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I implore upon all of us to strive in increasing our taqwa of Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala by performing all of His Commands and avoiding all of His

prohibitions. May our sincere efforts benefit us in this world and the Hereafter. Today's khutbah intends to encourage us in becoming those having: "Patience In Our Lives."

Whenever Allah tests us, how should we respond to such trial? The first thing is for us to have sabr (patience). For example, there are those that would actually want to jump

off a building when feeling distressed. There are those that are able to withstand stress but having the urge to scream their heart out. According to the science of counseling, screaming and

expressing one's feeling is one of the ways of relieving stress. While Islam prescribes several measures in reducing the stress that one endures. Among them:

- 1- To loosen up or calm down.
 2- To always remain in the
- state of wudoo'.
- 3- To increase making adhkaar and salawaat.
- 4- To increase performing

supererogatory prayers. 5- To increase supplicating to Allah. 6- Thinking well of Allah.

When problems are mentioned, in reality no one is spared from having problems for as long as they are still alive in this world. After one problem is resolved, another one will

then surface. Such is sunnatullaah. Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala mentions in al-Qur'an: "Do the people think that they will be left to say, "We

believe" and they will not be tried? But We have certainly tried those before them, and Allah will surely make evident those who are truthful, and He will surely make evident the

liars."

(al-'Ankaboot 29:2-3)

The lesson from these verses is that humans will always be tested in assessing their level of imaan unto Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala.

What is deemed as problem is actually a form of test and trial from Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala in order for us to prove the extent of our genuineness and integrity of imaan unto Him.

What is important is for us to not think negative of Allah for decreeing hardship and calamities upon us. There are several types of sabr in our lives:

1- Sabr in fulfilling the commands of Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala. Allah has commanded us to have sabr in remaining obedient and fulfilling His Commands such as the

obligatory prayers, which may be heavy for some people. Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala mentions in al-Qur'an: "And seek help through patience and prayer, and

indeed, it is difficult except for the humbly submissive [to Allah]."

(al-Baqarah 2:45)

The same goes with other obligations such the obligatory fasting, haji, zakaat, and other 'ibaadah. But for those who are always patient and standing firm with imaan unto Allah

Subhaanahu Wata'aala, they will taste sweetness in their lives. Having sabr in obedience will definitely have its hurdles. It is the nature of the nats (desire) to dislike and remain heedless

in the obedience of Allah. The example that Allah has given to us is in the story of Nabi ا علیه سلام who was commanded by Allah in his dream to slaughter his own dear and beloved son.

However, as we know, Nabi ا علیه سلام had fulfilled such decree with ikhlaas and sabr. Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala had accepted Nabi Ibraaheem's sacrifice and replaced it with

a ram instead. 2- Sabr in leaving out and abstaining from the prohibitions of Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala. This is from among the most difficult type of sabr for we

are to always avoid these matters. And if we are able to have sabr with all those prohibitions, definitely we will be handsomely rewarded by Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala.

The example that Allah has mentioned in al-Qur'an is in عليه the story of Nabi Yoosuf with his tremendous display of sabr that he was saved from Shaytaan's temptations that would lead

to fornication. It is only with strong imaan and taqwaa of Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala that such calamity could be avoided. So what about us? To what

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tested in leaving disobedience and avoiding the prohibitions of Allah? Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala mentions in al-Qur'an: "...Indeed, he who fears

Allah and is patient, then indeed, Allah does not allow to be lost the reward of those who do good."

(Goosuf 12:90)

3- Sabr in the wake of trials and tribulations It is sabr in the wake of distress and calamity that befalls upon every human being including the prophets. Among the ones that were

mentioned in al-Qur'an is sabr when enduring poverty and hunger, sabr when afflicted with pain, in times of war or fear, losing lives, and wealth. Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala

mentions in al-Qur'an: "And We will surely test you with something of fear and hunger and a loss of wealth and lives and fruits, but give good tidings to the patient". (al-Bagarah 2:155)

In al-Qur'an, Allah has mentioned the suffering that was endured by Nabi Ayyoob عليه سلام, where he was afflicted with an extremely difficult illness for many years, the loss of his

family and wealth that no one during his time wanted to come close to him. He had suffered from such illness for 18 years, a very long duration. Even then, he never complained and never

gave up with what Allah had willed for him. Instead, he kept on supplicating as it was mentioned in al-Qur'an: "And [mention] Job, when he called to his Lord, "Indeed, adversity has

touched me, and you are the Most Merciful of the merciful."

(al-Anbiyaa' 21:83)

We are truly weak and impatient when we are tested with sickness, even though it may be temporary or not severe. Many of us would complain and seek shortcuts, even willing to spend a lot of

money while committing shirk and khurafaat (superstition) just to get cured and attain enjoyment in this temporary world. Na 'oodhu billaahi min dhaalik.

In concluding today's khutbah, let us take valuable lessons by heeding to the following suggestions:

1- Have *sabr* in fulfilling the commands of Allah and abstaining from His

prohibitions, as well as having certainty that such trial is a sign of Allah's love to His slaves.

2- Every Muslim should have sabr when Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala

bestows the bounty of wealth and pleasure upon them. This is because not many were successful in the trial of ease and comfort.

3- We should endure the trials of life with sabr that is accompanied with effort and supplications. Whatever befalls us, insha Allah it will bring about good if we would accept it with a

positive attitude, put in maximum effort, and followed by both supplication and full reliance in Allah (tawakkal).

4- Have certainty that the more frequent and severe the trial that Allah bestows upon us, the more sabr is required, hence the bigger the reward and rahmah from Allah that will be bestowed upon us.

"O you who have believed, persevere and endure and remain stationed and fear Allah that you may be successful."

(Hal-'Umraan 3:200)

بَارَكَ اللهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيْمِ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيْمِ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيْمِ وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيْهِ مِنَ الأَيَاتِ وَالذّكر الْحَكِيْم وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلاوَتَهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ. أَقُولُ قُولِيْ هَذَا وَأُسْتَغُورُ الله الْعَظِيْمَ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِيْنَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِيْنَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ الْأَحْيَاعِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ فَاسْتَغْفِرُوْهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْعَفُورُ 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

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 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

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 waqffrom their wealth with perpetual rewards until the Last Day.





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