



## HAJJ: THE ECHOING CRY THAT NEVER STOPS



I remind myself and all of us to have the tagwa of Allah by observing all of His Commands, fulfilling all of His Ordainments and avoiding all of His prohibitions.

On this blessed day, I will attempt to mention the neverending cries that had never stopped throughout history. It is the cry that originated from the command of The Most High

to Nabi Ibraaheem عليه سلام, which was mentioned in al-Qur'an:

"And [mention, 0 Muhammad], when We designated for Abraham the site of the House,

[saying], "Do not associate anything with Me and purify My House for those who perform Tawaaf and those who stand [in prayer] and those who bow and prostrate."

And proclaim to the people the Hajj [pilgrimage]; they will come to you on foot and on every lean camel; they will come from every distant pass."

(al-Hajj 22:26-27)

In explaining these verses, the mufassireen or scholars of tafseer mentioned that after Nabi Ibraaheem was commanded by Allah to rebuild Baytullaah or the Ka'bah as a place for

worshipping Allah and clean its area so that people can perform tawaaf and salaah, then Allah commanded to call عليه سلام Ibraaheem upon mankind to come to Baytullah to perform haji.

Realizing his limitations, Nabi Ibraaheem inquired: "O Lord, how could I call upon the entire mankind when my voice will not reach out to the faraway lands?" Allah replied: "Your duty is

## Ibraaheem! And we will convey it."

Ibraheem then hastened to climb up Jabal Abu Qubays, then standing on a rock, he called out to every directions — north, south, east, and west - while saying: "O mankind! Verily Allah has prepared a structure as His House, so come to it and perform haji."

Ibraaheem's voice echoed and was heard by the entire mankind, including the "seeds" that were still in the loins of men and uterus of women. Immediately after Ibraheem proclaimed the call

as commanded, then the voice of the entire creations could be heard in responding to the call. "Labbayk Allaahumma labbayk" meaning "we are responding to your call, O Lord." This

account is part of the narration mentioned by ibn 'Abbaas, Mujaahid, 'Ikrimah, Sa'eed ibn Jubayr, and several other scholars from the time of the Salaf. WAllaahu a'lam bith-thawaab.

It is without an iota of doubt that hajj is a gathering of the believers at a global level, that was held every year during the time of the Prophets and his ardent followers, from the time of

علیه سلام Nabi Ibraaheem until the time of Nabi صلى الله الله In the Sharee'ah of Nabi صلى الله haji is مطلى الله haji is obligatory upon Muslims that are able and have

fulfilled its conditions. Allah mentions in al-Qur'an: "... And [due] to Allah from the people is a pilgrimage to the House - for whoever is able to find thereto a way..." (Aal-'Imraan 3:97)

As for those who refused to fulfill this commandment even though having fulfilled its conditions, they were given severe warning from Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala through the

tongue of His Prophet, صلى الله معليه وسلم Muhammad معليه وسلم as mentioned in a hadeeth narrated by 'Ali ibn Abi Taalib radiyAllaahu'anh where صلى الله عليه وسلم said: "Whoever has the

provisions and the means to convey him to Allah's House and he does not perform Hajj, then it does not matter if he dies as a Jew or a Christian..." (at-Tirmidhi: da'eef)

The obligation to perform haji is mentioned with clarity in the following ahaadeeth: 1- The *hadeeth* mentioned by the five *hadeeth* collectors and it was authenticated by allmaam at-Tirmidhi

rahimahullaah, where Abu Ruzayn al-'Uqayli radiyAllaahu'anh narrated:

That he went to the Prophet عليه وسلم and said:

"O Messenger of Allah! My father is an elderly man who is not able

to perform Haji nor 'Umrah nor undertake a journey." He عليه وسلم said: "Perform Haji on behalf of your father and perform 'Umrah." (at-Tirmidhi: hasan saheeh)

2- Ibn 'Abbaas radiyAllaahu 'anhuma narrated: A woman from the tribe of Juhaynah came to the Prophet

(صلى الله) and said:

"My mother had vowed to

perform Hajj, but she died before fulfilling her vow. Should I perform Hajj on her behalf?" The Prophet (صلى الله) said: "Yes perform Hajj on her

Yes perform Hajj on her behalf. Had there been a debt on your

mother, would you have paid it or not? So, pay off her debt to Allah, for He is most deserving of settlement of His debt." (al-Bukhaari)

For those who were granted the opportunity to perform Hajj this year, we would like to congratulate them and supplicate so that the entire hajj group will be able to perform the rites of hajj and

attain hajj *mabroor*. Also, so that they will return to their home as someone who has successfully completed all five pillars of Islam.

"O Allah! Accept it as haji mabroor, a journey of

## thankfulness, and sins forgiven."

Know that if we are successful in perfecting the pillars and obligatory of hajj, without destroying our 'ibaadah of haji by violating

the restrictions imposed, then we are still eligible to reap all the virtues promised by Allah, as follows:

1- We will attain hajj *mabroor* as it was mentioned in the hadeeth of Abu Hurayrah radiyAllaahu'anh where صلى الله عليه وسلم said: "(The performance of) 'Umrah is an expiation for

the sins committed (between it and the previous one). And the reward of Hajj Mabroor (the one accepted by Allah) is nothing except Paradise."

(Agreed Upon)

2- All of our sins will be forgiven as if we are newborn. This promise was mentioned by Rasulullah عليه وسلم in the hadeeth of Abu Hurayrah radiyAllaahu'anh where Rasulullah صلى الله said:

"Whoever performs Hajj to this Ka'bah and does not approach his wife for sexual relations nor commit sins (while performing Hajj), he will come out as sinless as a

## newborn child (just delivered by his mother).

(al-Bukhaari)

Therefore, for those who have yet to register for hajj (with Tabung Haji) should hasten to do so, have plenty of patience, and supplicate for increased sustenance, that its (hajj) affairs will be

facilitated with ease, and that it (hajj) will happen soon. In concluding the khutbah on this noble day, the congregation is reminded to take note of the following points:

1- The Muslim *ummah* must have firm belief and certainty upon the teachings of the Messengers from the time of until علیه سلام Adam صلى الله that they all عليه وسلم have the same basic

foundation of 'aqeedah, which is the Oneness (tawheed) of Allah.

2- Those that will be soon depart for the 'ibaadah of hajj should purify their intention that their journey to

the holy land is for none other than to absolutely abide by the commands of Allah.

3-Once returned from the holy land, it is an indication that one has successfully completed the exercise of elevating imaan and taqwa unto becoming purer and firmer. Hence, the pilgrims

that have returned to their homeland must remain istigaamah in performing their "ibaadah as they were during the days in the holy land of Makkah, with deeds such as reciting al-Qur'an,

frequenting the masjid with resoluteness, praying in congregation, and manifesting virtuous akhlaag.

"That [is so]. And whoever honors the symbols of Allah indeed, it is from the piety of hearts." (al-Hajj 22:32)

بَارَكَ اللهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيْمِ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيْمِ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيْمِ وَلَكُمْ بِمَا فِيْهِ مِنَ الْأَيَاتِ وَالذَّكْرِ الْحَكِيْم وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلاَوَتُهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ. أَقُولُ قَوْلِيْ هَذَا وَأَسْتَغُورُ الله الْعَظِيْمَ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِيْنَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِيْنَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ الْأَحْبَاعِ 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 (صلى الله ) 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

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 fuqaraa'and masaakin, and those that have

made waqfand 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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