





WHEN HEARTS HAVE UNITED, MAKE SURE THAT PARADISE IS YOURS



I remind myself and all of us to continuously remain devoted in having the taqwa of Allah, by upholding all of His Commands and avoiding all of His prohibitions.

Everyone amongst us, whether righteous or not, would daydream and hope that we will eventually become among the dwellers of Paradise. However, to ensure that Paradise is ours,

definitely it has conditions that must be fulfilled. Hence, for this reason, let us open up our eyes and our hearts wide open to contemplate upon the khutbah on this noble day

entitled: "When Hearts Have United, Make Sure That Paradise Is Yours" In al-Qur'an and ahaadeeth, there are many commands and instructions, and also

explanation that the believers are brothers to each other. The brotherhood built upon the basis of 'ageedah and religion is much stronger than brotherhood based upon blood relations and lineage.

Verily, preserving harmony in the brotherhood of 'ageedah and religion is among the main conditions that enables one to become the inhabitant of Paradise.

Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala and His Messenger have commanded us to examine and ponder upon textual evidences from al-Qur'an and Hadeeth Nabawi (Prophet Tradition)

regarding loving fellow Muslim brethren. Among them:

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

"The believers are but brothers, so make settlement between your brothers. And fear Allah that you may receive mercy" (al-Hujuraat 49:10) Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala mentions in al-Qur'an: "And obey Allah and His Messenger, and do not dispute and [thus] lose courage and [then]

strength would depart; and be patient. Indeed, Allah is with the patient" (al-Anfaal 8:46)

Moreover, the hadeeth narrated by Abu Hurayrah radiyAllaahu'anh where

Rasulullah عليه وسلم said: "By the One in Whose Hand is my soul! You will not enter Paradise until you believe, and you will not believe until you love one another. Shall I inform

you about a matter which if you do it, then you will love one another? Spread the Salaam among each other"

Muslim, at-Tirmidhi, Abu Dawood, ibn Maajah)

In another hadeeth, Abu
Hurayrah radiyAllaahuʻanh
narrated that Rasulullah عليه وسلم said:

"Beware of suspicion, for suspicion is the worst of false tales; and do not look

look for the others' faults and do not spy, and do not be jealous of one another, and do not desert (cut your relation with) one another, and do not hate one another;

and O Allah's worshipers! Be brothers!" (al-Bukhaari)

For those who have attained tranquility, with their hearts filled with khushoo' in

accepting and upholding Islam on their shoulder, then it suffices with only a few verses of al-Qur'an and ahaadeeth for them to utter "we hear and we obey." Actually, even without

verses of al-Qur'an or ahaadeeth, resorting to the sane mind and pondering upon the reality of the Muslim ummah nowadays and the past, then we would surely conclude that there is

no other option for the Muslim ummah but to strengthen the bond of brotherhood and unity. Indeed, the survival of the ummah will not be preserved without unity.

Are we capable of enduring the calamity of division, one after another, until there is nothing else to divide, that in the end we become an ummah that is weak and inferior, possessing no value. Such is the scenario depicted by Rasulullah عليه وسلم as كُغْتَاعِ السَّيْلِ غَتَاعٍ

meaning that the numbers will be great but like the froth in the sea, incompetent and having no strength due

to disputes after disputes. In addition, let us not forget that lately, the enemies of Islam have become more audacious in insulting Islam. They would even question the status of the Sultans as

the head of religious affairs in every state, for in their perspective, the Muslims have long lost their prominence. Furthermore, they deem that the Muslims are akin to "paper tiger,"

devoid of strength. Such nightmare will eventually become a reality if the Muslim ummah remain divided, wal 'iyaadhu billaah (may Allah forbid).

Realizing upon the need for the Muslim ummah to unite and the ugliness of disunity and discord, I would like to share a few tips or remedy on how division can be avoided. So please listen

carefully and ponder upon these matters:

1. The Muslim ummah must place Allah and His Messenger above everything else. Therefore, the Muslim

ummah must give utmost priority to Allah's Commands, remaining united to uphold and fulfill His Ordainments and abiding by His prohibitions. Verily, disunity is a path leading

towards defeat. Let us instill confidence within ourselves upon the truth of the صلىالله message of Rasulullah that Paradise is only deserving for the believers that truly loves one another.

Preserving al-adaab alikhtilaaf or etiquettes in dealing with differences of opinion is a must for the Muslim ummah, especially for the 'ulamaa', politicians,

and leaders at every levels of society. Know that those who lived during the times of the salaf (the pious predecessors) and khalaf (those after the salaf) were open in dealing with

differences of opinion. For them, there was no issue to have differing opinion in matters that can be disagreed upon. They could accept a diversity of opinion and remain respectable of

other, while determining the strategy, ways, and methods to uphold the survival of the ummah. The words of al-Imaam as-Shaafi'i rahimahullaah should become our principle and

guidance in dealing and observing differences of opinion. In this context, he had once said: "My opinion is correct, but could be wrong. Equally I believe the opposing view

wrong, but could be correct"

He also said:

"I never once argued with an opponent except that I made du'aa to Allah to show me the truth on his

It is waajib upon the Muslim ummah to guard and control their verbal utterances so as to not utter words that could sow seeds of discord. We must remain careful and

dignified in uttering words that could degrade the views and opinions of others. Let us abstain from being easily instigated and very passionate in judging others, and hurling obscenities such

as: kaafir, shirk, bid'ah, it is not Shar'i, it is not thiqah (trustworthy), nincompoop, moron, numskull, and others. Expressions like these and its like, though pleasing to the ears for some, would

actually sow seeds of hatred towards our Muslim brethren. Indeed, the method of da'wah or usloob ad-da'wah taught by al-Qur'an is to call upon others with wisdom and good advice,

which is to persuade rather than condemn. This method of da'wah can be learned from the story of Nabi Moosa and Haroon 'alayhimas-salaam when they were commanded to

give da'wah to Fir'awn, as mentioned in al-Qur'an: "Go, both of you, to Pharaoh. Indeed, he has transgressed. And speak to him with gentle speech that perhaps he may be

reminded or fear [Allah]"

(Ta-Ha 20:43-44)

The pearls of advice that can be garnered from today's noble assembly are

as follows:

1. It is waajib upon the Muslim ummah to preserve their ukhuwwah or ties of brotherhood amongst them.

The Muslim ummah must refrain from creating disunity and discord.



The Muslim ummah must strive its utmost to attain the pleasure of Allah and deserving of Paradise as promised.



"O you who have believed, obey Allah and obey the Messenger and those in authority among you. And if you disagree over anything, refer it to Allah and the Messenger,

you should believe in Allah and the Last Day. That is the best [way] and best in result"

(an-Nisaa' 4:59)



بَارَكَ اللهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيْمِ وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيْهِ مِنَ الأَيَاتِ وَالذَّكْرِ الْحَكِيْم وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلاوَتُهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيْمُ. أَقُولُ قُولِي هَذَا وَأَسْتَغُورُ اللهَ الْعَظِيْمَ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِيْنَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِيْنَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ الْأَحْبَاعِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأُمْوَاتِ فَاسْتَغْفِرُوْهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيْمُ

Once again, I would like to remind all of us that Islam teaches 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

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 masaakeen, 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.

O Allah, increase and widen the rizq of those that made waqf from their wealth with perpetual rewards until the Last







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