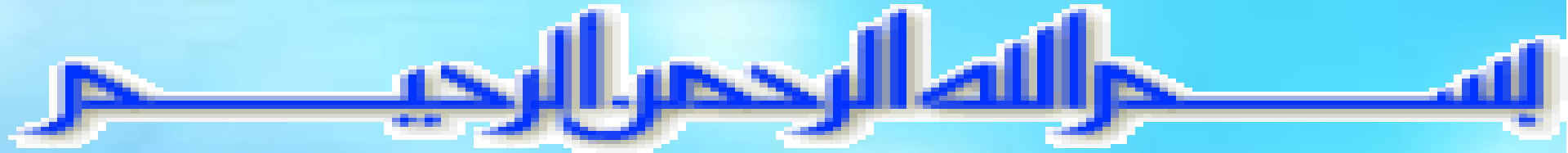




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MERCY TO THE WORLDS





Alhamdulillah, on this day of Friday that is full of *barakah* (blessings), let us altogether strive to increase our *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* in its truest sense.

That is by always
remaining vigilant in all of
our daily affairs, so that
they are always in
accordance and
coincides with the will of
Allah *Subhaanahu Wa
Ta'aala* and

His Messenger, and
away from His
prohibitions. May we
attain *barakah* in our
lives in this world and
success in the
Hereafter.

Let us altogether ponder upon
the *khutbah* today titled

***“MERCY TO THE
WORLDS.”***



Before proceeding with
the *khutbah*, I would like
to remind respected
audience upon the
reminder of Rasulullah ﷺ
in giving full attention to
the *khutbah* being
delivered. Do not speak

and pursue matters that are in vain, which includes using the mobile phone while the *khateeb* is delivering the *khutbah*.

The month of Rabee' al-Awwal is the month of the birth of our great Prophet Muhammad ﷺ. He was sent as mercy to the worlds. The birth of the Messenger ﷺ marked the beginning point for the

perfection of Islam, and
the completion to all of
the *Sharee'ah* (Laws) that
were brought by previous
Messengers. We should
be proud and grateful for
having been chosen by
Allah *Subhaanahu Wa*

Ta'aala, in becoming the *ummah* of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, whom is the leader of all Prophets.

Rasulullah ﷺ had celebrated his birthday by fasting on Monday.

In an authentic narration
from Abu Qatadah al-
Ansaari *radhiyAllaahu 'anh*,
he said:

The Messenger of Allah
(ﷺ) *was also asked about*
fasting on Monday,

and he replied, “This is the day on which I was born and the day on which I was commissioned with prophethood or the day on which I received revelation.”

(Muslim)

It is clear here that celebrating *Mawlid ar-Rasul* is not an offense. However, the activities conducted in its celebration must fall within the category of *'ibaadah* (worship) unto

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*, and leads to obedience that would increase the love for His Messenger. Activities that are to be carried out due to *Mawlid ar-Rasul* such as sending *salawaat*,

reciting *qaseedah* (poem)
in praising Prophet
Muhammad ﷺ, engaging
in *dhikr*, organizing
knowledge circles and
sporting events as
practiced by our
communities in the past,

**all are deeds that are
good and should be
continued.**

**It is through these
practices that our young
generation today can be
introduced to**

Rasulullah ﷺ. Amongst
the *qaseedah* that
praises the Prophet ﷺ is
the one composed by
Shaykh Muhammad ibn
Sa'eed al-Busayri:

“Muhammad, leader of the two worlds and of man and the jinn, leader also of the Arabs and non-Arabs and their kin.

Beloved by Allah is he upon whose pleading we depend, from terrors of the Day of Judgment, which on us descend.”

At a time when the Muslim *ummah* is hideously attacked with perverted ideological thoughts, we truly need a program that thoroughly internalizes the *sunnah* of the Prophet such as these to save

today's generation from
being subconsciously
poisoned by the enemies
of Islam, whom
relentlessly strike from all
corners. Reviving the
sunnah of the Prophet ﷺ
and nurturing the love for

the Prophet is not
restricted to celebrating
Mawlid ar-Rasul alone.
Moreover, it should be
continuous for as long
as one is still breathing,
for Rasulullah is

mercy (*rahmah*) for us
at all times. Allah
Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala
mentions in verse 107
of soorah al-Anbiyaa':

“And We have not sent you, [O Muhammad], except as a mercy to the worlds.”

According to Tafseer at-Tabari, some of the scholars are of the opinion that Prophet Muhammad ﷺ as mercy to the worlds refers to mercy upon the believers and disbelievers.

This is based upon the explanation of ibn ‘Abbaas *radiyAllaahu ‘anhuma* that those having belief in Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta‘aala* and the Last Day will attain mercy in this world

and the Hereafter, while those disbelieving in Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* and His Messenger will not be spared from the torment of Allah (swallowed into the earth's belly or

pelted with stones from the sky).

The mercy of the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم permeates through noble *akhlaaq* shown upon friends and foes, without any element of

feud or vengeance. The
mercy of Prophet
Muhammad ﷺ radiates in
calling mankind to the
pleasure of Allah
Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala
and preventing mankind
from *kufr* (disbelief) and

disobedience. The mercy of the Prophet ﷺ manifests as one who was sent to curb mankind's desire from wickedness and destruction, while not promoting or nurturing perverted desire and

immorality. The *rahmah* of the Messenger ﷺ is not exclusive to humans alone, but encompasses the animals, plants, and everything in the universe.

Emulating the *akhlaaq*
taught by Prophet
Muhammad ﷺ is the only
way for us to attain the
love of Allah *Subhaanahu*
Wa Ta'aala and His
Forgiveness. We as
Muslims definitely yearn

to always remain under
the love and forgiveness
of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa
Ta'aala*. Therefore, Allah
has sent Prophet
Muhammad ﷺ for us to
follow and as great
exemplary in

achieving those
objectives.

*Allah Subhaanahu Wa
Ta'aala* mentions in
verse 31 of soorah Aal-
'Imraan:

“Say, [O Muhammad], “If you should love Allah, then follow me, [so] Allah will love you and forgive you your sins. And Allah is Forgiving and Merciful.””

It is very unfortunate if
there are those within the
ummah of Prophet
Muhammad ﷺ that would
seek a role model and
someone greatly admired
other than Prophet
Muhammad ﷺ,

to be taken as a guide in
this life. Is it sufficient
with the teachings
brought by the Prophet
ﷺ? Or is it that we
ourselves do not really
know Prophet Muhammad
ﷺ, only to fail in

emulating and admiring
him صَلَّى اللَّهُ
عَلَيْهِ
وَسَلَّمَ.

Narrated ‘Abdullah bin
Hishaam: We were with
the Prophet (صَلَّى اللَّهُ
عَلَيْهِ
وَسَلَّمَ) and he
was holding the hand of
‘Umar bin al-Khattaab.

‘Umar said to him:

***“O Allah’s Messenger
(ﷺ)! You are dearer to
me than everything
except my own self.”
The Prophet (ﷺ) said,***

“No, by Him in Whose Hand my soul is, (you will not have complete faith) till I am dearer to you than your own self.”
Then ‘Umar said to him,
“However, now,

by Allah, you are dearer to me than my own self.”

The Prophet (ﷺ) said,

“Now, O ‘Umar, (now you are a believer).”

(al-Bukhaari)

Loving Rasulullah ﷺ
completes the *imaan*
(faith) of a Muslim. This
matter is often deemed as
trivial by some Muslims
today. At times, their love
for other human being far
surpasses their love for

the Prophet ﷺ, hence it is
of no surprise that the
Muslims today would have
no qualm in committing
munkar (transgression) in
attaining the pleasure of
fellow human being, while
leaving out matters that

are loved by Rasulullah ﷺ.

Let us emulate the great
love that the Companions
ridwanAllaahu 'alayhim
ajma'een had for
Rasulullah ﷺ.

Their love for him was very deep and profound, surpassing their love for other humans, causing them to imitate every single act taught by the Prophet ﷺ, from the greatest to the smallest,

such that those that
have never met the
Prophet ﷺ would think
that some of the
Companions are
actually the Prophet ﷺ
himself, due to their

noble *akhlaaq*
manifested that is very
similar to the
beautiful *akhlaaq* of
Rasulullah ﷺ.

**To conclude our *khutbah*,
I implore and invite all
Muslims to thoroughly
internalize upon the
following lessons to be
taken as guidance in our
lives:**

1. The Muslim *ummah* must cultivate the seeds of long-lasting love and affection for our beloved Prophet Muhammad ﷺ through authentic Islamic lessons regarding the manners and characteristics of Rasulullah.

2. The Muslim *ummah* must always take Prophet Muhammad ﷺ as its utmost exemplary and role model in administering its household with justice, responsibility, and affection.

3. We as the Muslim *ummah* must get our offspring acquainted with the Prophet ﷺ while they are still young, so that they will grow up knowing the *akhlaaq* and personality of the Prophet ﷺ, honoring the Prophet as their very role model.

4. The *akhlaaq* of the Prophet ﷺ must be instilled within our daily affairs, regardless of the background, status, and stature that we are enjoying now.

“Muhammad is not but a messenger. [Other] messengers have passed on before him. So if he was to die or be killed, would you turn back on your heels

[to unbelief]? And he who turns back on his heels will never harm Allah at all; but Allah will reward the grateful.”

(Aal-‘Imraan 3:144)



**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 ﷺ. 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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