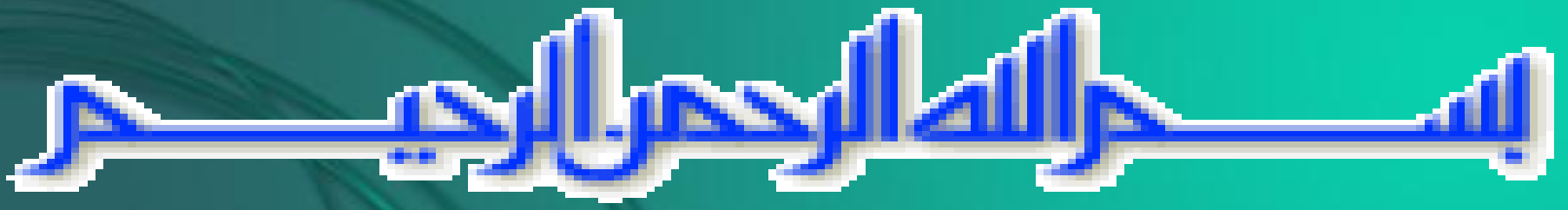




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HEART



I remind myself and all of us to
always strive in increasing our
taqwa of Allah *Subhaanahu*
Wata'aala. Taqwa can be
increased by fulfilling all of
His

Commands and avoiding all of
His prohibitions. May we all
become among His slaves
whom are granted His
blessings and love, as well as
His protection, *Subhaanahu
Wata'aala.*

On this blessed Friday, let us
internalize upon the *khutbah*
entitled: “*Hardened Heart.*”

Rasulullah ﷺ is solely the best teacher for his *ummah*, and he has taught and reminded us from the biggest matters to the small ones, in our purview. With the topic of this week's *khutbah*,

I would like to sincerely
remind all of us upon the
words of Rasulullah ﷺ that
serves as the very foundation
for mankind.

Narrated an-Nu'maan ibn
Basheer *radhiyAllaahu 'anh:*

Rasulullah ﷺ said:

“... Verily, there is a piece of flesh in the body, if it is healthy, the whole body is healthy, and if it is corrupt, the whole body is corrupt. Verily, it is the heart.”

(al-Bukhaari and Muslim)

Based on this *hadeeth*, it is evident to us that the heart has a deep impact upon any living body, for if such flesh is safeguarded, then the whole body is sound. On the contrary, if otherwise,

then evil indeed will be the end result. Therefore, the Muslim must never take lightly upon this very message from Rasulullah ﷺ in protecting one's heart and conscience.

The Muslims scholars have discussed at length regarding matters pertaining to hardened hearts and its causes.

Al-Imaam ibn al-Qayyim *rahimahullaah* mentioned in

his work *Badaa'i' al-Fawaa'id*:

“When the eyes are dried up due to not shedding tears out of the fear of Allah, then know that indeed those dry eyes are due to the

hardening of the heart. The most distant heart from Allah is the heart which is hardened.”

Based on these words, it is in harmony with the words of Rasulullah ﷺ regarding

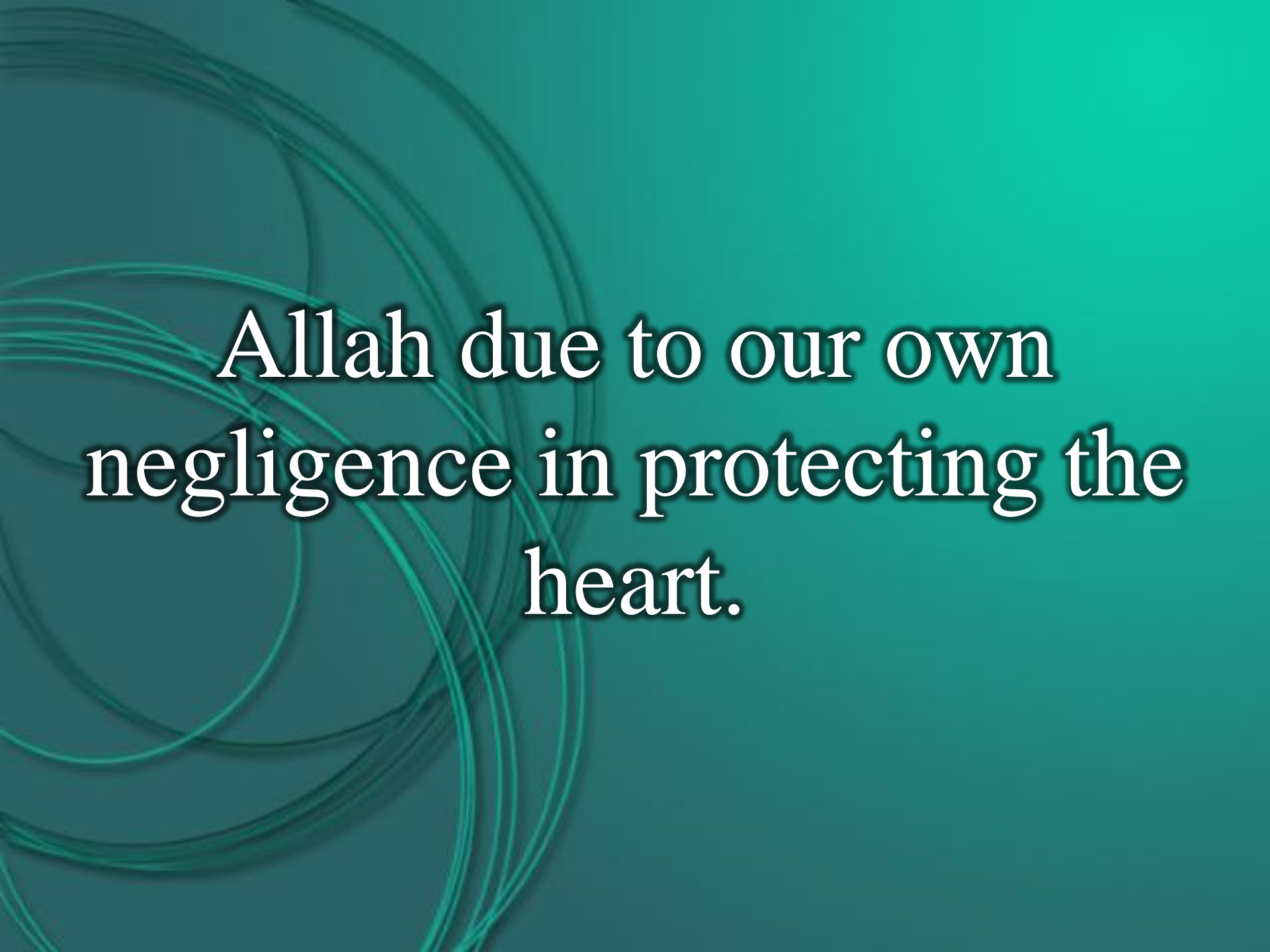
the characteristics that is most
beloved to Allah Himself.

‘A’ishah *radiyAllaahu ‘anha*
reported that Rasulullah ﷺ
said:

**“... Verily Allah loves
gentleness in every matter.”**

(al-Bukhaari, Muslim, at-Tirmidhi)

From this *hadeeth*, it is understood to us that the vast majority of hardened hearts are in opposition to matters that are liked by Allah. And without realizing, we are further distancing away from

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Allah due to our own
negligence in protecting the
heart.

There are too many factors that harden the hearts of mankind, not safeguarding the relationship with Allah, that one is always committing disobedience.

Indeed, it is one of the main reasons regarding the change upon the heart. Have we not listened to the words of Rasulullah ﷺ regarding those black spots on the heart?

Al-Imaam at-Tirmidhi
rahimahullaah collected a
hadeeth narrated by Abu
Hurayrah *radiyAllaahu 'anh*,
that Rasulullah ﷺ said:

“When the believer commits sin, a black spot appears on his heart. If he repents and gives up that sin and seeks forgiveness, his heart will be polished. But if (the sin) increases,

(the black spot) increases.
That is the *Raan* that Allah
mentions in His Book: “Nay!
But on their hearts is the
Raan (covering of sins and
evil deeds) which they used
to earn. [83:14]””

Indeed, it is very clear with the story depicted in this *hadeeth*. For every sins committed that are not followed by *tawbaah*, it will cause our hearts to become totally covered by the black

spots, ultimately becoming
pitch dark.

There are many acts of
disobedience that will
ultimately cause the hardening
of the heart. Among them,
other than

sinning and surrendering to the
desire, is too much laughing,
consuming food from unlawful
sources, going overboard in
discussing non-beneficial
matters, not reciting

al-Qur'an, not constantly
making *dhikr* of Allah,
surrounded by those having
bad *akhlaaq*, deficient in their
religious practice, and many
more. Everything that causes
us to become

negligent to Allah will only indirectly increase in the hardening of the heart. Among the ways to soften our hearts is by visiting the graveyard as it was narrated by Anas ibn Maalik

radiyAllaahu 'anh that

Rasulullah ﷺ said:

“... I forbade you to visit the graves then it appeared to me that they soften the heart, bring tears to the eyes, and remind one of the

**Hereafter. Therefore, visit
them, but do not say
reprehensible things!”**

(al-Haakim and Ahmad)

In addition, other *'ibaadah* that can soften one's heart are:

1. Always reciting al-Qur'an with full internalization.
2. Increasing one's *'ibaadah* and *dhikr* of Allah.

3. Always remembering death, visiting the sick, and following the *janaazah* to the grave.

4. Always consuming *halaal* food.

5. Always listening to religious lectures and advice.
6. Always be mindful on the severity of the Last Day, so that we will be prepared to stand before Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala*.

7. Always supplicating to Allah to soften our hearts so that it will be free from evil and dirty traits.

Human actions truly originate from the heart, so if the heart is spared from evil and vile characteristics, then it will manifest actions that are Islamic and far from disobeying Allah

Subhaanahu Wata'aala. It

behooves us to always
supplicate so that we are
granted soft hearts, and with
soft hearts, Allah bestows good
upon us.

Today, I remind myself and implore all of us to not let our hearts become like the Jews, humiliated and cursed because of their hardened hearts. Hence, they will forever remain in falsehood

and rebuked by Allah
Subhaanahu Wata'aala.

**“Then why, when Our
punishment came to them,
did they not humble
themselves? But their hearts
became hardened,**

**and Satan made attractive to
them that which they were
doing.”**

(al-An‘am 6:43)

بَارَكَ اللهُ لِيْ وَ لَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيْمِ وَ نَفَعَنِي
وَ اِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيْهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ وَ الذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيْمِ وَ تَقَبَّلْ
مِنِّيْ وَ مِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتَهُ اِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيْعُ الْعَلِيْمُ . اَقُوْلُ
قَوْلِيْ هَذَا وَ اَسْتَغْفِرُ اللهَ الْعَظِيْمَ لِيْ وَ لَكُمْ وَ لِسَائِرِ
الْمُسْلِمِيْنَ وَ الْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَ الْمُؤْمِنِيْنَ وَ الْمُؤْمِنَاتِ
الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَ الْأَمْوَاتِ فَاسْتَغْفِرُوْهُ
اِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُوْرُ الرَّحِيْمُ .

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
akhlaaq, having utmost
personality and attitude as true
Muslims so that the world will
know that Rasulullah (ﷺ)
was sent down as a messenger,
and Islam that was revealed is
mercy**

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**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 *rizq*, 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 *Ahlu Sunnah wal-Jamaa'ah*, and protect us from deeds and *'aqeedah* 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 *fuqaraa'* and *masaakin*, and those that have

**made *waqf* 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
rizq of those that made *waqf*
from their wealth with
perpetual rewards until the
Last Day.**



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