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***PREPARATION IN  
BECOMING THE GUEST  
OF ALLAH***



I would like to remind  
myself and fellow  
respected audience. Let  
us strive in having the  
*taqwa* of Allah

*Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*  
by fulfilling all of His

**Commands and  
avoiding all of His  
prohibitions, for *taqwa*  
will be our main  
provision in meeting  
Allah *Subhaanahu Wa  
Ta'aala* in the Hereafter.**

The Friday *khutbah* for this week is titled

***“PREPARATION IN  
BECOMING THE GUEST OF  
ALLAH.”***

**The journey of hajj (pilgrimage) is no ordinary journey. It is a voyage that fulfills the invitation from Allah in visiting Baytullaah. For this reason, the**

statement that is oft repeated by the *hujjaaj* (pilgrims) is:

لَبَّيْكَ اللَّهُمَّ لَبَّيْكَ، لَبَّيْكَ لَا شَرِيكَ لَكَ  
لَبَّيْكَ، إِنَّ الْحَمْدَ، وَالنُّعْمَةَ، لَكَ وَالْمُلْكَ،  
لَا شَرِيكَ لَكَ

***“Here I am, O Allah, here I am. Here I am, You have no partner, here I am. Verily all praise and blessings are Yours, and all sovereignty, You have no partner.”***

To complete this great *'ibaadah* (worship), we must make preparation for all the necessities required, among them:

**First:** The preparation of knowledge. A person that



is bound for hajj must  
always learn and revise  
the ways and techniques  
in perfecting this  
*'ibaadah*, as well as  
matters that pertains to it  
such as the *arkaan*  
(pillars) of hajj, matters

that are *waajib*  
(obligatory), the *shuroot*  
(conditions) of hajj, and  
the prohibitions while in  
the state of *ihram*.  
Similarly, in having the  
comprehension of  
performing the

*jama'* (combining) and *qasar* (shortening) of prayers while traveling. Do not just go while in the state of *jaahil* (ignorance) by assuming that it would be an easy task. Do not have the mindset of just

copying and imitating others in performing this *'ibaadah*, for it involves various ways that would differ one from others. Though staying in the same area, the *hujjaaj* would be performing

different types of hajj, be it *Ifraad*, *Tamattu'*, or *Qiraan*. Therefore, it behooves every individual to fully comprehend the intricacies of the hajj journey that will be undertaken with the

**knowledge learned  
through the courses and  
practice sessions  
attended.**

**Second: The preparation  
of wealth for the  
expenditures in the Holy**

**Land, enough to cover  
the round-trip journey, as  
well as sufficient  
provision for daily  
expenditure of one's  
family members and  
dependents while away  
performing hajj in**

the blessed land.

**Third: Proper care of one's health and physical preparation. Aside from wealth, the *'ibaadah* of hajj involves great physical activities such**



as *tawaaf*, *sa'iee*, and stoning at the *jamrah*.

Therefore, proper health care is truly vital. It would be beneficial if prior to departing for hajj, one undergoes through practical training with

**long arduous walk so  
that the physical body  
would not be startled by  
the physical activities  
during hajj.**

**Fourth: Preparation of the heart and soul. This is the main preparation, for the long journey of hajj is purely *'ibaadah* unto Allah by having pure *ikhlaas* (sincerity) in one's *niyyah* (intention),**

with the *taqwa* of Allah  
as provision. Allah  
*Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*  
mentions in verse 197  
of soorah al-Baqarah:

***“...And take provisions, but indeed, the best provision is fear of Allah. And fear Me, O you of understanding.”***

The hajj pilgrims must make *tawbah* (repentance) from all of the sins that have been committed. This is because aside from fulfilling the requirements of the pillars of *imaan*

(faith), the objective of performing hajj is to attain forgiveness from Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. It would be good for those performing hajj to seek forgiveness from friends and colleagues

before leaving for the blessed land of Makkah. Upon return, may the *hujjaaj* become cleansed from all misdeeds against Allah and between fellow human beings.



Narrated Abu Hurayrah  
*radiyAllaahu 'anh:*

Rasulullah صلى الله  
عليه وسلم said:

***“Whoever performs hajj  
to this House (Ka‘bah)  
and does not approach***

***his wife for sexual relations nor commits sins (while performing hajj), he will come out as sinless as a newly born child.”***

***(al-Bukhaari)***

The noble guests of Allah must familiarize themselves with supererogatory (*sunnah*) 'ibaadah such as *qiyaam al-layl* and frequent recitation of al-Qur'an, aside from obligatory

*'ibaadah* that definitely must be fulfilled. Their presence in Masjid al-Haram and Masjid an-Nabawi must be filled with various *'ibaadah* since righteous deeds performed there are

**generously multiplied by  
Allah *Subhaanahu Wa  
Ta'aala.***

**The noble guests of Allah  
must elevate their  
threshold for patience, for  
the journey of hajj will be**

**met with various challenges and tribulations, whether physical or mental. The gathering of pilgrims involving millions of people will definitely present a variety of**

**circumstances, which  
requires the patience of  
those present.**

**For those that have yet to  
perform and have not  
received their turn for  
hajj, it is always good to**

**make early preparation.  
This includes saving up  
sufficient funds for hajj.  
Since hajj is an *'ibaadah*  
that requires overall  
ability, then every Muslim  
should earnestly strive to  
attain those capabilities.**



In fulfilling the fifth pillar of Islam, he or she must register with hajj management authorities and supplicate to Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* to be granted the opportunity to perform hajj.

**‘Ali radiyAllaahu ‘anh  
narrated that Rasulullah**

**صلى الله  
عليه وسلم said:**

***“Whoever has the  
provisions and the  
means to convey him to  
Allah’s House and***

***he does not perform hajj, then it does not matter if he dies as a Jew or a Christian. That is because Allah said in His Book: 'And hajj to the House is a duty that***

***mankind owes to Allah,  
for whomever is able to  
bear the journey.”***

***(at-Tirmidhi)***

To end this week's *khutbah*, let us altogether ponder upon the following matters:

1. The Muslim *ummah* must have certainty that the *'ibaadah* of hajj is a pillar of Islam that is *waajib* to be performed, in fulfilling the Islamic creed that Muslims ascribe to.

**2. The Muslim *ummah* must have the determination and pure intention to perform the *'ibaadah* of hajj so that at least one's death will be in a state of determination or having perfected the pillars of Islam.**

**3. The Muslim *ummah* must attain complete knowledge upon all *'ibaadah* performed so that those *'ibaadah* are done in accordancy with the *Sharee'ah* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.**



4. The Muslim *ummah* must internalize upon the very philosophy of hajj, which is the annual gathering of the Muslim *ummah*, as a symbol and platform for the

unity and consolidation  
of the *ummah* that is  
based upon the unity of  
*'aqeedah* and *'ibaadah*  
unto Allah, The Almighty.

***“And proclaim to the people the hajj [pilgrimage]; they will come to you on foot and on every lean camel; they will come from every distant pass.”***

***(al-Hajj 22:27)***



***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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