

THOSE THAT WILL BE WITH صلى الله RASULULLAH IN PARADISE



I implore myself and fellow audience to altogether strive in increasing our taqwa of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala, which is by

performing all of His Commands and avoiding all of His prohibitions. For the successful ones in the Hereafter are those having utmost taqwa of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala.

We had only recently left the month of Rabee' al-Awwal. The echoes of salawaat in commemorating Rasulullah عليه وسلم are still ringing in our ears. It is the noble month that

invites us to reminisce the history of the birth and struggle of **Prophet Muhammad** صلى الله عليه وسلم, the prophet that brought mercy to the worlds. Indeed, to live

alongside the Prophet is a bounty that is عليه وسلم unparalleled. However, far better are those that will be in the company of Rasulullah in the Hereafter.

I sincerely invite fellow congregation to altogether reflect ... upon a *khutbah* titled



Dr Mehran Mahir Othman, in one of his intellectual papers, has listed eight (8) groups of believers that will be in the company of Rasulullah in Paradise in the عليه وسلم Hereafter. Such privilege

will not be attained effortlessly, but instead it will be the reward for the righteous deeds that they used to perform in the worldly life.

Among those that will be alongside Rasulullah عليه وسلم in the Hereafter are those that are always abiding and obeying the commands of Allah and His messenger in their lives. They will ensure

their entire lives will be in accordance with the Sharee 'ah of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala and the sunnah of the Prophet عليه وسلم . Imaam at-Tabaraani mentioned in

his work al-Mu'jam al-Kabeer the narration of ibn 'Abbaas radiyAllaahu 'anhuma where a Companion had mentioned to Rasulullah of his worries that he عليه وسلم will no longer be with

ا صلى الله الله Rasulullah عليه وسلم in Paradise. Referring to this concern, Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala has revealed verse 69 of soorah an-Nisaa', where He Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala mentions:

"And whoever obeys Allah and the Messenger - those will be with the ones upon whom Allah has bestowed favor of the prophets, the steadfast affirmers of truth, the martyrs and the righteous. And excellent are those as companions."

The second group that will be accompanying ا صلى الله عليه وسلم Rasulullah Paradise are those that truly love Rasulullah عليه وسلم Love here refers to the love that will take one to thoroughly follow and

Rasulullah صلى الله in his or her daily affairs. It is the love that was manifested by the Companions radiyAllaahu 'anhum for Rasulullah عليه وسلم. It is not like the love of Abu Taalib for the Prophet or the love the Jews and Christians for their prophets.

In the hadeeth of Anas bin Maalik radiyAllaahu 'anh, he narrated that a Companion had inquired صلىالله from Rasulullah

regarding the Day of Judgment. He (صلى الله ) then replied by inquiring about the Companion's preparation for that Day. The Companion replied stating that he had prepared nothing except

for his great love for Allah and His Messenger. Upon hearing that, Rasulullah عليه وسلم said:

## "You will be with those whom you love." (al-Bukhaari and Muslim)

Another group that will be alongside Rasulullah عليه وسلم in the Hereafter are those that offers a lot of prayers. The salaah performed are not limited to just the obligatory (fard) ones, but includes

the various types of naafilah (supererogatory prayer) enjoined whether during the day or night.

Rabee'ah bin Ka'ab al-Aslami once spent a night with the Messenger and brought him water for ablution and what he required. Rasulullah عليه وسلم then offered Rabee'ah to ask for anything that he likes. Rabee'ah radiyAllaahu 'anh only asked for one thing from

Rasululllah, of which he asked to be in the company of Rasulullah عليه وسلم in Paradise. Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم then said:

"Then help me to achieve this for you by devoting yourself often to prostration."

(Muslim)

Aside from increasing salaah, the Muslim ummah has also been commanded to always supplicate (make du'aa) to Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala. Among the supplication that is

ma'thoor (authentically reported) and practiced by Sayyidina Abu Bakr as-Siddeeq radiyAllaahu 'anh is the narration of ibn Mas'ood radiyAllaahu 'anh:

"O Allah, I ask you for firm faith that does not revert, and bliss that never ends, and then companionship of Muhammad at the highest (level) of eternal Paradise."

(Ahmad)

One who always decorates his daily interactions with noble and praiseworthy akhlaaq will also be among those that will have position close to

Rasulullah عليه وسلم in the Hereafter. In the hadeeth of Jaabir radiyAllaahu 'anh, Rasulullah عليه وسلم said:

"Indeed the most beloved among you to me, and the nearest to sit with me on the Day of Judgment is the best of you in character." (at-Tirmidhi)

Similarly with those whose tongues are always moist with dhikr and salawaat upon the Prophet صلى الله, they will attain shafaa'ah (intercession) and a special rank with the

Prophet عليه وسلم in the Hereafter. 'Abdullah ibn Mas'ood radiyAllaahu 'anh narrated that Rasulullah عليه وسلم said:

"Those who are nearest to me on the Day of Resurrection are those who invoke many blessings on me."

(at-Tirmidhi)

Among those promised with the companionship of Rasulullah عليه وسلم in Paradise in the Hereafter are those who care for and manage the affairs of the orphans. That is by providing love and care to them, ensuring that they are raised with proper education until they are able to live independently. Sahl bin Sa'd radiyAllaahu 'anh narrated that Rasulullah

صلى الله said:

"I and the one who looks after an orphan will be like this in Paradise." showing his middle and index fingers and separating them.

(al-Bukhaari)

Therefore, let us altogether ponder for a moment and evaluate (muhaasabah) ourselves, what is our status in the Hereafter? Let us enhance our righteous deeds so that we will

attain the prestigious reward of being in the company of Rasulullah الله الله in Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala's Paradise, in the Hereafter.

To end the khutbah today, let us derive lessons and guidelines from the following recommendations:

1. The Muslim ummah must have belief and certainty upon the reward of Paradise prepared by Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala for those

# having believed and practiced upon the teachings of Prophet Muhammad

صلى الله • عليه وسلم 2. The Muslim ummah must always instill the longing to be with Rasulullah in Paradise in the Hereafter.

3. The reward of being in the company of Rasulullah عليه وسلم in the Hereafter will not be attained except by fulfilling all of the

commands of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala and adhering to the sunnah of Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم Muhammad

"Say, [O Muhammad], "If you should love Allah, then follow me, [so] Allah will love you and forgive you your sins. And Allah is Forgiving and Merciful.""

(Aal-'Imraan 3:31)

# 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 Hizb at-Tahreer.

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).

