

## ALCOHOL, THE MOTHER

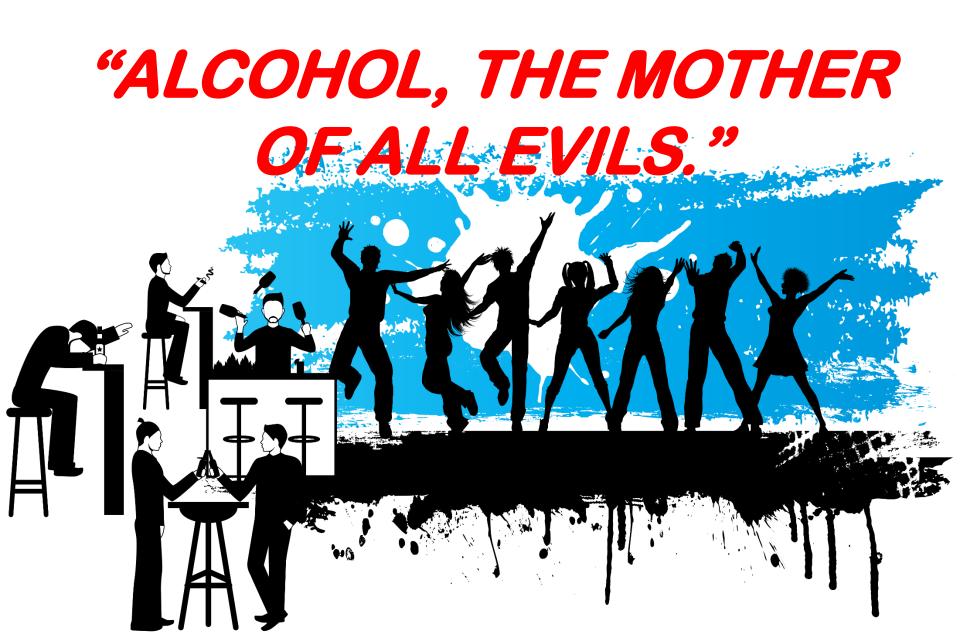


حرالته الرحمر الرحيب I remind myself and respected audience, to have the taqwa of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala by fulfilling all of His Commands and avoiding all of His prohibitions.

May we all become among the successful ones in this world and the Hereafter.

Among the prohibitions that we must abide by as Muslims is the prohibition

of consuming intoxicants. Hence, let us contemplate upon the *khutbah* titled



Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse
90 of soorah al-Maa'idah:

"O you who have believed, indeed, intoxicants, gambling, [sacrificing on]

stone altars [to other than Allah], and divining arrows are but defilement from the work of Satan, so avoid it that you may be successful."

Intoxicant refers to any type of beverage that causes its consumer to become intoxicated and loses his or her sense of reason. When the intellect ceases to function properly in

controlling the movements and actions of the human being, then one becomes very vulnerable to negative and bad deeds. It is for this very reason that alcohol is deemed as

the mother of all evils. This reality is not that difficult to be understood by those possessing sound intellect.

Based on several researches conducted, the harms stemming from alcohol consumption have been proven. Among them:

1. Researches have shown that there is significant correlation between alcohol addiction by the husband or wife that results in domestic violence upon their respective spouse.

2. Researches have also shown that driving under the influence of alcohol has contributed to many cases of fatal accidents.

3. In the incident that took place in Penang back in September, the Ministry of Health (KKM) confirmed that 19 individuals had died after consuming alcohol that contained methanol,

while another 23 were treated at the hospital, including 14 whom were in critical condition.

One incident that we can definitely take lesson from is the story of a man

that had committed crime numerous times due to alcohol consumption. It was narrated from al-Haarith that he heard Sayyidina 'Uthmaan radiyAllaahu 'anh said:

"Avoid khamr for it is the mother of all evils. There was a man among those who came before you who was a devoted worshipper. An immoral woman fell in love with him. She sent her slave girl to him, saying:

'We are calling you to bear witness.' So he set out with her slave girl, and every time he entered a door, she locked it behind him, until he reached a beautiful woman who has with her a boy and a

vessel of wine. She said: 'By Allah, I did not call you to bear witness, rather I called you to have intercourse with me, or to drink a cup of this wine, or to kill this

boy.' He said: 'Pour me a cup of this wine.' So she poured him a cup. He said: 'Give me more.' And soon he had intercourse with her and killed the boy.

So avoid khamr, for by Allah, faith and addiction to khamr cannot coexist but one of them will soon expel the other." (an-Nasaa'i)

In preserving the intellect and the maslahah (interest) of the general public, Islam vehemently prohibits the act of consuming alcohol with the threats of severe punishments. The one

consuming intoxicant, if convicted, will be lashed 40 times with hudood strokes. Aside from that, the 'ibaadah (worship) of the one that consumed alcohol will not be accepted by Allah.

Moreover, those consuming alcohol will be deprived of the delight of alcohol in Paradise, which will taste more pleasant and not intoxicating. In the hadeeth of ibn 'Umar radiyAllaahu 'anhuma,

he reported that Rasulullah said:

"If anyone consumes khamr (intoxicant), Allah will not accept prayer from him for 40 days, but if he repents Allah will

forgive him. If he repeats the offense again, then Allah pledges to make him drink the mud of khabaal (the pus of the inhabitants of Hell) on the Day of Resurrection."

(Ahmad)

Verily, the prohibition regarding alcohol is not just limited to its consumption but instead, those that are involved in the affairs of the alcohol will be cursed by Allah and deemed as having

committed major sin. In the *hadeeth* of ibn 'Umar *radiyAllaahu 'anhuma*, Rasulullah said:

"Allah has cursed wine, its drinker, its server, its seller, its buyer,

its presser, the one for whom it is pressed, the one who conveys it, and the one to whom it is conveyed."

(Abu Dawood)

Even though numerous reminders and severe threats from Allah and His Messenger have been mentioned, unfortunately there are those that still deem alcohol as a highly prestigious beverage and

a symbol of prominence. They are deluded by the foreign culture that glorifies intoxicating beverages. Tons of movies would display scenes of alcohol consumption as a

common practice. Aside from that, there are also sports that celebrate its champions with the spraying of alcohol from its bottles, drenching everyone present. There are also those that firmly believe in alcohol as a very lucrative economic source.

All these are shaytaan's deceptions in wanting to mislead and destroy mankind. Therefore,

we must truly realize that there are many other sources of rizq (provision) that are halaal (permissible) prepared by Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala on the face of earth. Let us not forget

that revenues from alcohol business will only remove barakah (blessings) from our rizq. Verily, those that avoid matters that are forbidden by Allah will be promised with rizq and a

way out of their misery.

In Selangor, the Muslims are bounded and subjected to the Sharee 'ah Criminal **Enactment (Selangor)** 1995 that was legislated

since 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 1996 that categorized the sales and consumption of alcohol as a Sharee'ah criminal offense that results in a fine or imprisonment or both through the Enactment

under the category of consuming intoxicants, according to Section 18 (1) and (2).

Hence, Islam forbids alcohol and all types of beverages that intoxicate,

whether in small or large quantity. Even if it is deemed as medicine, it remains haraam (impermissible). In the hadeeth of Jaabir bin 'Abdillaah radiyAllaahu 'anhuma, Rasulullah

said:

"Whatever a lot of it intoxicates, a little of it is unlawful."

(at-Tirmidhi)

To end the khutbah today, we can conclude several tawjeehaat (directive instructions) and guidelines that can be practiced:

1. The Muslim ummah must have certainty that all prohibitions from Allah are to be avoided.

2. The Muslim ummah must avoid from being involved in all matters pertaining to alcohol.

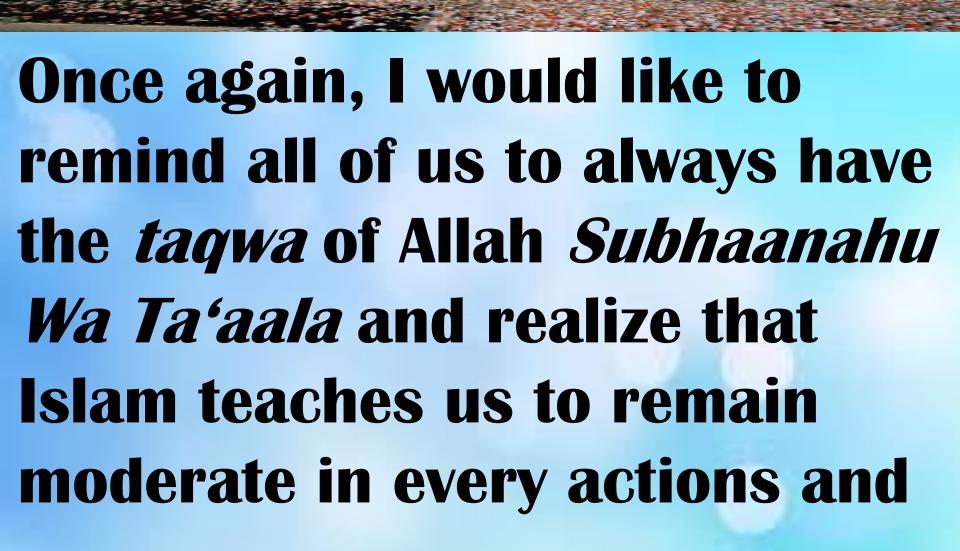
3. The Muslim ummah must avoid all forms of sins and disobedience so as to be spared from the wrath and punishment of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala especially in the enjoyment of embracing

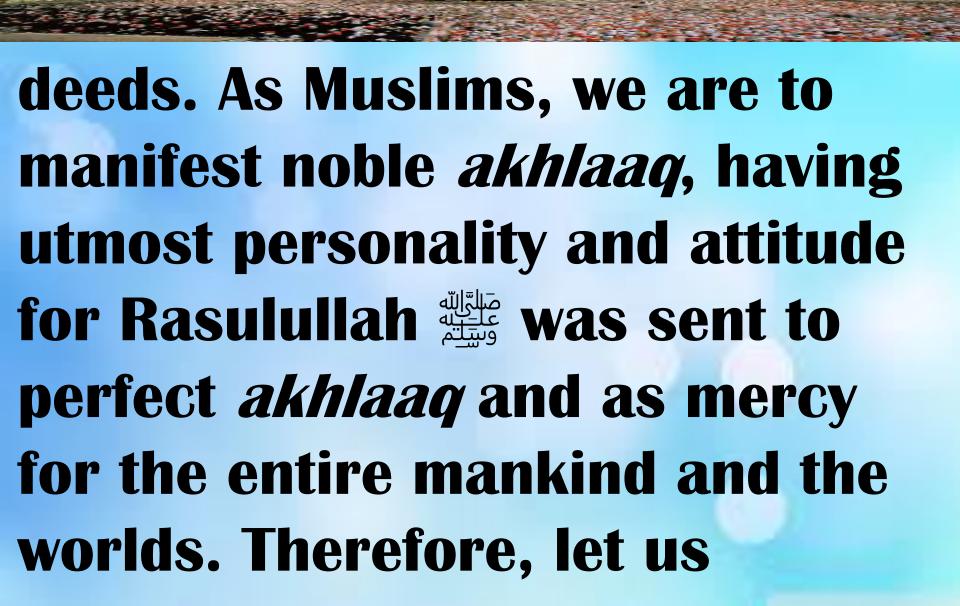
the new year that will arrive in a few days, so that it can be observed with dhikr (remembrance of Allah) and Qur'anic recitation, while planting firm

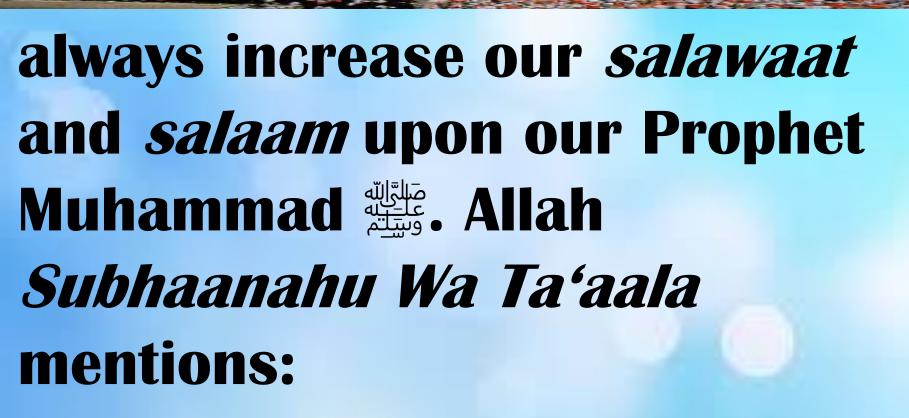
resolutions for success and excellence in the year 2019. May we all attain happiness and security at this very end of 2018.

"Satan only wants to cause between you animosity and hatred through intoxicants and gambling and to avert you from the remembrance of Allah and from prayer. So will you not desist?" (al-Maa'idah 5:91)

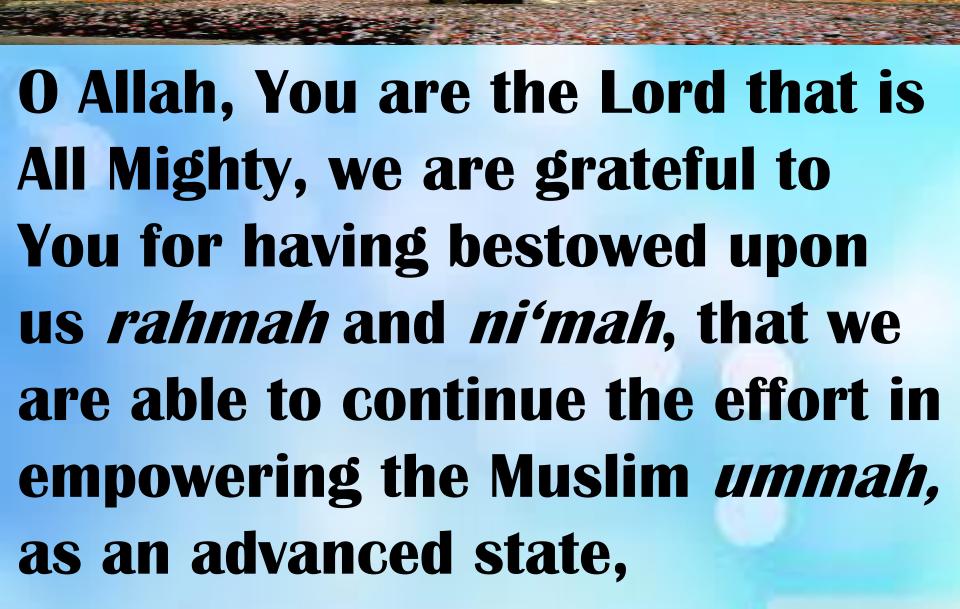
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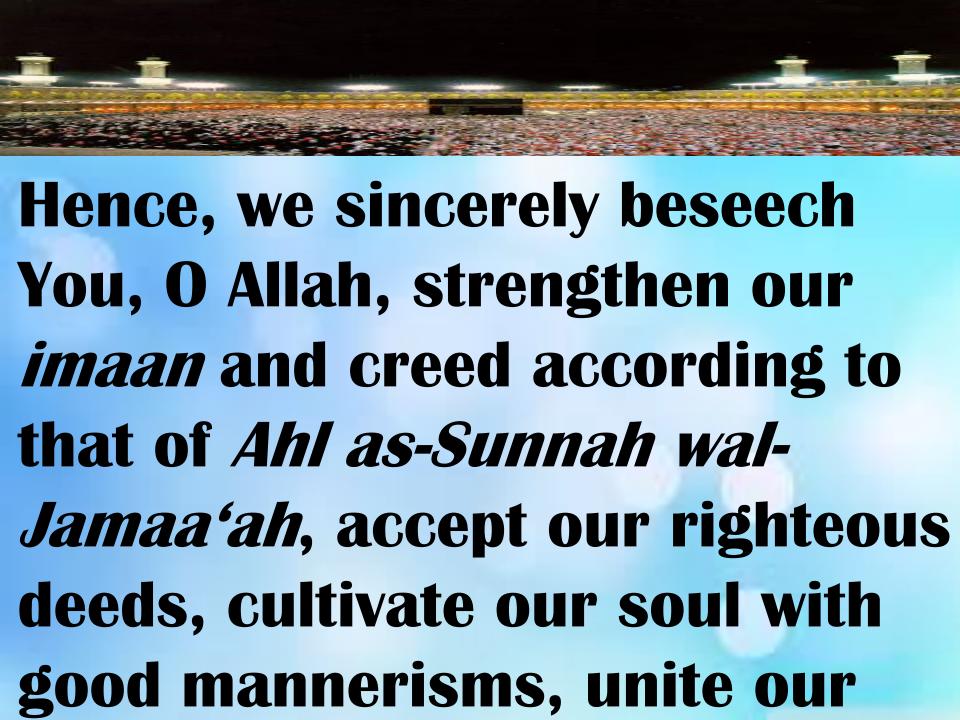


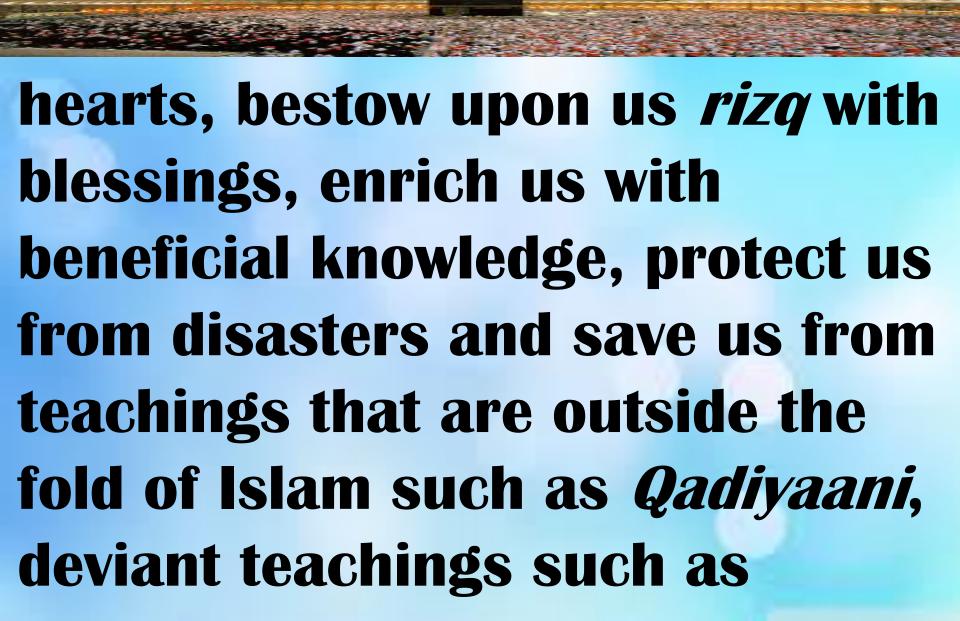
"Indeed, Allah confers blessing upon the Prophet, and His angels [ask Him to do so]. O you who have believed, ask [Allah to confer] blessing upon him and ask [Allah to grant him] peace." (al-Ahzaab 33:56)

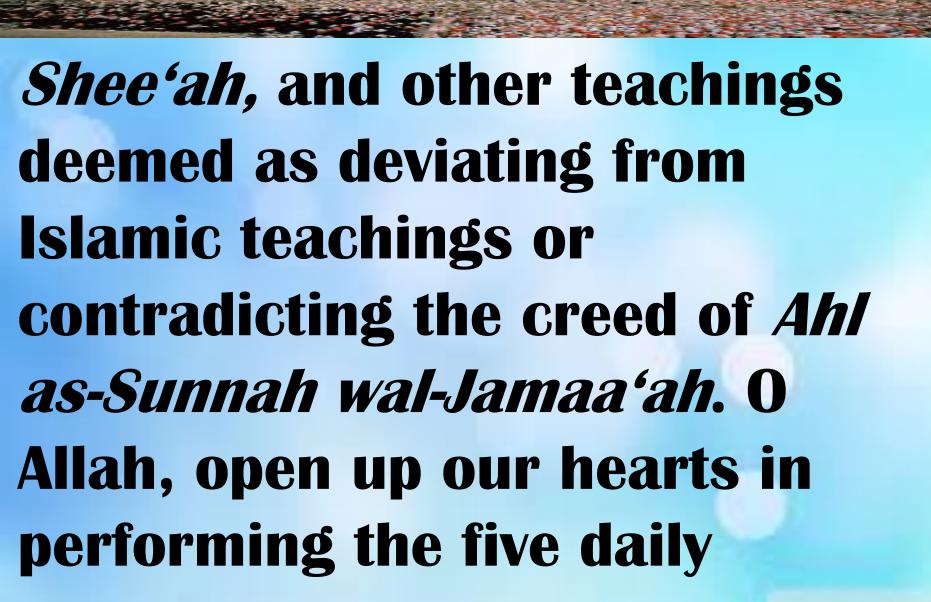


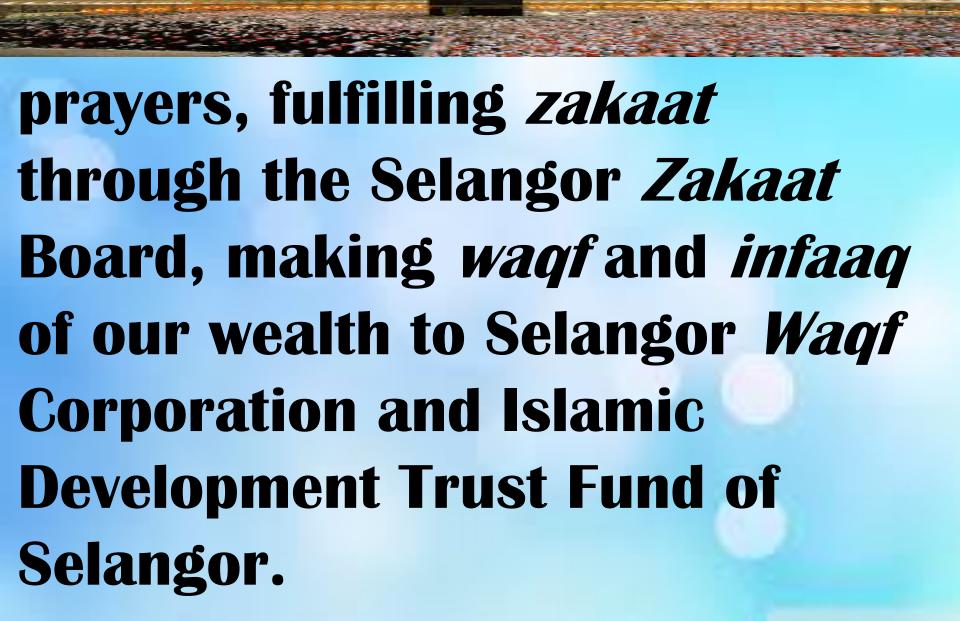


prosperous and providing welfare, under the auspices and leadership of our Ruler as the Head of Islamic affairs in this state.











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