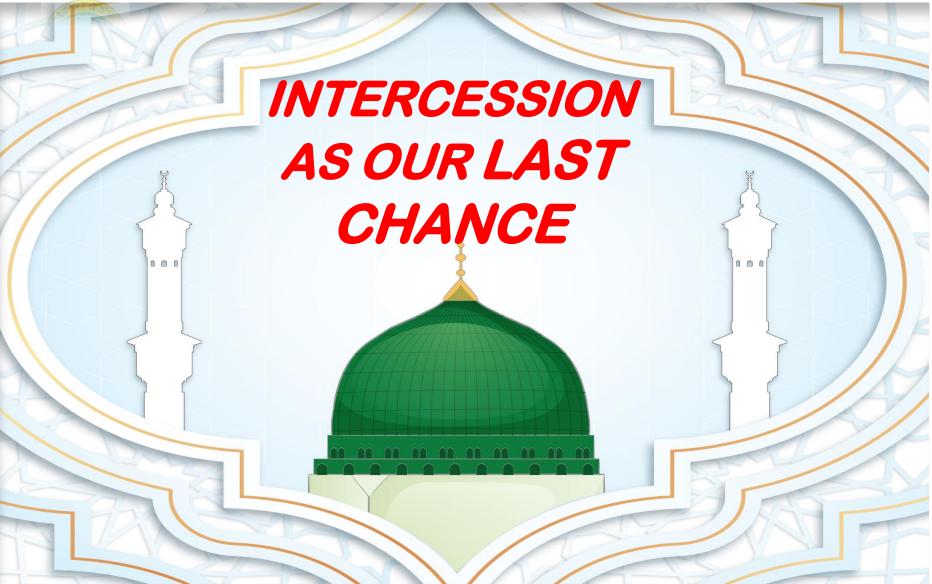




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I remind myself and fellow audience to always have the taqwa of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala by ensuring that we are among those that would always firmly uphold all teachings brought by the Messenger صلى الله • عليه وسلم

As children of Adam, whether we admit it or not, we would always commit sins and mistakes. If our tawbah (repentance) is not accepted and our sins are not forgiven, then without

a doubt we will become fuel for Allah's Hellfire in the Hereafter. Indeed, there is no other way to escape from such horrifying predicament except with one final chance that is mandated

to our Prophet, صلى الله Muhammad صلى الله What is that final chance?

Please listen closely and pay close attention to this. That final opportunity is the

"Shafaa'ah (intercession) ". صلى الله of the Prophet عليه وسلم ". Shafaa'ah means aid or recommendation from the Prophet صلى الله It is among the aspects of belief that is waajib (obligatory) to be firmly held by the

Muslim ummah.

Indeed, the term shafaa'ah is not foreign to the majority of the **Muslims** within the Nusantara (Malay Archipelago).

This is because due to the obsession upon the term shafaa'at itself, many named their children **Supaat that originated** from the word Shafaa'ah, which means intercession in صلى الله from the Prophet عليه وسلم in

the Hereafter.

In al-Qur'an, the word Shafaa'ah was mentioned four (4) times, among them is where Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala mentions in verse 109 of soorah Ta-Ha:

"That Day, no intercession will benefit except [that of] one to whom the Most Merciful has given permission and has accepted his word."

Al-Imaam at-(الطحاوي) Tahaawiy mentioned in the text of at-(الطَّحَاوِيَّة) Tahaawiyyah that:

"The Intercession (ashshafaa'ah), which he deferred for them until the Day of Resurrection, is true as related in the narrations."

In the *hadeeth* of Abu Hurayrah *radiyAllaahu 'anh*, the Prophet صلى الله said:

"For every prophet there is one special invocation (that will not

be rejected) with which he appeals (to Allah), and I want to keep such an invocation for interceding for my followers in the Hereafter."

(al-Bukhaari)

In the hadeeth of **'Uthmaan bin 'Affaan** radiyAllaahu 'anh, it was narrated that صلى الله Rasululah عليه وسلم

"Three will intercede on the Day of **Resurrection:** The Prophets, then the scholars, then the martyrs." (ibn Maajah)

Referring to the verses of al-Qur'an and authentic ahaadeeth, the scholars have concluded that shafaa'ah is divided into two, namely general and specific. General shafaa'ah is intercession

granted to the Prophets, scholars, and martyrs. While specific shafaa'ah, also known as ash-Shafaa'ah al-'Uzhma (اَلْشَفَاعَةُ الْعُظْمَى), refers to the pleading by our beloved on عليه وسلم to عليه وسلم to

Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala in asking for the judgment to be passed and relieve them of the distress suffered from the long wait during the gathering at the mahshar. In the hadeeth of 'A'ishah

radiyAllaahu 'anha, Rasulullah صلى الله said:

"The people will be gathered barefooted, naked, and uncircumcised." (al-Bukhaari)

It is very clear that mankind will no longer be able to bear the suffering at the mahshar, that in the end they will throng like waves to Prophet Adam, Nooh, Ibraaheem, Moosa, and

(عليهم الصلاة والسلام) isa (عليهم الصلاة asking them to intercede so that the judgment may begin. All of those **Prophets would refuse to** intercede, whereby some would mention that they discovered that Allah is in

great anger, while He has never been in such state before. They all would utter "nafsi, nafsi" (my soul, my soul, your soul, your soul, go save your souls). In the end, the people would collectively

agree to go see our صلى الله Prophet Muhammad to plead to Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala so that the judgment will begin. Nabi Muhammad صلى الله would then agree عليه وسلم and prostrate to Allah

underneath the 'Arash (Throne). The prophet's request will be accepted and judgment will then begin.

Aside from Shafaa'ah al-'Uzhma, there are other types of shafaa'ah bestowed صلى الله upon the Prophet صلى الله, as in the following:

First: Intercession granted to the awliyaa' (allies) and saaliheen (righteous) to elevate their station in paradise.

Second: Shafaa'ah for those with belief in their heart even the weight of a barley-grain, that they are taken out of hellfire and enter paradise. This shafaa'ah is bestowed صلى الله due عليه وسلم due عليه وسلم

his mercy, crying while beseeching to Allah. Al-**Imaam Muslim narrated** a hadeeth on the authority of ibn 'Umar radiyAllaahu 'anhuma صلى الله that the Prophet عليه وسلم

supplicated, "O Allah! My ummah, my ummah (they are still in hellfire)!" The Prophet's request was accepted by Allah as He mentions:

"... Verily We will please you with regard to your ummah and would not displease you."

Third: Intercession granted to the Prophet صلى الله to aid those who have equal amount of good and bad deeds on the scale. With this shafaa'ah, they will eventually enter Paradise.

Fourth: Shafaa'ah granted to the Prophet ملى الله to have certain عليه وسلم people enter paradise without any accounting and punishment. These fortunate ones will enter paradise through a

special path that has been pre-determined. May we all become among these fortunate ones, ameen! Al-Imaam Ahmad narrated a hadeeth on the authority of 'Abdurrahman bin

Abu Bakr radiyAllaahu 'anhu whom said that صلى الله Baid, عليه وسلم Said, "Seventy thousand people of my followers will enter Paradise without accounts." Sayyidina 'Umar asked the Prophet صلى الله, "O Rasulullah, did you ask to increase the numbers?" **Rasulullah replied, "Yes! I** have requested for an increase, so Allah granted me that for each person there will be

seventy thousand of them." 'Umar inquired, "Did you ask for more increase, O Rasulullah?" **Rasulullah replied, "Yes!** For each person there will be another seventy thousand." 'Umar

inquired again, "Did you ask for another increase, **O Rasulullah?**" **Rasulullah** صلى الله replied, "Yes! I had asked for more but that was all that was granted."

Fifth: Shafaa'ah bestowed upon the Prophet صلى الله to عليه وسلم save those that have committed major sins from the torment of hellfire. In the hadeeth of **Anas bin Maalik** radiyAllaahu 'anh,

صلى الله Basulullah عليه وسلم said:

"My intercession is for those that have committed major sins from amongst my ummah."

(Ahmad)

Finally, let us whisper deep within our hearts with pertinent questions as in the following: Are we from among those that are eligible to earn those shafaa'ah? Would **Rasulullah truly know us**

through the salawaat and salam that we have sent him? Have we become true adherents of the teachings that he has brought that it entitles us to earn his intercession?

Traversing through today's khutbah, let us ponder upon the following directives and suggestions:

1. The Muslim ummah must have certainty that the very presence of Prophet Muhammad صلى الله in this world is to عليه وسلم bring mercy to the worlds.

2. The Muslim ummah must duly realize that the mandate in providing shafaa'ah is solely by the grace and permission of Allah 'Azza wa Jalla.

3. Those that desire to earn the shafaa'ah of صلى الله must عليه وسلم the Prophet have never associated anything with Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala.

4. Those that desire to earn the shafaa'ah of the Prophet صلى الله must qualify themselves by increasing their righteous deeds and salawaat upon the صلى الله Prophet

"There has certainly come to you a Messenger from among yourselves. Grievous to him is what you suffer; [he is] concerned over you and to the believers is kind and merciful." (at-Tawbah 9:128)



"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 al-Argam sect. 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).**

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