

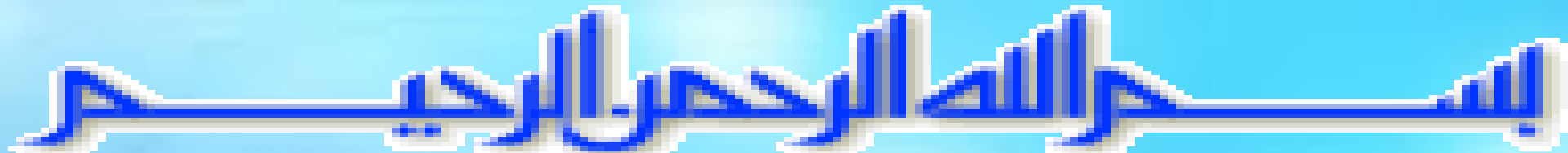


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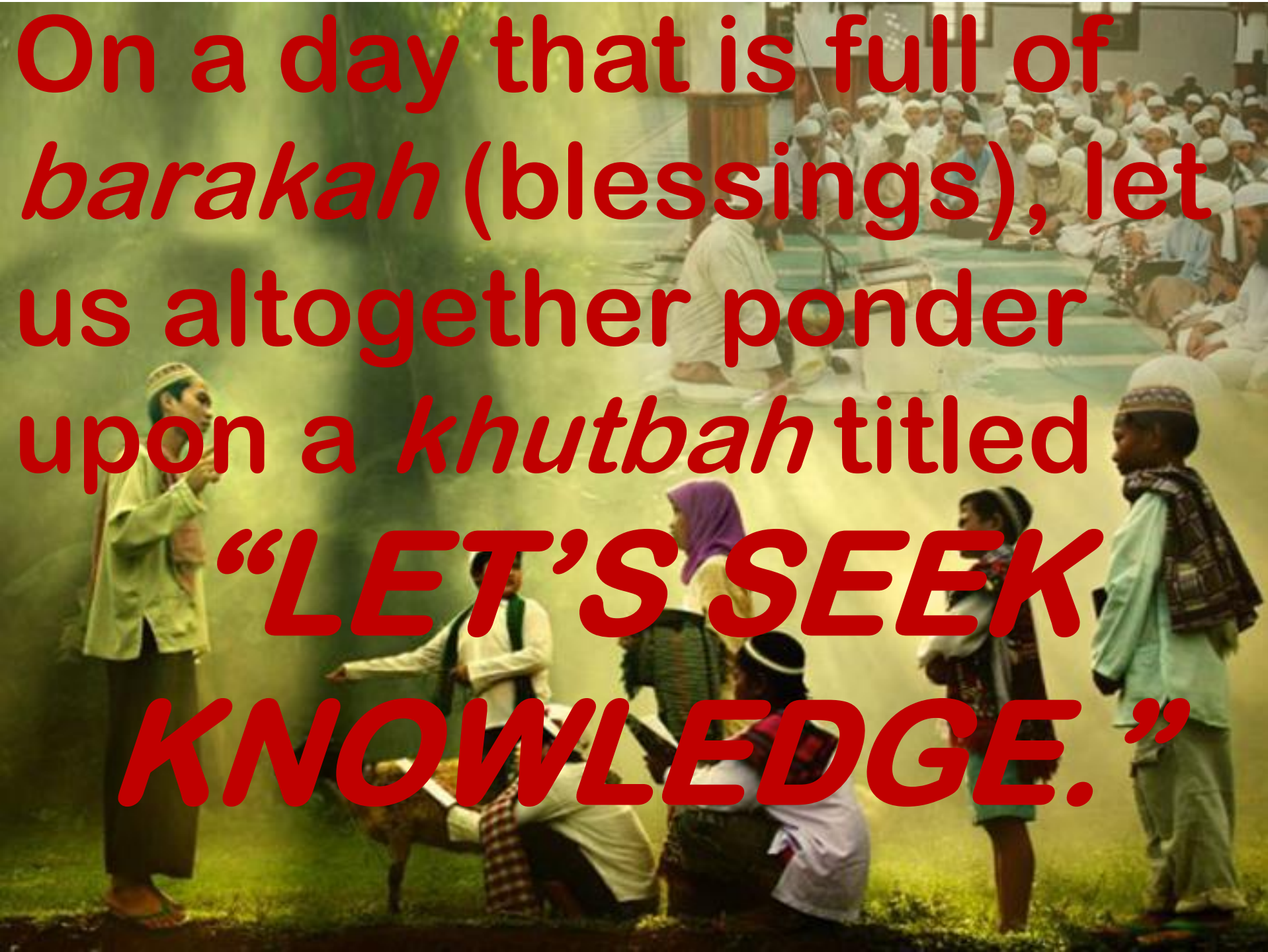
***LET'S SEEK
KNOWLEDGE***





**First and foremost, I
would like to remind
myself and respected
audience to always
strive in increasing
our *imaan* and *taqwa***

of Allah *Subhaanahu
Wa Ta'aala* by abiding
all of His Commands
and avoiding all of His
prohibitions.



On a day that is full of
barakah (blessings), let
us altogether ponder
upon a *khutbah* titled

**“LET’S SEEK
KNOWLEDGE.”**

Seeking the knowledge of the religion is an obligation upon every Muslim. This has been clearly explained by our beloved Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم through his narration as

mentioned by Anas bin
Maalik *radiyAllaahu ‘anh:*

***“Seeking knowledge
is a duty upon every
Muslim.”***

(ibn Maajah)

ibn Hajar al-‘Asqalaani
stated that knowledge
that is meant here refers
to the knowledge of the
shara‘ or religious
knowledge. However, it
does not mean that every
Muslim individual must

learn all the branches of religious knowledge in-depth, but it suffices for them to know the fundamental knowledge pertaining to *'aqeedah*, *fiqh*, and *tasawwuf*, which are all categorized as

***‘ilm fard ‘ayn* (knowledge obligated upon every individual). This knowledge is truly necessary for every individual that it aids one to subscribe to the true creed, perform righteous**

'ibaadah (act of worship), and purify the relationship between humans and their Creator with focus and intimacy.

Some people actually think that learning *'ilm fard 'ayn* only applies to children in school. So, the children are sent by the parents to enroll in the *Fard 'Ayn* and Religious Classes (KAFA) program.

**It must be remembered
that an adult Muslim
cannot deem as adequate
or assume that it is
sufficient with the
religious knowledge that
was learned during
primary school days**

**alone. Indeed, it is very
reasonable to realize that
our lives in this world
today continue to
progress, where the
challenges and
quagmires are ever
changing and becoming**

more complicated.
Hence, whether achieved or not, we must always remain in the company of the righteous whom are always attached with the masjid and *surau*. Know that Rasulullah ﷺ had

**indicated that those
who always remain by
themselves without
mixing with the
righteous, they will
always remain
vulnerable to the risks**

of being tempted and misled by *shaytaan*. In this regard, Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم had mentioned in a *hadeeth* narrated by ibn ‘Umar *radiyAllaahu ‘anhuma*:

***“Adhere to the
Jamaa‘ah, beware of
separation, for indeed
ash-Shaytaan is with
one, and he is further
away from two. Whoever
wants the best place in
Paradise, then let him***

***stick to the Jamaa'ah.
Whoever rejoices with
his good deeds and
grieves over his evil
deeds, then that is the
believer among you.”
(at-Tirmidhi)***

According to Abu al-Layth
as-Samarqandi (أبو الليث
السمرقندي) in one of his
works that a person
comes to an *'aalim*
(scholar) and sits in his
class even though he is
incapable of

**remembering or
memorizing the lessons,
but such person will
attain seven virtues:**

**1. He attains the virtue as
one who learns the
religious knowledge.**

2. For as long as he sits in that lesson, he will be protected from committing sins or wrongdoing.

3. When he leaves his house heading towards the Islamic class, the

rahmah (mercy) of Allah is showered upon him.

4. When he sits amongst the knowledgeable people, the *rahmah* descends upon the students of knowledge, so he also

attains the blessings of that knowledge.

5. While he sits listening to the lesson, good deeds are recorded to his account.

6. The angel protects the

**student of knowledge with
its wings due to
contentment and fondness
for the circle of
knowledge.**

**7. Every time he takes a
step towards the circle of**

knowledge, his sins are forgiven, and his status elevated by several degrees.

Some people are truly enthusiastic and prioritize in the seeking of

worldly knowledge that they are always willing to pay a high price in enhancing their knowledge or skills. Moreover, in that regard, they are even willing to take a loan or take on a

debt. However, it must be reminded that equipping oneself with knowledge of the religion must be highly prioritized in ensuring success that is eternal in the Hereafter.

Seeking religious knowledge is an obligation that is shouldered by every Muslim irrespective of one's profession or occupation. Some people actually think that

seeking the knowledge of
the religion or *fard 'ayn* is
only *sunnah*
(recommended), where
one is rewarded for
pursuing it and that there
is no sin upon those that
abandons it. Such

understanding truly
contradicts Islamic
teaching. It must be
comprehended that
seeking the knowledge of
fard 'ayn is not a matter
of being *sunnah* or
permissible. Furthermore,

it's juristic ruling is *waajib* (obligatory) and sinful if neglected.

We cannot simply give the excuse of being busy, hence unable to attend religious classes.

If we want to meet Allah
in a state where our
imaan and *'amal 'ibaadah*
are accepted by Allah,
then definitely the time
for attending *fard 'ayn*
lessons can be allotted.
There is no use for having

regrets later at the
Mahshaar, when all of our
deeds held accountable
by Allah gets rejected for
not fulfilling the pillars
and standards stipulated.
ibn Ruslan wrote in his
poem:

وَكُلُّ مَنْ بَغَيْرِ عِلْمٍ يَعْمَلُ
أَعْمَالَهُ مَرْذُودَةٌ لَا تُقْبَلُ

“And he who is void of knowledge but practices, Then his deeds are rejected, not accepted.”

There is no real reason to not seek religious knowledge. Seeking religious knowledge will make one's life more blessed, for that knowledge will draw one closer to Allah, and

increases one's awe of Him. Every day in our lives, we should strive in increasing knowledge that will aid us in attaining nearness to Allah.

Knowledge will not come looking for us. Instead, it is we that must seek knowledge. Do not allow us to remain in ignorance, for it will lead us to misguidance.

Misguidance in religion

**will take us to Hellfire.
May Allah *Subhaanahu
Wa Ta'aala* protect all of
us.**

**Seeking knowledge will
serve as a means for us**

to enter the Paradise of Allah. Abu Hurayrah *radhiyAllaahu 'anh* mentioned that he heard Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم as saying:

“Whoever takes a path upon which to obtain knowledge, Allah makes the path to Paradise easy for him.”

(at-Tirmidhi)

To end today's *khutbah*,
let us derive several
beneficial lessons,
among them:

1. It is *waajib* upon the
Muslim *ummah* to have

certainty that in order to attain blissfulness in this world and the Hereafter, one must purely render servitude to Allah based upon authentic knowledge.

2. To attain pure unadulterated knowledge, it is a must upon everyone to learn from a teacher that will guide the students in fearing Allah and passionate in earning the

pleasure of Allah and His Paradise.

3. It becomes the responsibility of the parents to ensure that their children are adequately equipped with

the knowledge of *fard*
'ayn so that they will be
well versed in the
basics of the religion
and capable of reciting
al-Qur'an.

4. It is the duty of the ruling authority to continue the important efforts of producing religious scholars that truly master religious knowledge in-depth, and becoming experts.

“And it is not for the believers to go forth [to battle] all at once. For there should separate from every division of them a group [remaining] to obtain

understanding in the religion and warn their people when they return to them that they might be cautious.”

(at-Tawbah 9:122)



***THE SECOND
KHUTBAH***



Once again, I would like to remind all of us to always have the *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* and realize that Islam teaches us to remain moderate in every actions and



deeds. As Muslims, we are to manifest noble *akhlaaq*, having utmost personality and attitude for Rasulullah ﷺ was sent to perfect *akhlaaq* and as mercy for the entire mankind and the worlds. Therefore, let us



**always increase our *salawaat*
and *salaam* upon our Prophet
Muhammad صلى الله
عليه وسلم . Allah
Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala
mentions:**



“Indeed, Allah confers blessing upon the Prophet, and His angels [ask Him to do so]. O you who have believed, ask [Allah to confer] blessing upon him and ask [Allah to grant him] peace.” (al-Ahzaab 33:56)



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*, 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 and creed according to
that of *Ahl as-Sunnah wal-
Jamaa'ah*, accept our righteous
deeds, cultivate our soul with
good mannerisms, unite our**



hearts, bestow upon us *rizq* with blessings, enrich us with beneficial knowledge, protect us from disasters and save us from teachings that are outside the fold of Islam such as *Qadiyaani*, deviant teachings such as



***Shee'ah*, and other teachings deemed as deviating from Islamic teachings or contradicting the creed of *Ahl as-Sunnah wal-Jamaa'ah*. 0 Allah, open up our hearts in performing the five daily**



**prayers, fulfilling *zakaat*
through the Selangor *Zakaat*
Board, making *waqf* and *infaaq*
of our wealth to Selangor *Waqf*
Corporation and Islamic
Development Trust Fund of
Selangor.**



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