

I remind myself and fellow audience to strengthen our taqwa of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala with absolute taqwa by fulfilling all of

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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

"CHARITY BRINGS BLESSINGS."

Harta

Sedekah

Giving charity is an act that is highly encouraged in Islam. It is because giving charity is a manifestation of our gratitude to Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala and as a way of

strengthening the relationship between the slaves and Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala, and also amongst slaves, as mentioned in verse 254 of soorah al-**Baqarah**:

"O you who have believed, spend from that which We have provided for you before there comes a Day in which there is no exchange and no friendship and no intercession. And the disbelievers - they are the wrongdoers."

A Muslim that gives charity is a true manifestation of his honesty in his religiosity. **That is why Rasulullah** صلى الله mentioned sadaqah عليه وسلم (charity) as "burhaan" (proof),

as mentioned in the hadeeth of Abu Maalik al-Haarith bin 'Aasim al-Ash'ari radiyAllaahu 'anh, where Rasulullah صلى الله Said: عليه وسلم

"Purity is half of imaan. 'Alhamdulillaah' fills the scales, and 'SubhaanAllaah' and 'Alhamdulillaah' fill that which is between heaven and earth. And the salaah is a light, and charity is a proof."

(Muslim)

Giving charity is inseparable from our good deeds, whether it is intended for the poor, needy, relatives, or in the path of Allah. Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala mentions in verse 215 of

soorah al-Baqarah:

"They ask you, [O Muhammad], what they should spend. Say, "Whatever you spend of good is [to be] for

parents and relatives and orphans and the needy and the traveler. And whatever you do of good - indeed, Allah is Knowing of it.""

Verily, giving sadaqah must be done purely with ikhlaas (sincerity) for the sake of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala, not to gain fame and reward. We are not allowed to harp others

about our deeds, so what more in showing off, complain, and hurting the feelings of those on the receiving end. Aside from that, **Islam teaches its**

adherents to ensure the items that are being given in charity to be in good and usable condition, originating from halaal (permissible) sources. Even better, they are to be from items that are

well liked and even loved by its owner.

Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala mentions in verse 92 of soorah Aal-'Imraan:

"Never will you attain the good [reward] until you spend [in the way of Allah] from that which you love. And whatever you spend - indeed, Allah is Knowing of it."

Indeed, sadaqah that are made in secret is more preferred, so much so that the left hand does not know what the right hand has given. It can also expiate the misdeeds and sins of those giving

sadaqah. This righteous deed can take one closer to sincerity and keep one away from arrogance, for arrogance will destroy the charitable deeds performed. Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala

mentions in verse 271 of soorah al-Baqarah:

"If you disclose your charitable expenditures, they are good; but if you conceal them and give

them to the poor, it is better for you, and He will remove from you some of your misdeeds [thereby]. And Allah, with what you do, is [fully] Acquainted."

Indeed, charity does not decrease one's wealth. Instead, it increases one's wealth and keeps one away from poverty, deficiency, and hardship in life.

ملى الله had عليه وسلم given guarantee that sadaqah will not at all decrease one's wealth. **Narrated Abu Hurayrah** radiyAllaahu 'anh that صلى الله Rasulullah عليه وسلم said:

"Charity does not in any way decrease the wealth."



Whatever wealth spent will be multiplied and definitely replaced. In the hadeeth of Abu Hurayrah radiyAllaahu صلى الله (anh, Rasulullah عليه وسلم said:

"There is never a day wherein servants (of God) get up at morn, but are not visited by two angels. One of them says: "O Allah, give him more who spends (for

the sake of Allah)," and the other says: "O Allah, bring destruction to one who withholds."" (al-Bukhaari and Muslim) To end the khutbah today, I would like to invite fellow audience to ponder upon the following matters:

1. The Muslim ummah must have certainty that giving charity is a command from Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala that is promised with tremendous reward as proof of one's imaan (faith) unto Him.

2. The Muslim ummah must increase in charity and spending in the path of Allah with utmost sincerity.

3. The Muslim ummah must avoid miserliness and stinginess, as well as not harp others about the sadaqah made.

4. The Muslim ummah must inculcate giving charity as a norm, before death overtakes in all of a sudden.

"And spend [in the way of Allah] from what We have provided you before death approaches one of you and he says, "My Lord, if only You

would delay me for a brief term so l would give charity and be among the righteous. "" (al-Munaafiqoon 63:10)



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 or Rasulullah صلى الله was sent to عليه وسلم 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 Allah عليه وسلم 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 rizg 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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