

ZAKAAT, **WORLDLY FARM** FOR THE HEREAFTER



In conjunction with this noble Friday, I remind myself and fellow blessed audience to strive in increasing our

taqwa of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala by performing all of His Commands and avoiding all of His prohibitions. May Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala

bless our lives with ni'mah (favors), tawfeeq (aid), and hidaayah (guidance) that is long lasting, and that we attain salvation in this world and the Hereafter.

Today, I sincerely invite fellow congregation to ponder upon ... a *khutbah* titled



We are very well informed that the reality of this worldly life is that it is only temporary. Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala has reminded us repeatedly that we are living in this world solely

for 'ibaadah (worship) and having the taqwa of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala. Moreover, the temporary life of this world is only a bridge in our journey to the Hereafter that is everlasting.

Indeed, this world is a place for us to toil and plant the crops, which serves as our farm for the Afterlife. It is in the Hereafter that we will harvest the outcome of what we had planted earlier.

Wealth and possessions are from among the tribulations in this worldly

life. Parallel to that, it is also ni'mah (favor) and bounties from Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala upon us. Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala has ordained for those wealth to be purified

through zakaat and distributed to its asnaf (beneficiaries), providing financial support for the family members, and also shared with others. Here is where the quality of one's imaan (faith) is

greatly tested, whether it remains loyal in abiding by the command of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala or blatantly disobey Him. In addition, the amount given in zakaat is not that much. In comparison,

it is only RM2.50 out of RM100.00. Therefore, RM97.50 remains as our portion to be spent freely.

For the obedient ones, Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* has promised tremendous benefits for the pleasure of the eternal life of the Hereafter. Every cent that we gave for zakaat guarantees the cultivation and purity of the wealth that we

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse
103 of Soorah at-Tawbah:

"Take, [O, Muhammad], from their wealth a charity by which you purify them and cause them increase, and invoke [Allah's blessings] upon them. Indeed, your invocations are reassurance for them. And Allah is Hearing and Knowing."

Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala has promised everlasting favors in Paradise that is as vast as the heavens and earth for those amongst His slaves that strive to perform righteous deeds that He

has commanded, including those that made infaaq (gave away) of their wealth and performed zakaat. He mentions in verses 133-134 of Soorah Aal-'Imraan:

"And hasten to forgiveness from your Lord and a garden as wide as the heavens and earth, prepared for the righteous, Who spend [in the cause of

Allah] during ease and hardship and who restrain anger and who pardon the people - and Allah loves the doers of good."

For Muslims that are arrogant, defiant, and refuses to give zakaat, Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala has given stern warning in the form of severe torment and

punishment in the fire of Hell. Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala mentions in verses 34-35 of Soorah at-Tawbah:

"... And those who hoard gold and silver and spend it not in the way of Allah give them tidings of a painful punishment. The Day when it will be heated in the fire of Hell and seared therewith will be

their foreheads, their flanks, and their backs, [it will be said], "This is what you hoarded for yourselves, so taste what you used to hoard.""

This grave warning is further reinforced by the hadeeth of Abu Hurayrah radiyAllaahu 'anh, where Rasulullah صلى الله said:

"Anyone whom Allah has given wealth but he does not pay its zakaat, then, on the Day of Resurrection, his wealth will be presented to him in the shape of a baldheaded poisonous male

snake with two poisonous glands in its mouth and it will encircle itself round his neck and bite him over his cheeks and say, "I am your wealth; I am your treasure.""

(al-Bukhaari)

For the audience's very information, up until October 2019, the total amount of zakaat distribution made to eligible asnaf was RM619.4 million, while the total collection of zakaat

made within the same period had increased to RM585.3 million.

Until now, a total of 60,462 families that are poor (fuqaraa') and needy (masaakeen) have

received continuous zakaat aid through LZS (Selangor Zakaat Board). Based on the increased number of poor and needy families, several efforts have been taken to ensure that zakaat

collection can be further enhanced so that zakaat aid for these asnaf can be disbursed efficiently.

However, up until October 2019, the total number of Muslims that had fulfilled

fulfilled their zakaat with LZS only stands at 18.13% from the total of 1.5 million Muslims that are eligible to perform zakaat in this state.

Therefore, I implore upon fellow congregation, that let us fulfill our zakaat obligation immediately, for death will surely come to take us away at any time unexpectedly. Such gravity upon the

obligation of zakaat that one who passes away is deemed to be in debt with Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala if he or she did not perform zakaat. Hence, it becomes waajib (obligatory) upon the heir

to fulfill that zakaat obligation before the estate is distributed. Therefore, we must ensure that our income, savings, stocks, investments, and commerce that we

conduct are not spared from zakaat obligation.

Take heed, for every wealth and possession that we own in this world is only beneficial

in the Hereafter after we have fulfilled our zakaat of 2.5%, which rightfully belongs to the eligible recipients of zakaat.

To end the khutbah this time, I implore and invite upon all Muslims to internalize upon the following lessons to be taken as guidelines in our lives:

1. The Muslim ummah must abide by the obligation of zakaatas an ordainment from Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala.

2. The Muslim ummah must fear the severe threats from Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala if it refuses or rejects to fulfill the zakaat obligation.

3. The Muslims should perform zakaat through the Selangor Zakaat Board, in ensuring the effectiveness of its collection and disbursement to the asnaf.

4. The Muslim ummah must have certainty that performing zakaat will purify and cultivate its wealth in this world, yielding tremendous gain in the Hereafter.

"Whoever desires the harvest of the Hereafter - We increase for him in his harvest. And whoever desires the harvest of this world - We give him thereof, but there is not for him in the Hereafter any share." (ash-Shoora 42:20)

THE SECOND KHUTBAH

"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 barakah upon this state, which continues to remain advanced and prosperous, with its residents

united 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, and protect us from teachings that are

outside the fold of Islam such as Ahmadiyyah or Qadiyaani and teachings declared as astray such as Shee'ah and the perverted ideologies of Pluralism and Liberalism.

O Allah, Ya Rahmaan, Ya Raheem, unite our hearts, bestow upon us rizq with blessings, enrich us with beneficial knowledge, protect us from calamities. O Allah, bestow upon us guidance in

performing the five daily prayers in congregation, fulfilling zakaat through Lembaga Zakat Selangor (Selangor Zakaat Board), making waqf and infaaq of our wealth to Perbadanan Wakaf Negeri Selangor (Selangor Waqf Corporation) and Tabung Amanah Pembangunan Islam Selangor (Islamic Development Trust Fund of Selangor).

