

KIND TREATMENT OF ORPHANS

حالته الرحير الرحي Let us strive to increase our taqwa of Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala by abiding all of His Commands and avoiding all of His prohibitions. Let us ponder that among the

characteristics of those having utmost taqwa is loving fellow Muslim brethren just like how one would love his own self. Let us internalize and benefit from today's khutbah entitled: "Kind Treatment Of Orphans."

Indeed, the orphans are very privileged in Islam. Hence, we have been forbidden to neglect their welfare and livelihood, a prohibition that was clearly mentioned in al-Qur'an such that those

neglecting and oppressing the orphans are deemed as deniers in the religion. Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala mentions in al-Qur'an:

"Have you seen the one who denies the Recompense? For that is the one who drives away the orphan." (al-Maa'oon 107:1-2)

Verily, any efforts in caring and aiding the orphans are truly laudable virtues. Especially for the ones that have no other place to turn to for shelter and yearning for affection. By giving sadaqah

(donation) whether in monetary form or daily needs, it will truly relieve their burden of livelihood and bring tranquility in their hearts. These are the common form of

contributions from the Muslims in treating the orphans kindly so that they will not become marginalized in the society.

One thing that is noteworthy in our noble effort to aid the orphans is that our good deeds must not be rendered seasonally. For example, the plight of the orphans would only come to light

throughout Ramadaan only. The contributions would pour in abundantly in that month. New clothing, sponsored iftaar at hotels with delicious meals, and monetary gifts for 'Eid

celebration. In short, orphanages become affluent during the entire month of Ramadaan. However, once Ramadaan is gone, it is as if they have become forgotten to us. The orphanages are no

longer frequently visited. Their welfare is pretty much neglected, while they are really in need of help, whether materially or morally. They would need clothing and supplies when

the new school year begins. They would need provision to accommodate their daily need for food and drink. The aid should not just cease there for there are many areas in which help is needed

such as providing religious guidance, comfortable dwelling, good health care, and security. This is the spirit of mutual help that should be enhanced in honoring and respecting the orphans.

Islam heavily emphasizes upon the affairs regarding welfare and wealth management of the orphans. Know that unlawful consumption of the orphans' properties is among the

major sins that will be severally punished. Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala mentions in al-Qur'an: "And give to the orphans their properties and do not

substitute the defective [of your own] for the good [of theirs]. And do not consume their properties into your own, Indeed, that is ever a great sin.

(an-Nisaa' 4:2)

It is lawful for the managers and operators of orphanages to utilize public donations for daily operations, relevant to the actual need of the orphans. Utilizing the orphans' wealth and donated

funds for one's personal need is indeed haraam. Herein lies the need for trustworthiness, honesty, and transparency in executing and ensuring the welfare of the orphans are properly

- cared for. Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala mentions in al-Qur'an:
- "Indeed, those who devour the property of orphans unjustly are only consuming into their bellies

fire. And they will be burned in a Blaze."

(an-Nisaa' 4:10)

We no longer want to hear accounts of orphans being exploited to garner sympathy

in collecting funds from the general public.

Unfortunately there are those boldly justifying their act as entrepreneurial practical training by selling products to raise funds for their

orphanage. This definitely paints a negative image for themselves whilst they are to be treated with kindness and affection by us, as substitutes for their father and mother that no longer exist.

The Muslim ummah must fulfill their very role in the fight against the crime of "orphan trafficking" by not giving contributions to those disguising their ill intentions behind the orphans.

Instead, we should only give donations such as money to orphanages that are registered and recognized by the authorities. When we become vigilant in donating and boycotting these

exploitations, then such heinous activity can be eradicated. It is feared that our noble and sincere intention to aid the orphans will not truly materialize as it should be and instead

rendered in vain unknowingly. Kind treatment of orphans is not only confined to financial assistance. Non-financial contributions to ensure that the orphans are

not lagging behind in their education are truly welcomed. Moreover, if we have the ability and expertise as math teachers, then organize tuition classes and sessions for them.

If we are motivational experts, then rejuvenate their spirit to embrace life even without the presence of their father and mother. It is truly hoped that our sincere care and affection upon them will

serve as remedy to overcome the grief of losing one's father and mother. Indeed, fortunate are those that truly care and love the orphans.

Therefore, let us become determined and istigaamah

in aiding the orphans. Let us contribute whether materially, spiritually or even tireless efforts (energy) irrespective of month, day, and specific times. Verily, we truly hope that it will serve

as provision when are standing in front of Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala in the Hereafter. Hence, based on today's khutbah:

- 1. We must always aid the orphans regardless of the amount of money, energy, and time spent.
- 2. As the manager and operator of an orphanage, we must be vigilant in managing

the wealth of the orphans, with transparency and trustworthiness.

3. As the manager, operator, and caretaker of orphans, we must always be careful and never take advantage as if

menangguk di air keruh' (exploiting people's weakness) by exploiting the orphans for our own personal gain.

"And do not approach the property of an orphan, except in the way that is best, until he reaches maturity. And fulfill [every]

commitment. Indeed, the commitment is ever [that about which one will be questioned. (al-Israa' 17:34)

بَارَكَ اللهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيْمِ وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيْهِ مِنَ الأَيَاتِ وَالذُّكْرِ الْحَكِيْمِ وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلاَوْتُهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ أَقُولُ قُولِيْ هَذَا وَأَسْتُغْفِرُ اللهَ الْعَظِيْمَ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِر الْمُسْلِمِيْنَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُوْمِنِيْنَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ الأحْبَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ فَاسْتَغْفِرُوْهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ 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 (عليه وسلم) was sent down as a messenger, and Islam that was revealed is mercy



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 '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 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.



