



Let us manifest our gratefulness to Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala by performing all of His Commands and avoiding all of His prohibitions.

May we become among the muttagoon, attaining success and blissfulness in this world and the Hereafter.

At this blessed moment, let us ponder and internalize upon a khutbah entitled:

"HASTEN TOWARDS ALL THAT IS GOOD"

Hastening in performing good deeds is a command from Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala and also encouragement to His believing slaves to always remain in such state.

Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala mentions in al-Qur'an (interpretation of the meaning): "For each [religious following] is a direction toward which it faces.

So race to [all that is] good. Wherever you may be, Allah will bring you forth [for judgment] all together. Indeed, Allah is over all things competent" (al-Bagarah 2:148)

Here, it is clear that Islam is a religion that emphasizes upon good and encourages its adherents to "race" towards all that is good. Good in Islam refers to any deed that is virtuous,

in accordance with the Sharee'ah, and pleasing to Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala. It encompasses aspects of 'ibaadah and social matters or "hablum min Allah" (relationship

with Allah) and "hablum min an-naas" (human relations). So, having imaan in Allah and remaining in obedience is a virtuous deed. Having sincere intention and practicing with ikhlaas

(sincerity) is a virtue. Similarly, doing good unto others is also a virtue.

It is from the human fitrah or natural disposition to long for success and victory.

No one with a sane mind will actually yearn for failure. Win or lose, successful or not, is the norm in life. Typically, whoever strives will succeed. To succeed, one needs to have

the burning desire to hasten in doing good. This spirit should be nurtured and nourished in the hearts of every believer. Therefore, in performing good deeds, let us not

dilly-dally or procrastinate, but instead let us engage ourselves in righteous deeds during our free time before we become busy, while we are still healthy before we become sick, while we are

still breathing before we are no longer living, and before there come upon us obstacles that are unexpected. Abu Hurayrah radiy Allaahu 'anh reported: Rasulullah صلى الله Said:

"Be prompt in doing good deeds (before you are overtaken) by turbulence which would be like a part of the dark night. A man would be a believer in the morning and turn to

disbelief in the evening, or he would be a believer in the evening and turn disbeliever in the morning, and would sell his faith for worldly goods"

(Muslim)

Hastening to perform good deeds should be based upon one's own capability, regardless of the location or areas of expertise. For example, a university lecturer or schoolteacher

must convey their knowledge to the students or pupils in the best possible manner. A doctor must do his best in carrying out his duty in treating the patients. An employee in the public or

private sector must possess dedication and remain innovative in his duty. A farmer should be diligent in reaping the fruition of his agricultural work. A leader must execute his tasks in

the best possible way. In short, Islam encourages the Muslims to always hasten in doing good according to one's own capacity, talent, and expertise. Hence, let us race and work

with diligence, trustworthiness and dedication, for all goods performed in this world will be accounted for by Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala, and they will be displayed in

front of everyone in the Hereafter, and rewarded accordingly to the deeds performed. Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala says (interpretation of the meaning):

"And say, "Do [as you will], for Allah will see your deeds, and [so, will] His Messenger and the believers. And you will be returned to the Knower of the unseen and the

witnessed, and He will inform you of what you used to do"" (at-Tawbah 9:105)

Those having *imaan* and performing righteous deeds

are the best of people, for they will attain a high status in the Sight of Allah, enjoying blissfulness and bounties that are incomparable in the Hereafter. They will be

spared from the severe torment of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala and admitted into Paradise that is full of bounties, as a reward for all virtuous deeds performed on earth. Such is

the Promise of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala. Therefore, hasten towards all that is good in attaining pleasure and tremendous reward from Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala.

Narrated Abu Hurayrah radiy Allaahu 'anh: Rasulullah صلى الله said: "Hasten to do good deeds before you are overtaken by one of the seven afflictions." Then (giving

a warning) he عليه وسلم said, "Are you waiting for such poverty which will make you unmindful of devotion; or prosperity which will make you corrupt, or disease that will disable

you, or such senility that will make you mentally unstable, or sudden death, or ad-Dajjaal who is the worst expected absent, or the Hour, and the Hour will be most grievous

and most bitter" (at-Tirmidhi: hasan ghareeb)

Remember, O believers! Abundance of wealth, having many children, high stature, and authority are

all blessings from Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala to His slaves as a trial to see whether they would become grateful through the obedience of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala by

fulfilling all of His Commands and avoiding all of His prohibitions, or instead drowned and heedless, lulled by worldly luxuries. Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala explains that the

believers that would race to all that is good in their lives, it is they whom are the successful ones, and will be in the forefront ahead of other nations. As Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala

mentions (interpretation of the meaning): "It is those who hasten to good deeds, and they outstrip [others] therein" (al-Mu'minoon 23:61) In concluding today's khutbah, I would like to remind the Muslim ummah to do the following:

1. The Muslim *ummah* must have full certainty that death

is of surety and all of our deeds in this world will be recompensed in the Hereafter.

2. The Muslim *ummah* must have full certainty that

blissfulness in the Hereafter depends on one's righteous deeds performed during this worldly life. Hence, race towards all that is good in this world.

3. The Muslim ummah must fulfill all obligatory acts (fard), complemented with the sunnah (supererogatory) acts, especially in the upcoming month of Ramadaan.

"And hasten to forgiveness from your Lord and a garden as wide as the heavens and earth, prepared for the righteous" (Aal-'Imraan 3:133) بَارَكَ اللهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيْمِ وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيْهِ مِنَ الْأَيَاتِ وَالذُّكْرِ الْحَكِيْمِ وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِّى وَمِنْكُمْ تِلاوَتَهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيْمُ. أَقُولُ قُولِي هَذَا وَأَسْتَغُفِرُ اللهَ الْعَظِيْمَ لِى 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 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 'aqeedah that are astray such as Shee'ah, 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.

