

## UNITY ENSURES PROSPERITY

تدالرحدر الرحيب On this noble day, I would like to remind myself and dearest congregation to always strive in having the taqwa of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala by abiding all of His

Commands and avoiding all of His prohibitions. This is because taqwa is the only key in attaining salvation in this life and the Hereafter.

The khutbah that is to be delivered this week is titled "UNITY ENSURES PROSPERITY."

Rasulullah عليه وسلم is the best example in fostering peace and unity. Rasulullah صلى الله had made belief in Islamic teachings as the foundation in fostering unity, which was planted

since the beginning of his da'wah efforts in Makkah al-Mukarramah until the establishment of the Islamic state in Madeenah al-Munawwarah.

Moreover, the very first message that he called to upon arriving in Madeenah as the leader of human savior is unity amongst the citizens of Madeenah. In a hadeeth

narrated by 'Abdullah bin Salaam radiyAllaahu 'anh, the first message that he heard from Rasulullah عليه وسلم upon his arrival in Madeenah was:

"O people, exchange greetings of peace, feed people, strengthen the ties of kinship, and pray at night when people are asleep, you will enter Jannah in peace."

(al-Haakim)

This hadeeth clearly mentions that the method in fostering unity is based on the four matters that have great effects upon the ukhuwwah (brotherhood) and unity of the ummah, namely

spreading the salaam, offering food, strengthening the silaaturrahm (ties of kinship), and performing the night prayer.

What is truly hoped is that all quarters will safeguard their adab (etiquettes) when campaigning for the election, while stating their case and reasoning without hurling slander and accusation. Fitnah is

not only confusing to the masses but it can also evoke enmity and bloody feud. It is such circumstances that would cause prolonged hostility.

Our failure in preserving adab will only sever the unity that we have built all the while. While on the other hand, Islam requires us to find common grounds instead of planting seeds of

hostility amongst us.

Our country is a nation with parliamentary democracy and constitutional monarchy. Every five years, the general election is held in

electing the people's representatives and form a new government. All citizens are granted the freedom and rights to choose and determine the best representative to occupy the parliamentary

or state legislative seats. In preparation for the 14th General Election, His Royal Highness the Sultan of Selangor had decreed in his message on the 20th of April 2018 that "His Majesty would

like to remind all citizens especially in the state of Selangor not to attempt actions that could trigger strife and chaos while the election season is still on going. His Majesty truly hope that the 14th General

Election will go on smoothly and peacefully without any commotion and turmoil amongst the citizens."

Now, the election atmosphere and

campaign fever has returned. In adhering to the decree of our Royal Highness the Sultan of Selangor, I would like to remind everyone that in this very atmosphere of the current election

campaign, among the matters that must be observed is the unity and brotherhood amongst us. Unity is among the ni'mah (bounty) that we must be grateful for. Unity will only be achieved if we truly

## appreciate peacefulness.

What is also hoped is that all quarters would convey information that is authentic and take

responsibility for every fact conveyed. For those on the receiving end, they must always practice tabayyun (verify) or ensure of its authenticity before

accepting and disseminating such information. Let us take heed upon the words of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala in verse 6 of soorah al-Hujuraat:

"O you who have believed, if there comes to you a disobedient one with information, investigate, lest you harm a people out of ignorance and become, over what you have done, regretful." We must realize that our excitement in maneuvering political campaigns may at times weaken the unity among us. Such predicament occurs due to our negligence in becoming

too absorbed in campaigning that we would deviate into cursing, insulting, humiliating, and even worse is slandering others. Whereas all of these are clearly prohibited by Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala, as mentioned in verse 12 of soorah al-Hujuraat:

"O you who have believed, avoid much [negative] assumption. Indeed, some assumption is sin. And do not spy or backbite each other. Would one of you like to eat the flesh of his

brother when dead? You would detest it. And fear Allah; indeed, Allah is Accepting of repentance and Merciful."

To end our khutbah today, I have concluded several matters that are vital for us to derive lessons from, serving as guidance for all of us:

1. It is waajib (obligatory) upon the Muslim ummah to have certainty that all of its deeds and actions in this world will be accounted for by Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala in the Hereafter.

2. It is waajib upon the Muslim ummah to preserve its adab in every utterances and actions, so as to ensure that unity is safeguarded.

3. It is waajib upon the Muslim ummah to refrain from hurling fitnah, insults, and speeches that can adversely affect the 'aqeedah, Sharee'ah, and akhlaaq of the Muslims.

4. The general election that is seasonal should be utilized as a medium for da'wah in propagating Islam as a religion that is peaceful, secure, and prosperous.

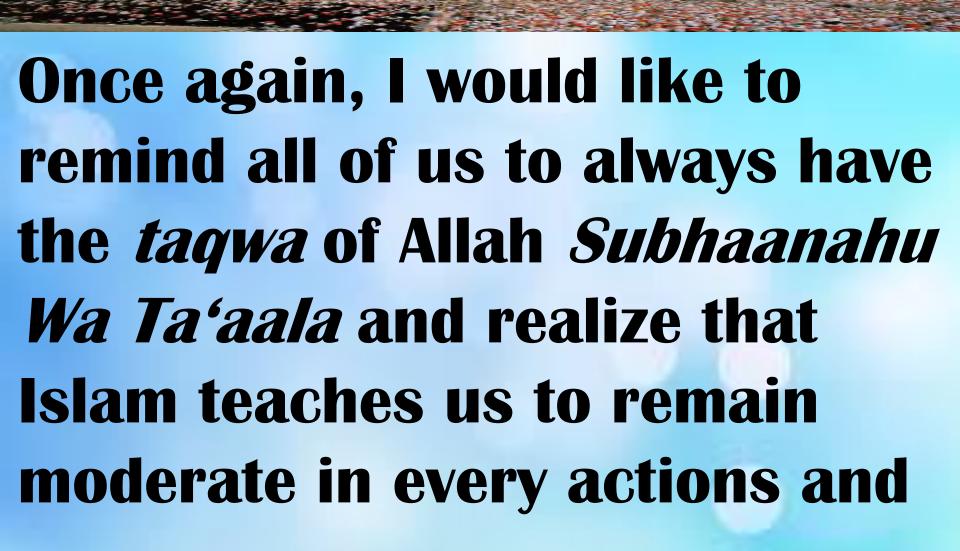
"O you who have believed, be persistently standing firm for Allah, witnesses in justice, and do not let the hatred of a people prevent you from being

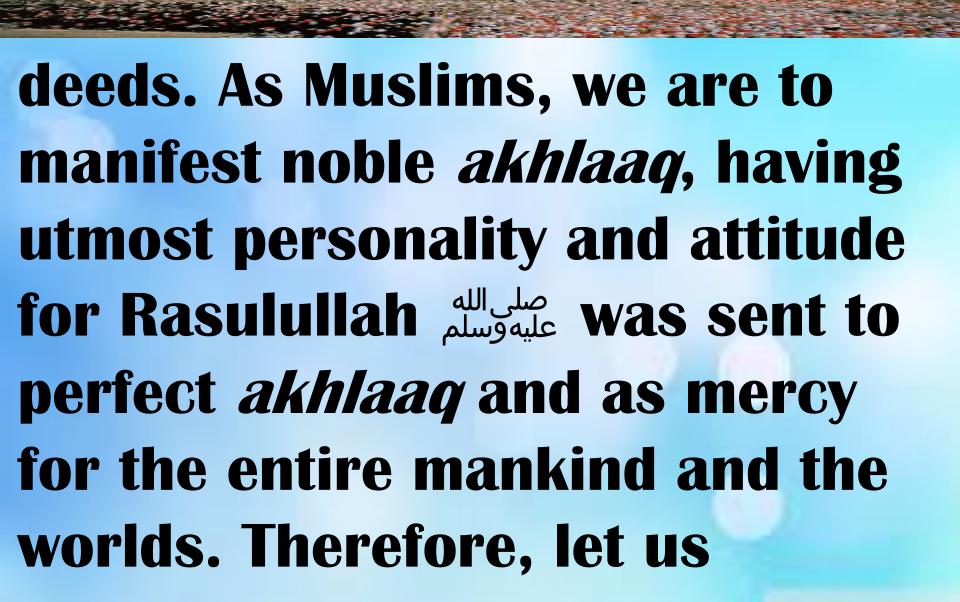
just. Be just; that is nearer to righteousness. And fear Allah; indeed, Allah is Acquainted with what you do."

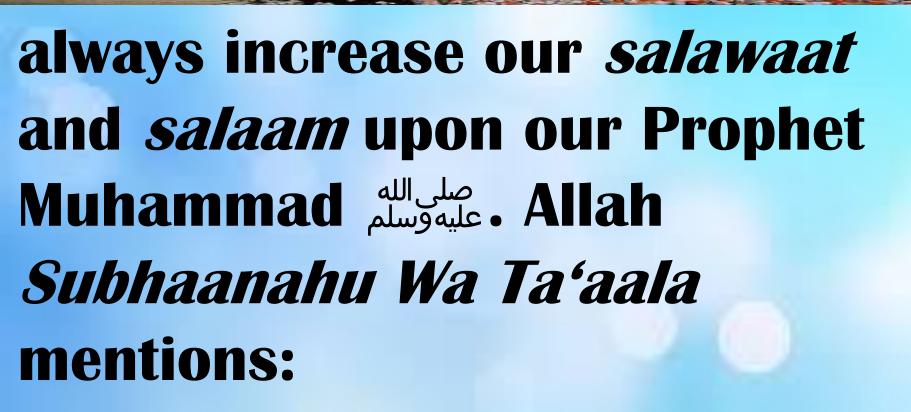
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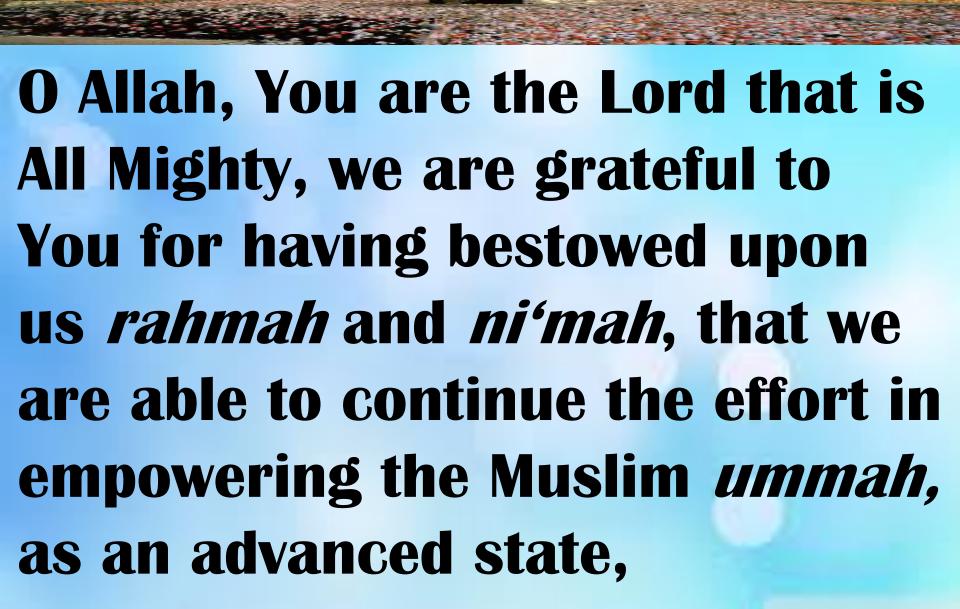
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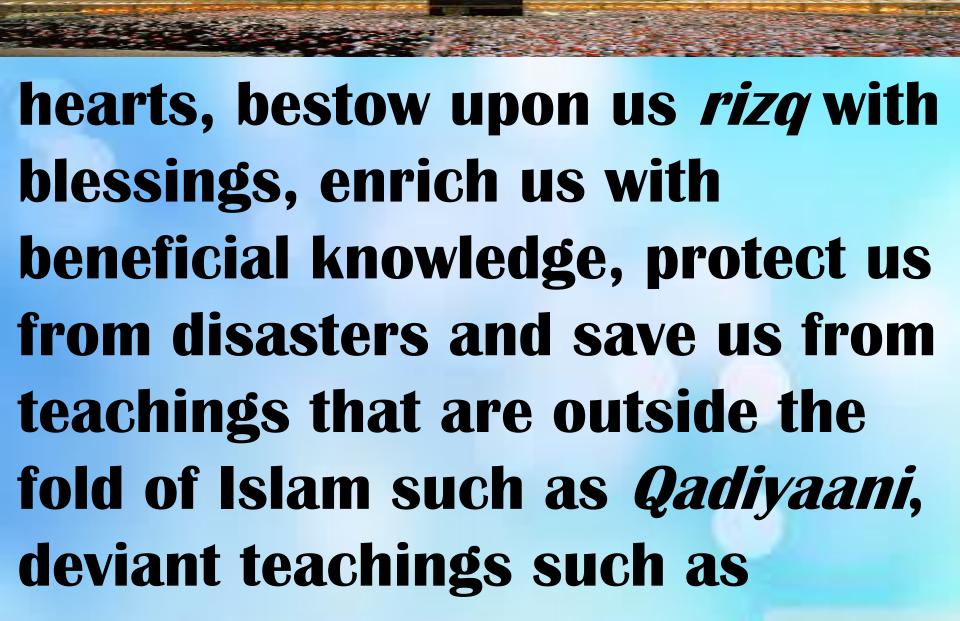
"Indeed, Allah confers blessing upon the Prophet, and His angels [ask Him to do so]. O you who have believed, ask [Allah to confer] blessing upon him and ask [Allah to grant him | peace." (al-Ahzaab 33:56)

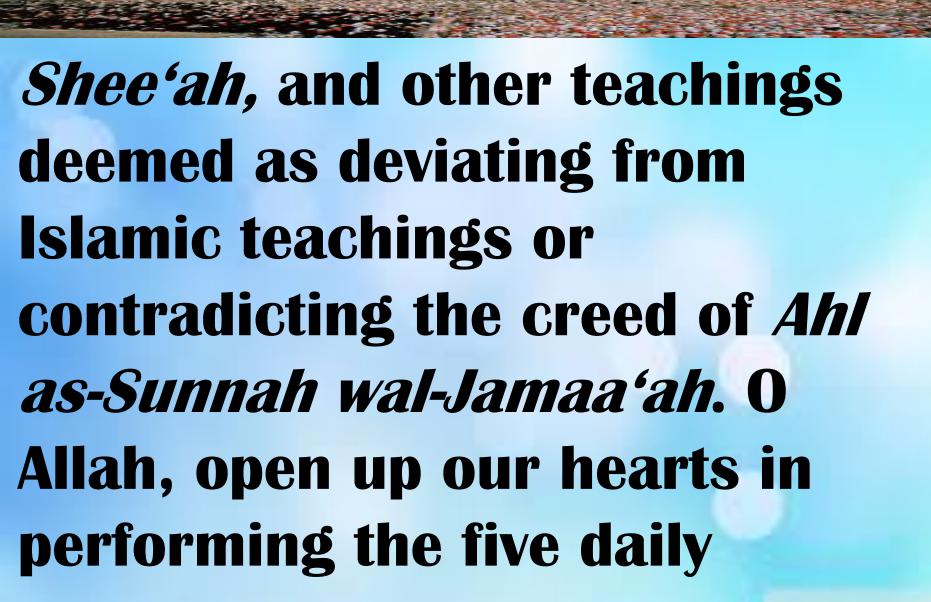


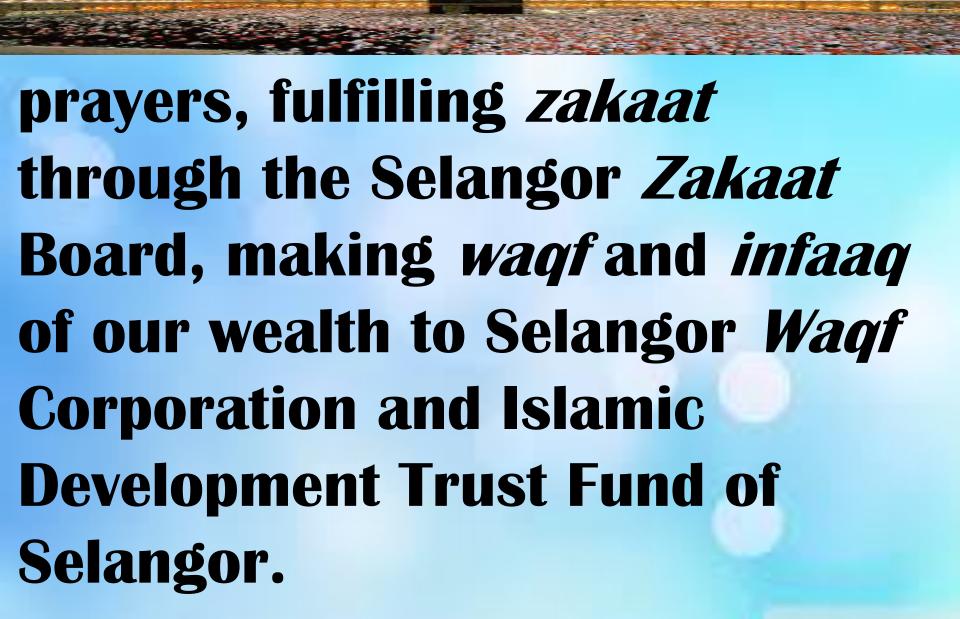


prosperous and providing welfare, under the auspices and leadership of our Ruler as the Head of Islamic affairs in this state.











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