



## MORAL DECADENCE LEADS TO CALAMITY



## رالندالرحص الرحي I remind myself and respected audience to strive in increasing our taqwa of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala by abiding all of

His Commands and avoiding all of His prohibitions. Let us altogether accumulate as much provision possible for the Hereafter, and the best

provision is taqwa. May we become among those having solid imaan (faith) and taqwa of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala.

Today, I would like to elaborate on a khutbah titled "MORAL DECADENCE LEADS TO CALAMITY."

Moral degradation that is happening within the Muslim community nowadays is attributed to them being further away in their relationship with Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala, and because

they have neglected the teachings brought by Rasulullah والمنظمة. If left as is, it will become detrimental and leaves grave effect in the disintegration of the ummah and destruction of the nation.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse
96 of soorah al-A'raaf:

"And if only the people of the cities had believed and feared Allah, We would have

opened upon them blessings from the heaven and the earth; but they denied [the messengers], so We seized them for what they were earning."

Even more unfortunate, there are those within the Muslim ummah that seem to not possess firm conviction upon the truthfulness of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala by blatantly ignoring all

warnings and threats from Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala. Hence, they clearly manifest their attitude in denying and disputing the commands and prohibitions decreed by Allah.

We must truly realize that defiance and disobedience towards Allah is not only by worshipping idols and deities, but it also includes not having certainty in the rulings

and promises of Allah regarding the Last Day and rewards and punishment.

Furthermore, some within the Muslim *ummah* today blatantly disregard the

admonishments from the prophets and messengers, hence they continue to indulge in destruction and oppression. Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala mentions in

verse 59 of soorah al-Qasas:

"...And We would not destroy the cities except while their people were wrongdoers."

This verse explains that we are always in the observation of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala, the All-Aware and All-Seeing, whom had created us. Whatever calamity befalls mankind

certainly has its reason, whether realized or not. What is of certain is that there is no calamity that befalls except that it is due to the oppression of mankind itself.

The oppression referred to here is associating others (shirk) with Allah and all forms of disobedience and sins committed by mankind including leaving out salaah (prayer),

zinaa (fornication), LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender) orientation, consuming intoxication, gambling, exposing the 'awrah, consuming ribaa (usury), and other mischiefs.

It is even more saddening when a part of our society is willing to defend drug abuse, ribaa, consensual sex, and LGBT orientation as disobedience and sins that are personal in

nature, and that legal actions cannot be taken upon its doers.

Verily, al-Qur'an has reminded us with stories of previous nations whom were destroyed for

committing disobedience, oppression, and transgression towards Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala, as in the story of the people of Prophet Loot whom openly indulged in a perverted

lifestyle that they were inflicted with severe torment, mentioned by Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala in verses 82-83 of soorah Hood:

"So when Our command came, We made the highest part [of the city] its lowest and rained upon them stones of layered hard clay, [which were]. Marked from your Lord. And Allah's punishment is not from the wrongdoers [very] far."

Aside from that, pharaoh (Fir'awn) with all of his pride and arrogance had claimed to be god, so Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala had drowned him along with his army in the sea. Similarly with the

disobedience of the people of Prophet Nooh whom opposed all of the da'wah efforts by their Prophet, that in the end they were all drowned by the great flood where no one had survived save

those that were along with Prophet Nooh 'Alayhi as-Salaam.

Let us stay away from sins and disobedience that can incur calamity and catastrophe.

Let us not wait until disaster strike us all, and only then we'd regretfully become remorseful and penitent. This is because when sinful acts and disobedience become rampant, then it will incur

catastrophe and calamity from Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala, as mentioned in a hadeeth where Zaynab bint Jahsh radiyAllaahu 'anha had asked Rasulullah

"'O Allah's Messenger ( )! Shall we be destroyed though amongst us there are pious people?' He said, 'Yes, if evil increases." (al-Bukhaari) Take heed, for not all catastrophes that occur are merely natural disasters. On the contrary, there are calamities that are sheer reminders from Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala.

Therefore, let us fully emulate the akhlaaq (mannerism) taught by Rasulullah والمنظمة. Verily, he was sent to this earth to perfect noble akhlaaq by emulating the noble character of the

Prophet . It is truly hoped that there will be a life of peace and harmony for mankind. How true indeed that Prophet Muhammad was sent as mercy to the worlds.

To end the khutbah today, I would like to sincerely implore upon every single audience to derive lessons and recommendations as follows:

1. The Muslim ummah must have full certainty that abiding firmly upon the teachings of al-Qur'an and as-Sunnah will guarantee success and salvation in this world and the Hereafter.

2. The Muslim ummah must practice and preserve authentic teachings of Islam that was brought by Prophet Muhammad and succeeded by esteemed Muslim scholars.

3. The Muslim ummah must avoid and collectively unite in eradicating all disobediences that can destroy the ummah and country, as well as incurring calamity from Allah.

"And [We destroyed] Qaaroon and Fir'awn and Haamaan. And Moses had already come to them with clear evidences, and they were arrogant in the land, but they were not out runners

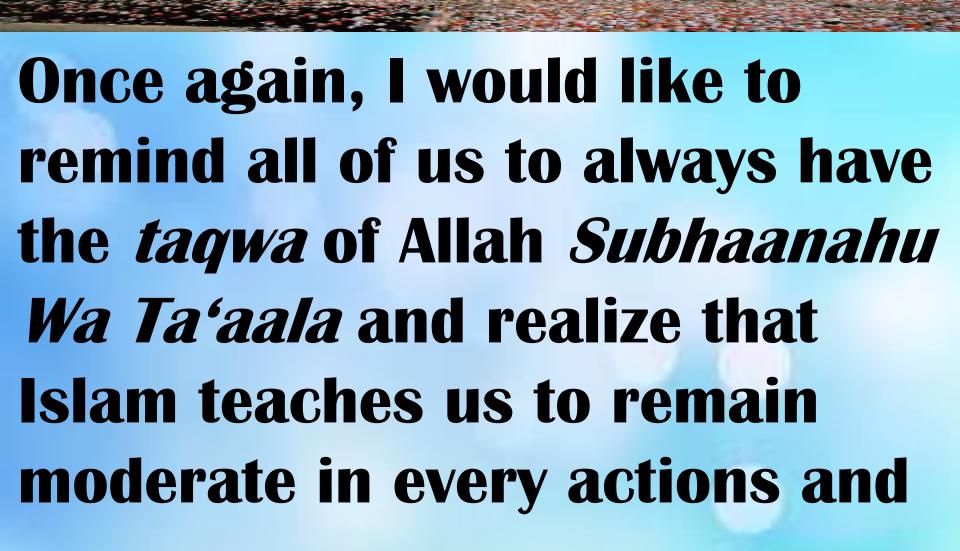
[of Our punishment]. So each We seized for his sin; and among them were those upon whom We sent a storm of stones, and among them were those who were seized by the blast

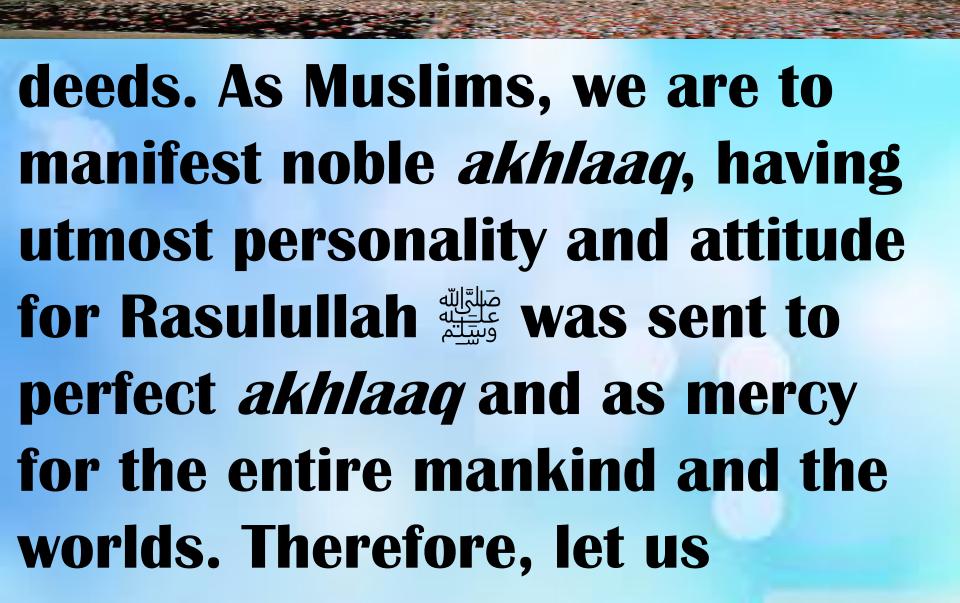
[from the sky], and among them were those whom We caused the earth to swallow, and among them were those whom We drowned. And Allah would not have wronged them,

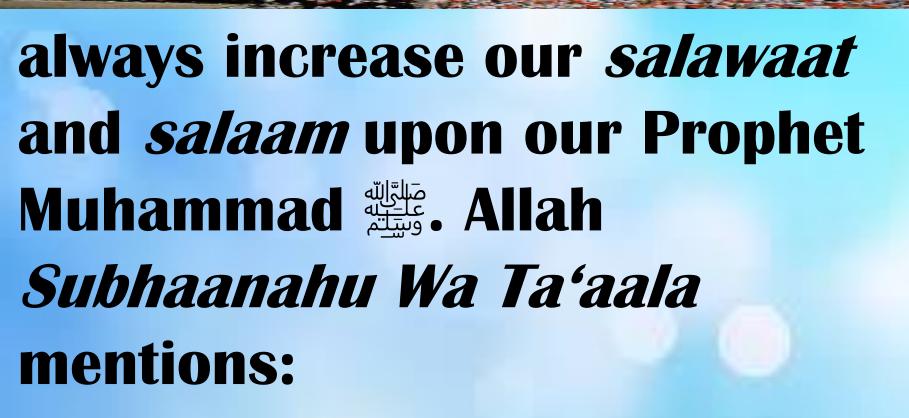
## but it was they who were wronging themselves."

(al-'Ankaboot 29:39-40)

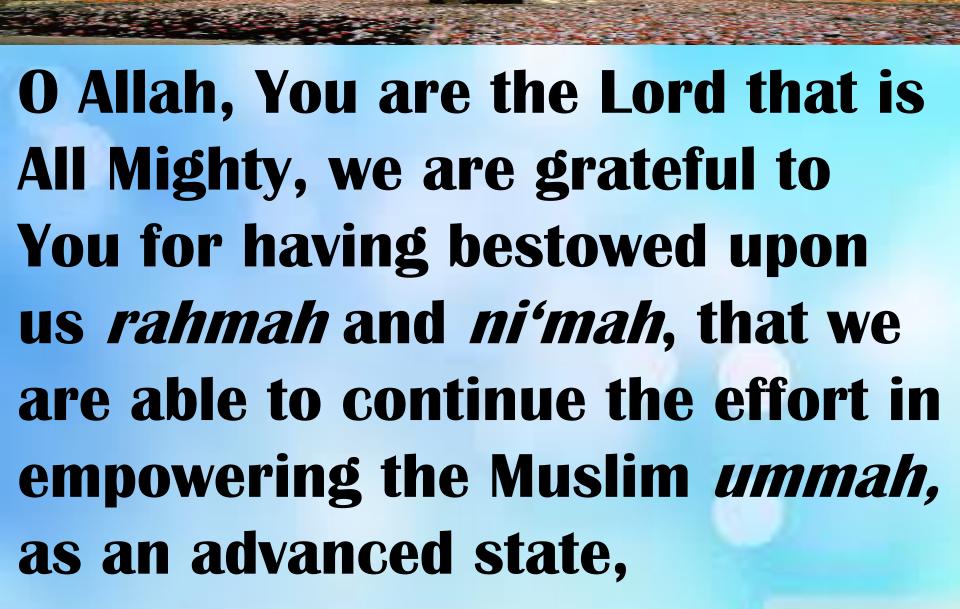
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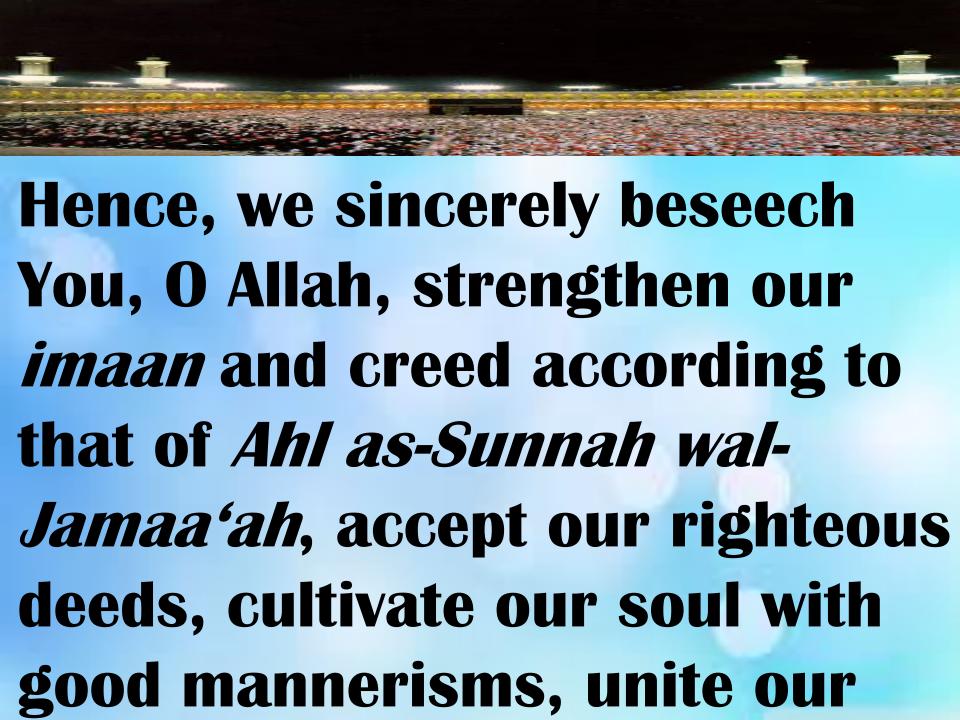


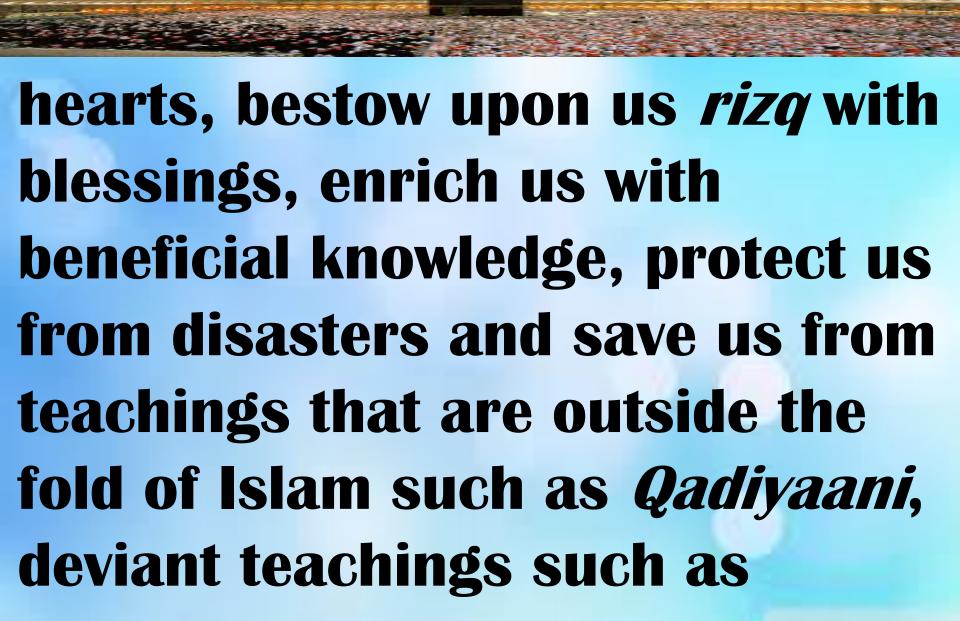
"Indeed, Allah confers blessing upon the Prophet, and His angels [ask Him to do so]. O you who have believed, ask [Allah to confer] blessing upon him and ask [Allah to grant him | peace." (al-Ahzaab 33:56)

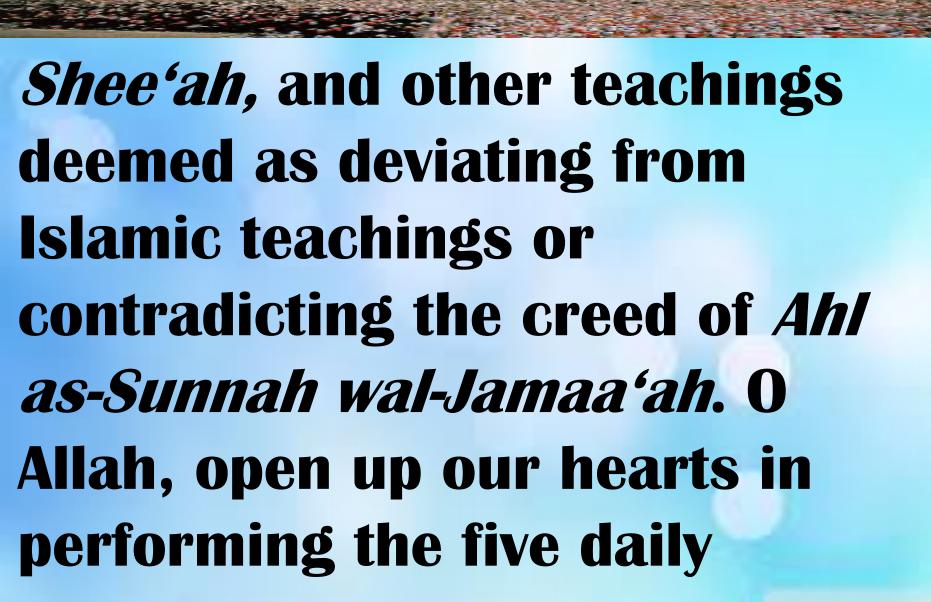


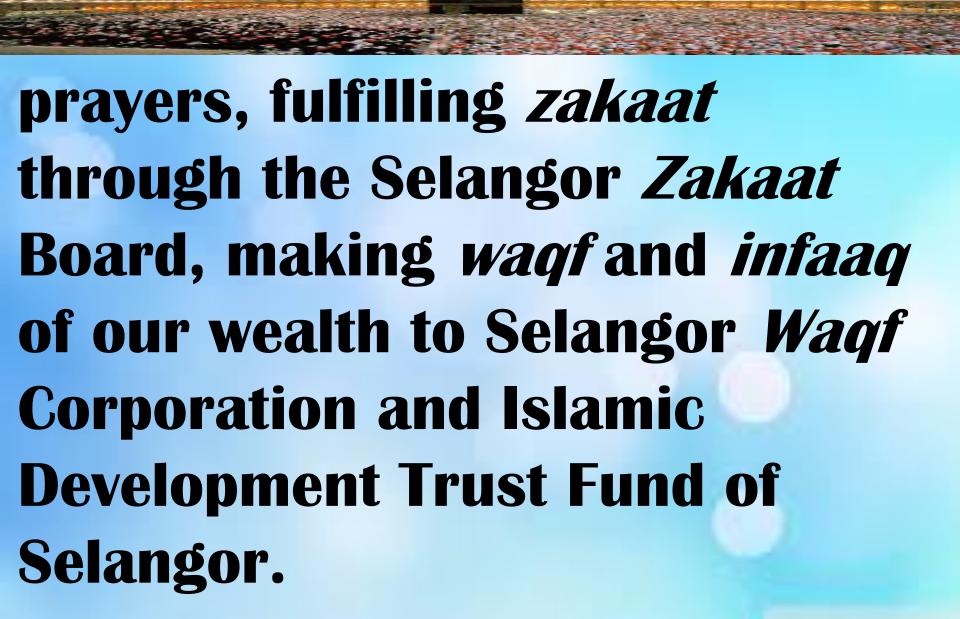


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