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Commands and leaving all of His prohibitions. May we become among those having taqwa, attaining success and salvation in this world and the Hereafter. The topic of today's khutbah is:

"Spreading Fitnah
Destroys The Ummah"

Fitnah that we will be discussing today refers to allegation or accusation fabricated whether in the form of pictures, news, and others, which could defame or humiliate an individual,

institution, a group, and the like. In this modern age and the era of technology, the spread of fitnah (slander) can easily take place whether through speech, short messaging system (SMS),

e-mail, websites or blogs, WhatsApp, Facebook, Instagram, and many others. The spread of fitnah would happen so quick, widespread, and easily accessible without being

cautious in verifying the information received. Then, without hesitation, it is conveyed to others. Such behavior is strongly prohibited in Islam. This is because Islam teaches its

adherents that for every piece of information received especially from those deemed as faasig (transgressor), one must always verify beforehand before spreading to others.

Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala mentions in al-Qur'an:

"O you who have believed, if there comes to you a disobedient one with information, investigate,

lest you harm a people out of ignorance and become, over what you have done, regretful"

(al-Hujuraat 49:6)

Based on this verse, it is obligatory upon very Muslim to investigate every piece of information received so as to not become involved in spreading news that are defamatory in nature.

Any news received must be verified of its authenticity. The wisdom and sanity of the mind must be critically utilized so that one does not easily become hoodwinked by fitnahoriented news.

The culture of slandering, spreading and sharing fitnah, with its modern day terminology being referred to as "share" and "like", are truly heinous and hated by Islam that they are regarded

as major sins. Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala mentions in al-Qur'an: "Indeed, those who like that immorality should be spread [or publicized] among those who have

believed will have a painful punishment in this world and the Hereafter. And Allah knows and you do not know"

(an-Noor 24:19)

Spreading fitnah, backbiting and its like actually occurs whether we realize it or not, and it is from among the wicked habits where one would utter or mention about someone else's shortcomings

without actually verifying it beforehand. The one spreading news would typically mention "dengar khabar" (I heard....), "khabar angin" (rumor), or "viral". However, when such

information is transmitted from an individual to another, repeatedly, then the unverified information gets accepted as if it has become factual and real authentic news.

Why is fitnah deemed as evil, sinful, and severely warned by Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala? **Among the severe threats** and sins of fitnah and those spreading fitnah mentioned

in al-Qur'an and as-Sunnah are:

1. Those spreading fitnah whom are deemed as the most dangerous and having committed major sins, with their testimony unaccepted

forever (as witness), actually refers to the fitnah of Qazaf (accusing someone of committing zinaa without any witness), as Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala mentions in al-Qur'an:

"And those who accuse chaste women and then do not produce four witnesses - lash them with eighty lashes and do not accept from them testimony ever after. And those are the

defiantly disobedient" (an-Noor 24:4)

2. Those spreading fitnah and backbite are deemed as the most despicable of human. It was narrated from

'Abdurrahmaan bin Ghanim radiyAllaahu'anh that Rasulullah عليه وسلم said: "The worst among the slaves of Allah are those who go about slandering, sowing discord between

friends in order to separate them, and desiring to lead the innocent into wrong action"

(Ahmad: da'eef with sound meaning)

3. Spreading fitnah and backbiting are likened to eating the flesh of one's own brother. Indeed, no sensible person would actually devour human flesh, let alone their own brethren's.

Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala mentions in al-Qur'an: "O you who have believed, avoid much [negative] assumption. Indeed, some assumption is sin. And

not spy or backbite each other. Would one of you like to eat the flesh of his brother when dead? You would detest it. And fear Allah; indeed, Allah is Accepting of repentance

and Merciful"

(al-Hujuraat 49:12)

4. The instigator, tattletale, and "batu api" (firebrand) will be severely tormented in the grave. Narrated ibn

'Abbaas radiyAllaahu'anhuma: The Prophet صلى الله once passed by two graves and said: "These two persons are being tortured not for a major sin (to avoid).

One of them never saved himself from being soiled with his urine, while the other used to go about with calumnies (to make enmity between friends)..."

(al-Bukhaari and Muslim)

Aside from the threats and sins of fitnah and causing fitnah as mentioned in the Shara', fitnah also causes harm in societal living and nationhood. Among them:

1. The sins of those who fabricate and spread fitnah are deemed as sins between individuals. These sins will not be forgiven until those slandered against actually forgive those immoral acts.

2. Fitnah actually destroys the household and disunite the society. It is due to fitnah that relationship between siblings, spouses, neighbors, and others are severed, leading to neverending

animosity. Furthermore, spreading fitnah is likened to the raging blaze burning the peat soil. Or fire in the husk (hidden evil), spreading rapidly eventually turning into flying ashes or dusts that

would only inconvenient and hurt the masses, harming the nation. 3. Fitnah is a despicable act that is done only with the intention to disgrace individuals or groups.

It is just like the saying "pelt the stone, then hide the hand", "stabbing behind the back", and also "thorn within the flesh".

4. The culture of fabricating and spreading fitnah can threaten the stability and security of the nation. Therefore, let us not allow our own selves, our family, and our surrounding

community to become tools or agents that would invent and spread fitnah, which can cause turmoil and threaten the nation's stability.

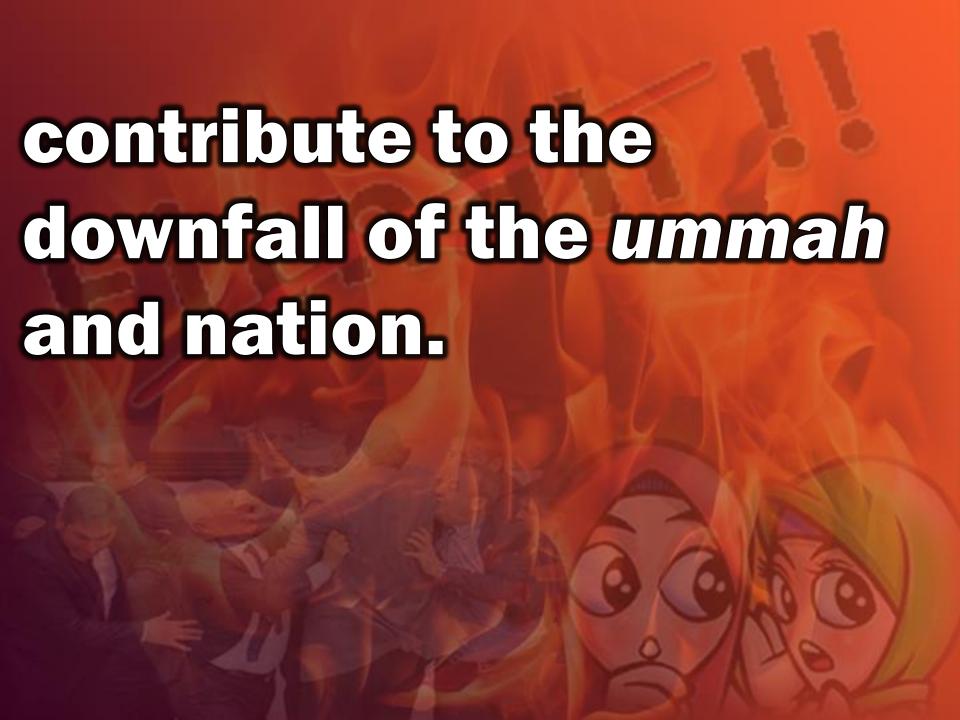
5. Fitnah can viciously tarnish the dignity of individuals or groups. Hence, it can cause the innocent party to be deemed as guilty.

The lessons and tawjeehaat (directive guiding rules) that can be suggested from today's khutbah are as follows: 1. The Muslim ummah must avoid the evil culture spreading fitnah for it is heinous and can demolish the harmony within the household, destroying the society, and harming the nation's stability and security.

2. It behooves every Muslim individual to thoroughly investigate every news received especially those labeled as "rumors" or "I heard..." so that he or she will not become involved in



3. The Muslim ummah must realize that all strife and confusion becomes unsolvable when the disease of fitnahmongering becomes widespread. Furthermore, it only will



"The believers are but brothers, so make settlement between your brothers. And fear Allah that you may receive mercy"

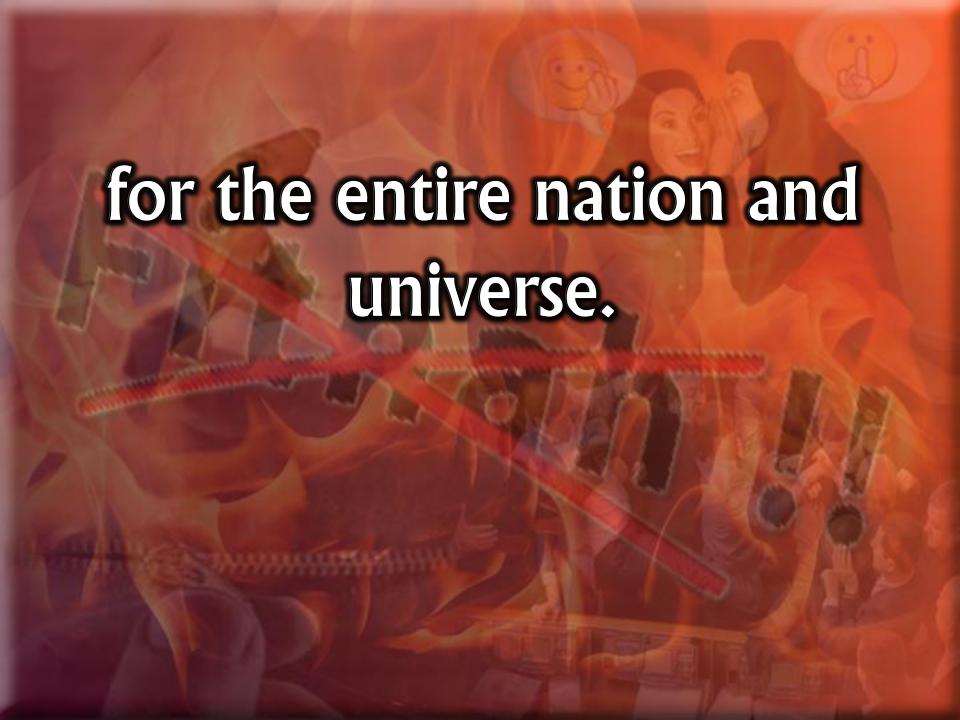
(al-Hujuraat 49:10)

بَارَكَ اللهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيْمِ وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيْهِ مِنَ الأَيَاتِ وَالذُّكْرِ الْحَكِيْمِ وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلاوَتُهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ. أَقُولُ قُولِي هَذَا وَأَسْتَغُورُ اللهَ الْعَظِيْمَ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِيْنَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُوْمِنِيْنَ وَالْمُوْمِنَاتِ الْأَحْيَاعِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأُمْوَاتُ 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 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 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 rizg of those that made wagf from their wealth with perpetual rewards until the Last Day.

