



His Commands, and avoiding all of His prohibitions. May Allah bless our lives with bounties, strength, and guidance that are everlasting, and may we attain success in this world

and the Hereafter. The topic of today's khutbah is "A Prosperous State, Blessed By Allah"

Attaining the bounty of prosperity, comfort, and security in this life is the desire of every human. In al-Qur'an, Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala mentioned the story of a nation that had

attained all types of prosperity, wealth, security, and at the same time Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala bestowed upon them His Mercy and Pleasure upon that nation and its citizen.

This nation is known as Sabaa'.

Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala mentions in al-Qur'an:

"There was for [the tribe of Sabaa' in their dwelling place a sign: two [fields of] gardens on the right and on the left. [They were told], "Eat from the provisions of your Lord

and be grateful to Him. A good land [have you], and a forgiving Lord""

(Sabaa' 34:15)

Sabaa' is the name of a nation that used to live in

southern Yemen, a fertile area, of which some remained until today. They rose high with amazing feats as a civilization that they were able to irrigate water from heavy rain in the

coastal areas of the southern region, and built a lake that was flanked by two hills in the eastern region. At the surface of the valley between those two hills, they had built a great dam that was

able to contain a huge volume of water at the back of the dam, and they were able to operate it according to their need. From this dam, they have with them a great amount of water source,

famously known as the Ma'arib Dam. Farms that flourished on the left and right side of the state indicated a state that is fertile, prosperous, opulent, and full of blessings.

Based on the story of the nation of Sabaa' in the Qur'anic verse recited earlier, there are several key matters that we can take as guidelines in making this state to always remain

consistent as a state that is prosperous and attaining the pleasure of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala. Therefore, these following measures are to be implemented, namely:

First: To become a state that is prosperous and pleasing to Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala, it necessitates the implementation of the Islamic Sharee 'ah holistically (shumool) and

comprehensive at all levels whether in economics, social, politics, education, and legislative. This is also the true objective of our lives on Allah's earth as vicegerents whom are

obligated to uphold the commands of Allah in all aspects of life. Indeed, implementing the legislation and the principles of the Sharee'ah will bring about rahmah to the worlds and

providing guidance to mankind. Second: To become a state that is prosperous and pleasing to Allah, it behooves the leaders to remain firmly just in

implementing policies and orders, firm in making decisions that are beneficial to the masses, trustworthy upon the authority entrusted, honest, possessing sharp intelligence, knowledgeable

in the worldly and religious knowledge, and skillful in governing and administering the state. These are the characteristics meant by the phrase "Qawiyy al-Ameen" mentioned by Allah in

al-Qur'an: "...Indeed, the best one you can hire is the strong and the trustworthy"

(al-Qasas 28:26)

Third: To become a state

that is prosperous and pleasing to Allah, we must safeguard and block all paths of disobedience (ma'siyyah) and transgression (munkar), which would only incur the Wrath of Allah Subhaanahu

Wa Ta'aala. Verily, all efforts in preventing elements of transgression and disobedience will result in security and well being in our lives. On the contrary,

allowing disobedience to become rampant within the state will only cause hardship and punishment upon everyone's lives. 'Ali ibn Abi Taalib radiyAllaahv 'anh narrated that Rasulullah عليه وسلم said: "When my ummah does fifteen things, the afflictions will occur in it." It was said: "What are they O Messenger of Allah?" He عليه وسلم said:

"When al-Maghnam (the spoils of war) are distributed (preferentially), trust is usurped, zakaah is a fine, a man obeys his wife and disobeys his mother, he is kind to his friend and

abandons his father, voices are raised in the masaajid, the leader of the people is the most despicable among them, the most honored man is the one whose evil the people are afraid of,

intoxicants are drunk, silk is worn (by males), there is a fascination for singing slave-girls and music, and the end of this ummah curses its beginning. When that occurs, anticipate a red wind, collapsing of the earth, and transformation"

(at-Tirmidhi: da'eef)

Four: To become a state that is prosperous and pleasing

Allah, we must double our efforts in protecting the welfare of all, irrespective of their ethnicity, race, or lineage. Aside from that, upholding full justice that is upon the scales of imaan and

tagwa as priority in rejecting interests that are based upon lineage, ethnicity, and the color of the skin will attract peace and blessings, in accordance with Islam as a religion of mercy to the

worlds.

Five: To become a state that is prosperous and pleasing to Allah, its citizens must become those having tagwa in all aspects of lives, always grateful for the bounties

bestowed by Allah by doing good to the creations, inculcating ta'aawun (cooperate in righteousness) by fulfilling zakaat and increasing sadagah, remaining obedient to the

righteous ruler, loving the poor and needy, respecting the rights of others based on humanitarian ground, thus binding the union amongst mankind regardless of creed, race, and lineage. Allah

Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala mentions in al-Qur'an: "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, if you should believe in Allah and the Last Day. That is the best [way] and best in result"

(an-Nisaa' 4:59)

Six: To become a state that is prosperous and pleasing to Allah, the leaders and citizens must place great reliance upon Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala, always working together and

consulting each other so as to attain the mercy and blessings from Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala, as He mentions in al-Qur'an:

"... and consult them in the matter. And when you have decided, then rely upon Allah. Indeed, Allah loves those who rely [upon Him]"

(Aal-'Imraan 3:159)

With these guidelines, it behoove the Muslim ummah to:

1. Realize and comprehend that we all truly shoulder the responsibility as vicegerents of Allah on this earth.

2. Supporting our 'vlamaa' (Muslim scholars) and leaders to always cooperate in upholding justice and implementing the Sharee 'ah of Allah.

3. Remaining alert and mindful that disobedience to the commands of Allah will only incur Wrath and affliction from Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala.

4. Always responsible in preserving the unity, safeguarding the peacefulness, and well being of nationhood living.

"[And they are] those who, if We give them authority in the land, establish prayer and give zakaah and enjoin what is right and forbid what is wrong.

And to Allah belongs the outcome of [all] matters"

(al-Hajj 22:41)

بَارَكَ اللهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيْمِ وَنَفَعَنِي وَاللّهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيْمِ وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيْهِ مِنَ الْأَيَاتِ وَالذّكْرِ الْحَكِيْمِ وَإِيّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيْهِ مِنَ الْأَيَاتِ وَالذّكْرِ الْحَكِيْمِ وَإِيّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيْهِ مِنْ الْأَيَاتِ وَالذّكْرِ الْحَكِيْمِ وَمَنْكُمْ تِلاوَتَهُ إِنّهُ هُوَ السّمِيعُ وَمَنْكُمْ تِلاوَتَهُ إِنّهُ هُوَ السّمِيعُ

أَقُولُ قُولِيْ هَذَا وَأَسْتَغُفِرُ اللهَ الْعَظِيْمَ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ وَالْمُسْلِمِيْنَ وَالْمُسْلِمِاتِ فَاسْتَغُفِرُوْهُ وَلَمُسْلِمِيْنَ وَالْمُسْلِمِيْنَ وَالْمُسْلِمُونَ وَالْمُسْلِمِيْنَ وَالْمُسْلِمُونَ اللَّهُ وَلَا لَاللَّالِمُ لِلْمُسْلِمِيْنَ وَالْمُسْلِمِيْنَ وَالْمُسْلِمِيْنِ وَالْمُسْلِمِيْنَ وَالْمُسْلِمِيْنَ وَالْمُسْلِمِيْنَ وَالْمُسْلِمِيْنِ وَالْمُسْلِمُ لِلْمُسْلِمِيْنَ وَالْمُسْلِمِيْنِ وَالْمُسْلِمِيْنِ وَالْمُعُلِمُ لَلْمُسْلِمِيْنِ وَالْمُسْلِمِيْنَ وَلَالِلْمُ لِمُسْلِمُ لِلْمُسْلِمِيْنَ وَلِيْمُ لِلْمُسْلِمِيْنَ وَلَالِلْمُ لِلْمُ لَلْمُسْلِمُ لِلْمُ لِلْمُ لَلْمُ لِلْمُسْلِمُ لِمُسْلِمُ لِمُسْلِمُ لِلْمُ لِلْمُ لِمُسْلِمُ لِمُ لِلْمُ لِلْمُ لِلْمُ لِمُسْلِمُ لِمُسْلِمُ لِمُسْلِمُ لِمُ لِلْمُ لِمُسْلِمُ لِمُسْلِمُ لَلْمُ لِلْمُ لِلْمُ لِمُسْلِمُ لِمُ لَلْمُ لِمُسْلِمُ لِمُسْلِمُ لِمُ لَلْمُ لِلْمُ لِلْمُ لِلْمُ لِلْمُ لِلْمُ لِمُسْلِمُ لِمُ لِلْمُ لِمُسْلِمُ لِمُسْلِمُ لِمُ لَلْمُ لِلْمُ لِلْمُ لِمُ لِلْمُ لِ



Once again, I would like to remind all of us that Islam teaches its adherents to remain moderate in every actions and deeds. At the same time, the Muslims are to avoid any form of deviant ideologies and

extremism in which its consequences will only disrupt the harmony, unity, and security of the Muslim ummah and our nation. As Muslims, we are to manifest noble *akhlaaq*, having utmost personality and attitude

for Rasulullah عليه وسلم was sent to perfect akhlaaq and as mercy for the entire mankind and the worlds.

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, under the auspices and leadership of our Ruler as the Head of Islamic Affairs in this state.

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 state will become more peaceful and blessed.

O Allah, we sincerely beseech You, strengthen our beliefs according to the creed of Ahl as-Sunnah wal Jamaa'ah, and protect us from the practices and 'ageedah that are astray such as the Shee'is, Qadiyaani, and other ideologies.

O Allah, open up our hearts in fulfilling the five daily prayers, performing zakaat, and other obligations, as well as making waqf and infaaq of our wealth especially to Perbadanan Wakaf Negeri Selangor (Selangor Waqf

Corporation) and Tabung Amanah Pembangunan Islam Selangor (Islamic **Development Trust Fund of** Selangor). With these deeds, O Allah, bless our lives and widen our *rizq* with perpetual rewards until the Last Day.





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