



UNITED WE

STAND,

DIVIDED

WE FALL





On this blessed opportunity, in a sacred place, and on a noble day, let us always safeguard and increase our imaan and our quality of taqwa of Allah in the truest

sense, which is taqwa attained in hoping to please Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala not mankind. It is the taqwa that is manifested through righteous deeds in fulfilling every Commands of Allah and His Messenger, solely hoping for the Mercy of Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala and striving to the utmost to avoid and abstain from everything prohibited by Allah and His Messenger

due to the fear of the torment and punishment of Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala. Let us altogether internalize upon today's khutbah entitled:

> "United We Stand, Divided We Fall"

The history of mankind began with unity. The family of Adam عليه سلام was adherent to a samawi (heavenly) religion that is firmly rooted upon tawheed (Oneness of Allah) and firm

obedience to Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala. The conflict of division amongst humans began with the conflict between Habil and Qabil, which originated from hasad (jealousy) and deceits

purely for the sake of hoarding worldly gain. Indeed, that is the reality on the history of human discord that was triggered by the motive of loving this world (hubb addunya) that

mankind failed to control and restrain themselves from being overcome by their own desire, jealousy, and greed, hence they rejected the truth. In rectifying the disunity amongst mankind,

messengers were sent with Kitaab (Holy Scripture) from Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala. The messengers' main mission is to unite mankind by inviting them to the unity of 'ageedah, unity

of Sharee'ah, and unity of the noble akhlaaq and 'amal saalih (righteous deeds). Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala mentions in al-Qur'an:

"Mankind was [of] one religion [before their deviation]; then Allah sent the prophets as bringers of good tidings and warners and sent down with them the Scripture in truth to

judge between the people concerning that in which they differed. And none differed over the Scripture except those who were given it - after the clear proofs came to them - out

of jealous animosity among themselves. And Allah guided those who believed to the truth concerning that over which they had differed, by His permission. And Allah

guides whom He wills to a straight path."

(al-8 agarah 2:213)

Division is a calamity inflicted by Allah due to corrupted human behavior. The biggest mischief would be the betrayal of the pledge by humans to uphold the teachings of Allah.

Those were the core of the Sharee'ah of Allah, which is the tawheed of Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala. More than that, the division amongst mankind is due to their negligence,

forgetfulness, and ignoring the reminders of Allah regarding His true teachings.

Al-Qur'an was revealed to a people that thrived upon tribalism. They had passionate zeal and fanaticism upon their own clan and tribe. In any longstanding feud,

the question of who is right or who is wrong is never a concern. What is important is "to whom does such-and-such person belong to?! Our people must be defended even if they are wrong!"

This is what is deemed as 'asabiyyah jaahiliyyah (tribalism from the pre-Islamic era of Ignorance) or fanatical racial bigotry that is severely prohibited in Islam. In a hadeeth narrated by Bint

Waathilah bin al-Asqa⁶ radiy Allaahu 'anhuma where she heard her father asked: "O Rasulullah, what is 'asabiyyah?" Rasulullah تreplied عليه وسلم

"It is to help your people in an unjust cause"

(Abu Dawood: da'eef with sound meaning)

The unity that al-Qur'an calls for is the union that is founded upon brotherhood that grew out of the tagwa of Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala. Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala

mentions in al-Qur'an: "O mankind, indeed We have created you from male and female and made you peoples and tribes that you may know one another. Indeed, the most noble of

you in the sight of Allah is the most righteous of you. Indeed, Allah is Knowing and Acquainted."

(al-Hujuraat 49:13)

Brotherhood that is firmly established upon the teachings of Allah's Religion is a bounty from Allah that is truly priceless. This reality can be truly felt by those who have positively

transformed from enmity to fraternity, just like the one experienced by the tribes of Aws and Khazraj. Both were Arabs, from the same ethnicity, culture, and land but were enemies to each

other for generations. In Madeenah, there was a group of Jews who were acting as firebrand instigating the Arabs against each other so as to gain from the neverending conflict. There was

no formula, whether political, economic or even 'asabiyyah that could unite them. It was only the Sharee'ah of Allah that finally put an end to the bitter feud and vengeance

amongst them. The unity of the Muslim ummah cannot be achieved solely based upon political consideration alone. It must be born out of hearts that are nurtured and fertile with taqwa and

servitude to Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala. The success in the efforts of uniting the Muslim ummah truly depends upon the factor of having purely cleansed hearts and always hoping for

the pleasure of Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala. The unity of the Muslim ummah must be based on solid commitment to unite upon the Sharee'ah of Allah, upholding and glorifying the

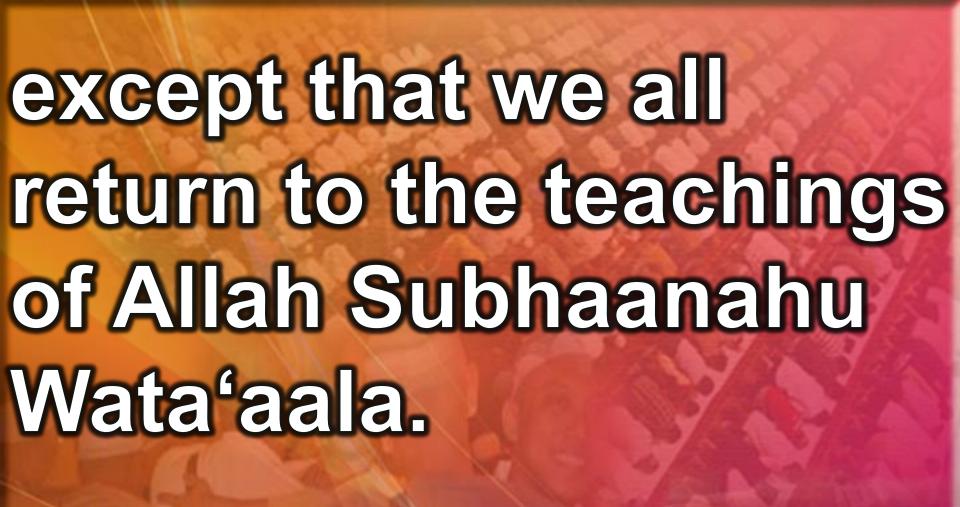
teachings of Allah as He Subhaanahu Wata'aala had mentioned in al-Qur'an: "O you who have believed, be persistently standing firm for Allah, witnesses in justice, and do not let the

hatred of a people prevent you from being just. Be just; that is nearer to righteousness. And fear Allah; indeed, Allah is Acquainted with what you

(al-Maa'idah 5.8)

We truly admit that everything befalls and inflicts the Muslim ummah are due to the wrongdoing and transgression that mankind has committed against Allah Subhaanahu

Wata'aala. And the bounty of unity and brotherhood is also from the countless bounties bestowed by Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala. For that, there is no other way that can lead to true unity

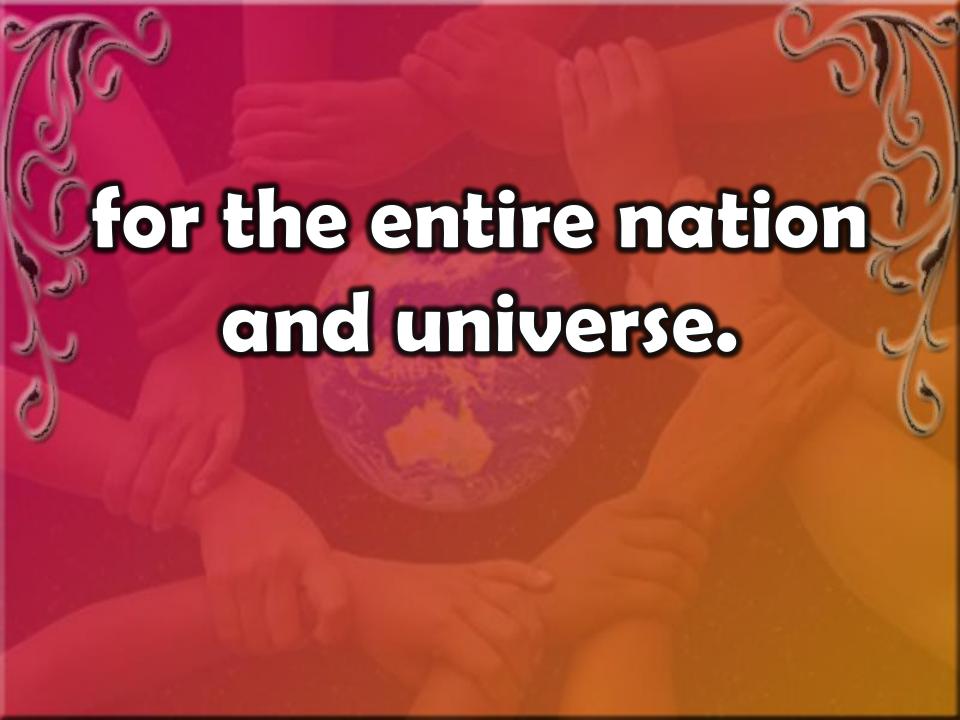


"So those who believe in Allah and hold fast to Him -He will admit them to mercy from Himself and bounty and guide them to Himself on a straight path" (an-Sisaa' 4:175) بَارَكَ اللهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيْمِ وَتَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيْهِ مِنَ الأَيَاتِ وَالذَّكْرِ الْحَكِيْمِ وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلاوَتُهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيغُ الْعَلِيْمُ. أَقُولُ قَوْلِيْ هَذَا وَأُسْتَغُورُ اللهَ الْعَظِيْمَ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِيْنَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِيْنَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ الْأَحْيَاعِ مِنْهُمْ وَالاَّمْوَات 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



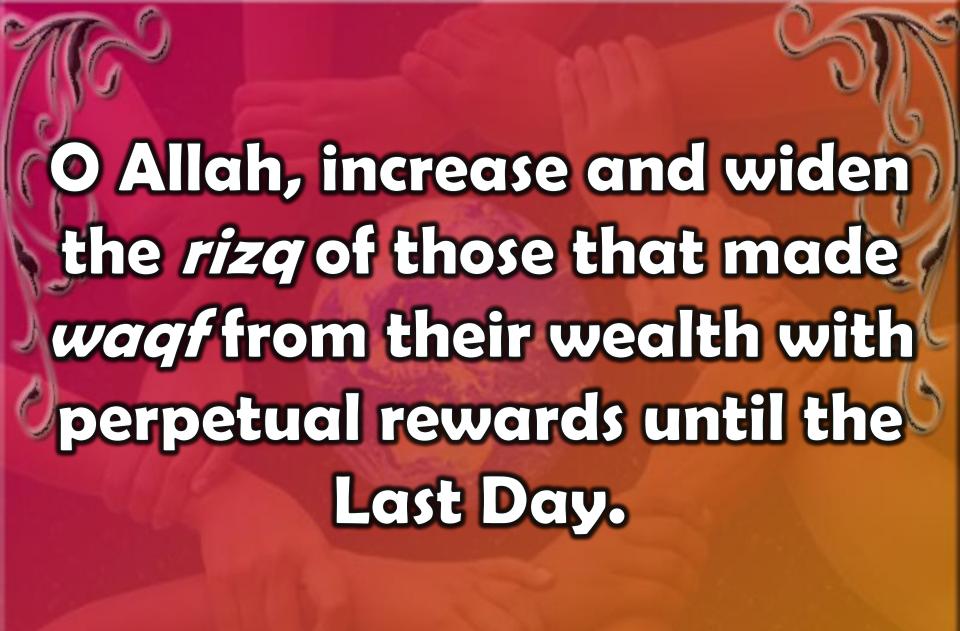
O Allah, You are the Lord that is All Mighty, we are grateful to You for having bestowed upon us rahmah and ni'mah, that we are able to continue the effort in empowering the Muslim ummah especially in Selangor, as an

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







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