



THE FORGOTTEN BLESSINGS

I remind myself and call upon beloved congregation to strive to increase our imaan and taqwa of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala with istigaamah,

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by fulfilling all of His **Commands and avoiding** all of His prohibitions. May the increase in our imaan and taqwa serve as added value within us in becoming true believers.

Today, I invite fellow blessed Muslims to ponder upon a *khutbah*

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titled:

At this very moment, there are many of our Muslim brethren that are tested with illnesses, but we have been very privileged to be blessed with good health. How many of our friends are swamped

with the busyness of worldly affairs, and yet we still have some free time. Do we truly realize upon the bounties that Allah has bestowed upon us throughout our lives? And how do we

actually appreciate and utilize them? Verily, we will never be able to count the blessings that Allah has bestowed upon us such as good health, able bodied, sanity,

sound intellect, tranquility and peace, accumulated wealth, stature and rank, progeny, beneficial knowledge, agricultural produce, livestock, and definitely the greatest

ni^omah (blessing) is the mismah of Islam and imaan. Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala mentions in al-Qur'an (interpretation of the meaning):

⁶⁶And He gave you from all you asked of Him. And if you should count the favor of Allah, you could not enumerate them. Indeed, mankind is [generally] most unjust and ungrateful." (Ibraaheem 14:34)

Such multitude of favors that we actually enjoy every seconds of our life, that Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala repeated His question 31 times in Soorah ar-Rahmaan:

"So which of the favors of your Lord would you [both jinns and men] deny?" Do we actually have the answerp I would like to remind all of us that we should never,

not even once, deny the favors that we have been bestowed with, but remember! Those favors are actually tests from Allah in evaluating the imaan and taqwa of a slave to

His Creator.

What are the blessings that are often forgotten by mankind? Narrated ibn Abbaas PadiyAllaahu Canhumere

Rasulullah allo said: "There are two blessings which many people lose: (They are) health and free time (for doing **good**).⁹⁹ (al-Bukhaari)

Based on this hadeeth, how should our practice be throughout the 360 days or 8,760 hours or 525,600 minutes that goes by every year? Are we utilizing the blessings of good health and free time properly?

The favors of good health and free time are intertwined with each other. Many people are duped and deceived with these two bounties. A healthy and

energetic person may not necessarily have free time due to being preoccupied with worldly affairs that he forgets his provision for the Hereafter. Similarly with the one who has free time and

abundant wealth but he is unable to do anything due to physical disability. We must be grateful for the blessing of good health and it should be well preserved so that we can continue to

perform *fibaadah*. We are to practice a healthy lifestyle as manifested by Rasulullah ملي اله we should prevent all forms of diseases originating from unhealthy diet, the surrounding, Unstable

emotions, and not allow ourselves from plunging into destruction such as tobacco and vape addiction, consuming intoxicants, drug abuse, and addiction to fornication.

How can Islam advance and excel if the Muslim ummah is not even healthy and instead luped by those immoral acts? Similarly, leisure and free time are to be utilized in the best manner. We must plan our lives so that every heartbeat, pulse and breath will be utilized in the service of His Religion, without even a minute goes by in

vain. What more if we were to waste our period of good health by committing disobedience. Hence, the young generation is advised to not become involved with hapmful

activities that would lead to destruction, disaster, and catastrophe for their very future. Come on? Fill up your youth with the fighting spirit of the great Usaamah bin Zayd PadhyAllaahu 'anh

who led the Muslim army fight against the Romans at the tender age of 18. Or like Muhammad al-Faatih who led the Muslim army in conquering Constantinople at the age of 21, and many

others that can be emulated, how they took full advantage of their youth. No matter who we are, whether as leaders, professionals, working class, parents or students, We are

vicegerents on earth, entrusted to execute the affairs of His Religion according to one's level best. We need to evaluate ourselves with the activities that we indulge in at all times, and remain determined to ensure that our today is better than yesterday, for as long as we are enjoying the blessings from Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala

I also would like to remind all of us not to delay in performing good deeds such as performing salaah, zakaah, making tambah (repentance), and others since we do not know

what will happen in the next instance.

Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala mentions in al-Qur'an (translation of the meaning):

⁶⁶And hasten to forgiveness from your Lord and a garden as wide as the heavens and earth, prepared for the righteous.99 (Aal-⁴Imraan 3:133) Take heed, for Allah never forgets to bestow His bounties but we would only realize it after everything has been taken away from us. We only appreciate our young age after we become

old; we only realize the significance of good health when we are afflicted with pain; we only value free time when are immersed with busyness; we realize the beauty of having wealth only

after we are left with nothing; and finally, we plea to Allah to be resurrected and returned to the world when death dawns upon us. But alas, it is too late. All these are regrets that ape

rendered meaningless. ibn Mas'ood radiyAllaahu 'anh had said, which means: "/ have never regretted anything as much as my regret over a day on which the sun sets and

my life span decreases while my good deeds have not increased. 9 In concluding today's khudbah, let us take beneficial lessons as in the following:

1. The Muslim ummah must have certainty and realize that our lives solely depend on the bounties and mercy of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Taala

2. The Muslim unmah must have certainty that this worldly life is only temporary, and the matters that will be brought in front of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala are only deeds that are pleasing to Him.

3. The Muslim unmah must utilize every blessings and free time granted by Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala in performing righteous deeds, so as to advance the religion, people, and nation.

4. The Muslims should not wait until old age in fulfilling the commands of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta aala

⁶⁶O you who have believed, fear Allah. And let every soul look to what it has put forth for tomorrow - and fear Allah. Indeed, Allah is Acquainted with what you 00.99 (al-Hashr 59:18)

THE SECOND KHUTBAH



Once again, I would like to remind all of us that Islam teaches its adherents to remain moderate in every actions and deeds. As Muslims, we are to manifest noble akhlaag, laving utmost personality and attitude

for Rasululah صلى الله was sent to عليه وسلم perfect akhlaag and as mercy for the entire mankind and the worlds. 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.

O Allah, You are the Lord that is All Mighty, we are grateful to You for having bestowed upon us rahmah and *ni^emah*, 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 *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 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 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 rizg with perpetual rewards until the Last Day.

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