



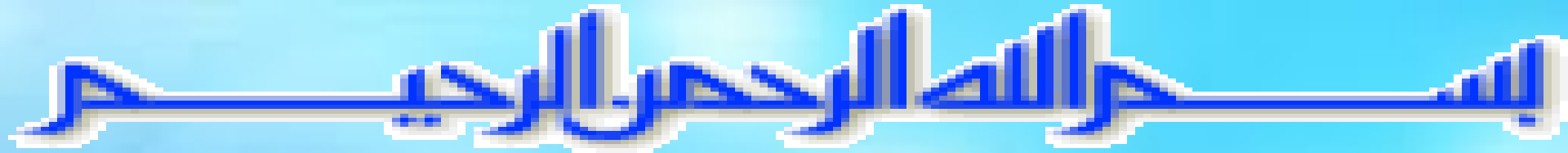
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GRATEFULNESS UPON THE BOUNTY OF LONG LIFE





**I would like to remind
and invite fellow
Muslims to strive in
increasing our *taqwa* of
Allah *Subhaanahu Wa
Ta'aala*, in the sense of**

earnestly fulfilling all of the commands of Allah and avoiding all of His prohibitions. Take heed, my dearest brothers, that only those having utmost *taqwa* will attain

nobility in the Sight of
Allah *Subhaanahu Wa
Ta'aala* in this world
and the Hereafter.

On a Friday that is full of blessings,
let us altogether ponder upon a
khutbah titled

***“GRATEFULNESS UPON
THE BOUNTY OF LONG
LIFE.”***



Everyone will live to experience old age. This is from among the matters that have been predetermined by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* as He mentions in verse 70 of soorah an-Nahl:

“And Allah created you; then He will take you in death. And among you is he who is reversed to the most decrepit [old] age so that he will not know,

***after [having had]
knowledge, a thing.
Indeed, Allah is
Knowing and
Competent.”***

Verily, the life of this world is truly short compared with the eternal life of the Hereafter. Therefore, it behoove us to strategically plan ahead so that we will take full

advantage of each and every seconds of our lives by indulging in as many righteous deeds possible, purely to attain the pleasure of Allah.

Hence, when mankind is at the verge of their golden age, they should not only think of their health condition, but more importantly is to ensure that our very purpose of life in this

world, which is purely to
render servitude to Allah
Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala
by fulfilling all of the
commands of Allah and
avoiding all of His
prohibitions, is truly
achieved.

**This is in line with verse
56 of soorah adh-
Dhaariyaat:**

***“And I did not create the
jinn and mankind except
to worship Me.”***

Based on the research conducted by the Malaysian Research Institute On Ageing (MyAgeing) in 2017, it was found that the life expectancy of Malaysians is increasing. For men,

it has increased to 72.7 years, while for the women it has increased to 77.4 years. If this trend persists, then it is expected that in year 2035, approximately 15% of the Malaysian

**population will be
comprised of senior
citizens of age 60 and
above. This increase in
life expectancy is
attributed to the improved
healthcare facilities, in
addition to the awareness**

in pursuing a healthy lifestyle within the general public. However, death does not discriminate against one's age. This matter was mentioned in verse 49 of soorah Yoonus:

“...When their time has come, then they will not remain behind an hour, nor will they precede [it].”

From this verse, the Muslim *ummah* must realize that death cannot be advanced or delayed even by a mere second. Therefore, mankind must always remain prepared with provision that will be

taken to the realm of the Hereafter, which will be the final destination for all nations. The youth must realize that old age is not a pre-requisite for death. Moreover, we are often surprised by the news

**of death from amongst
the youth. If Allah can
take away the lives of
those with young age,
what more with those
already reaching the
status of senior citizens
or elders. Hence, it**

**behoove us to prepare
everything necessary
so that we will return to
Allah in a state of
preparedness and that
Allah is pleased with us.**

We are duly aware that the state of health of the elders will deteriorate and also lacking strength to undertake physical task. Therefore, it is the children that are supposed to aid their

**parents to their level
best, in return for the
kindness of their parents
that have successfully
raised them, that they are
now able to enjoy the
luxuries of this life. A
good Muslim must remain**

grateful upon all of the
rahmah (mercy) and
ni'mah (bounties)
bestowed by Allah
Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala
by not becoming
pompous and arrogant.
Furthermore, we should

always utilize all those favors by performing all sorts of good deeds and *sadaqah jaariyah* (continuous charity), coinciding with the narration of Prophet

Muhammad ﷺ

mentioned by ibn 'Abbaas
radiyAllaahu 'anhuma:

***“Take advantage of five
before five: your youth
before your old age,***

***your health before your
illness, your riches
before your poverty,
your free time before
your work, and your life
before your death.”***

(al-Haakim)

In concluding the *khutbah* today, I humbly invite fellow congregation to altogether derive beneficial lessons from the essence of the *khutbah* delivered:

1. The Muslim *ummah* must remain grateful upon the favor of prolonged age so that we are able to increase our daily righteous deeds.

2. The Muslim *ummah* must realize that all responsibilities shouldered must be fulfilled with excellence, for they will be accounted for in front of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala.*

3. The Muslim *ummah* must race and hasten in performing righteous deeds before the soul is pulled out of the body.

“And whoever does righteous deeds, whether male or female, while being a believer - those will enter Paradise and will not be wronged,

***[even as much as]
the speck on a date
seed.”***

(an-Nisaa' 4:124)



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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