

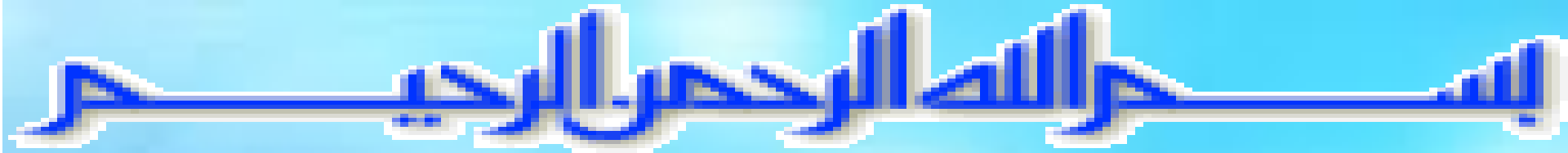


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CULTIVATING THE UMMAH BRINGS MERCY



I remind myself and fellow audience to altogether strive in empowering our *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* with absolute *taqwa*, by performing

**all of His Commands
and avoiding all of His
prohibitions. May we
attain blissfulness in
this world and the
Hereafter.**

Today I will be discussing
upon a *khutbah* titled

***“CULTIVATING THE
UMMAH BRINGS
MERCY.”***



With the coming of the
new *Hijri* year, let us
altogether undertake
hijrah (migration) and
transformation towards
strengthening Islam with
istiqaamah
(steadfastness)

in becoming better in terms of *'aqeedah*, *Sharee'ah*, and *akhlaaq* (mannerisms). *Hijrah* refers to the migration of Rasulullah ﷺ from Makkah to Madeenah in upholding Islam.

**Therefore, a *mu'min*
(believer) that is
successful and
outstanding will always
resort to transformation
and migration within the
self, in attaining life that is
better and successful as**

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 20 of soorah at-Tawbah, mentioned at the beginning of the *khutbah*, which means:

“The ones who have believed, emigrated and striven in the cause of Allah with their wealth and their lives are greater in rank in the Sight of Allah. And it is those who are the attainers [of success].”

Hijrah has always been the *sunnah* (way) of the *anbiyaa'* (prophets), for there had been no prophets that did not undertake *hijrah* in upholding the religion of Islam.

Islam is a religion of mercy and it heavily emphasizes on the relationship between individuals, families, communities, and even nations. This is because Islam calls for security

and prosperity through
good *akhlaaq*, attitude,
and speech. Islam
rejects all forms of
hostility, hatred, and
sedition. Allah
Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala

has created mankind on earth having diverse ethnicity and background. Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 13 of soorah al-Hujuraat:

***“O mankind, indeed
We have created you
from male and female
and made you
peoples and tribes
that you may know
one another.***

***Indeed, the most noble
of you in the sight of
Allah is the most
righteous of you.
Indeed, Allah is
Knowing and
Acquainted.”***

Hijrah truly manifests the actual meaning of *ukhuwwah* (brotherhood) when the Muhaajireen, who were originally from Makkah, were made as brothers with the Ansaar in Madeenah, while they

**do not even have any
blood and family
relationship that some
were even willing to share
by giving a portion of
their wealth to their
Muhaajireen brethren.
There were those that**

even offered their wives to
their Muhaajireen
brethren. At every stage of
life and all *da'wah* levels,
we find that Rasulullah
ﷺ had greatly
emphasized the aspect of
ukhuwwah. In al-Qur'an,

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions directly upon the great importance of brotherhood, unity, and unification within the Muslim *ummah*, calling to live in unity, loving, and

caring for each other,
while avoiding disputes
and disunity. Allah
Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala
mentions in verse 10 of
soorah al-Hujuraat:

“The believers are but brothers, so make settlement between your brothers. And fear Allah that you may receive mercy.”

In ensuring everlasting brotherhood, we must leave out any form of differences and disputes in our daily affairs. This is because Islam calls for unity and harmony amongst mankind.

In cultivating the *ummah*,
Allah *Subhaanahu Wa
Ta'aala* has reminded us
to preserve *silaaturrahm*
(ties of kinship) amongst
mankind. Therefore, Islam
encourages its adherents
to interact, mingle, and

establish good
relationship with harmony
and well being in daily
affairs. Broad-
mindedness and affection
amongst Muslims must be
truly instilled and
nurtured. Rasulullah صلى الله
عليه وسلم

had forbade motives that could lead to enmity within his *ummah* such as quarrels, disputes, and conflicts amongst Muslims. This is because disputes and conflicts can cause *fitnah* upon the

Muslim *umamah*, while *fitnah* is a matter that is greatly prohibited in Islam.

In the *hadeeth* of Abu Hurayrah *radiyAllaahu ‘anh*, Rasulullah ﷺ said:

***“Beware of suspicion
(about others), as
suspicion is the
falsest talk, and do
not spy upon each
other, and do not
listen to the evil talk***

of the people about others' affairs, and do not have enmity with one another, but be brothers.”

(al-Bukhaari)

As a religion that truly promotes the message of justice, a Muslim is highly encouraged to instill the *niyyah* (intention) in giving *da'wah* to the non-Muslims by inviting them to discuss about religion,

demonstrating the noble *akhlaaq* of a Muslim and Islam, being just and righteous, and not oppressing them.

Therefore, let us altogether safeguard the

unity and harmony that
was established by our
beloved Rasulullah ﷺ
all these while, as in the
saying: *'Bulat air kerana
pembentung, bulat
manusia kerana
muafakat'* (meaning:

unity is achieved through consensus).

In ending the *khutbah* today, we can conclude as important lessons and guidelines as in the following:

1. The Muslim *ummah* must have full certainty that *hijrah* towards something better is an obligation.

2. The Muslim *ummah* must realize that Islam is a religion that emphasizes upon the principles of brotherhood amongst Muslims and that it brings mercy to humanity.

3. The Muslim *ummah* must continue in its *da'wah* efforts to everyone, whether the Muslims or non-Muslims, by providing sound understanding

**regarding the
truthfulness of
authentic Islamic
teachings.**

4. The Muslim *ummah* must always renew their resolution for *hijrah* in increasing their *'ibaadah* (worship) and personifying noble *akhlaaq*.

“Indeed, those whom the angels take [in death] while wronging themselves - [the angels] will say, “In what [condition] were you?” They will say, “We were oppressed in the land.”

The angels will say, “Was not the earth of Allah spacious [enough] for you to emigrate therein?” For those, their refuge is Hell - and evil it is as a destination.”

(an-Nisaa’ 4:97)



**THE SECOND
KHUTBAH**



In conjunction with the month of Muharram, I would like to remind all of us to always have the *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* by increasing righteous deeds that were commanded by Allah



Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala

including the *sunnah*

(supererogatory) acts

recommended by Rasulullah

ﷺ . Furthermore, the Muslims

are duly reminded to not become

involved in deviant teachings,



***khurafaat* (superstition), and heresy such as those practiced by *Shee'ah* followers in commemorating the tragedy of Karbala on the 10th of Muharram by torturing, flogging, and injuring their**



**bodies while mourning the
death of Sayyidina Husayn
and at the same time
cursing the Companions of
Rasulullah ﷺ**



**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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