

ISLAM IS A RELIGION OF PEACE

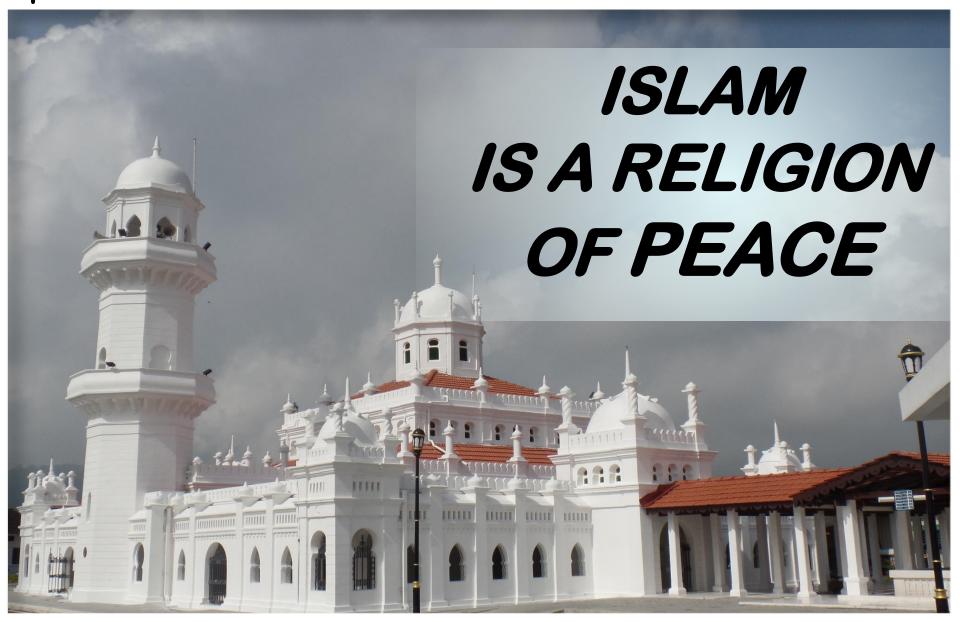


In conjunction with the noble day of Friday, I remind myself and fellow blessed audience to altogether strive in increasing our taqwa of

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 everlasting, and that we attain success in this world and the Hereafter.

Today, I solemnly invite fellow congregation to internalize upon a *khutbah* titled



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Verily, Islam truly loves peace and abhors violence. Islam, which literally means peace, safety, prosperity, surrender, obedience, and abiding, is a religion that brings peace, safety, and wellbeing to the lives of all creations.

But now, Islam has been placed inside the dock, slandered as a religion that incites hate and turmoil. Why is it being accused as such?

Indeed, those evil and negative accusations labeled upon Islam are nothing new. Since the early days of Islamic da'wah the Prophet had been labeled by his detractors with various

titles such as madman, sorcerer, instigator, and many more. Those insults and accusations hurled purely intend to weaken the fighting spirit of the Prophet and his Companions in fulfilling

and conveying the da'wah (call) of Islam to mankind. From the blessings of the patience of the Prophet and his Companions in facing those accusations and humiliations, in the end victory was bestowed

upon them that Islam had spread all over the world.

In reality, Islam is a religion that truly abhors violence and oppression. Islam ordains its adherents to have love

amongst all creations on earth, and to place peace and prosperity as the foundation of life. Among the proofs that Islam detests violence:

1. Islam despises those that intentionally kill the believers. Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala mentions in verse 93 of soorah an-Nisaa':

"But whoever kills a believer intentionally - his recompense is Hell, wherein he will abide eternally, and Allah has become angry with him and has cursed him and has prepared for him a great punishment."

2. Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala ordained us to act with full justice upon mankind regardless whether they are believers or not, for as long as they do not

desecrate and attack the religion of Islam. Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala mentions in verse 8 of soorah al-Maa'idah:

"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."

3. Rasulullah had forbade us from killing mankind and animals without a justified cause. Moreover, such abominable act will be held accountable in the Hereafter.

This was stated in the hadeeth of 'Abdullah bin 'Amr radiyAllaahu 'anhuma, who attributed it to Rasulullah ::

"There is no person who kills a small bird or anything larger, for no just reason, but Allah will ask him about it." It was said: "O Messenger of Allah, what does

'just' reason mean?" He said: "That you slaughter it and eat it, and do not cut off its head and throw it aside."

(an-Nasaa'i)

Throughout the glorious history of Islam during the time of the Prophet and succeeded by the Caliphs, it was clearly proven that Islam came unto mankind peacefully and rejects any elements

of violence. For example, during the illustrious event of the Liberation of Makkah (Fath al-Makkah), there was no bloodshed between the Muslims and residents of Makkah. Moreover, the Prophet

and the Companions radiyAllaahu 'anhum displayed excellent akhlaaq towards the mushrikeen (polytheists) of Makkah, even though they had gravely tortured and insulted the Prophet

and the Companions in the past. Their akhlaaq was of utmost excellence that it caused the disbelievers to embrace Islam en masse.

Similarly when the Muslim army had successfully conquered Constantinople, its residents who were predominantly Christians along with their priests had gathered in fear,

thinking that they will be killed or severely tortured. Instead, Sultan Muhammad al-Fatih showed the true justice of Islam by commanding them to return to their homes and live

peacefully. He even guaranteed freedom for them to practice their beliefs. Upon witnessing the nobility of Sultan Muhammad al-Fatih's akhlaaq, the Christians including their priests

then embraced Islam en masse. Hence, in reality, the **Christians had greatly** benefited and attained greater security during the era of the Ottoman Caliphate as compared to being ruled by the Romans.

There are many other fine examples showcasing the eminence of the Islamic civilization that were manifested throughout the glorious Islamic history all over the world including the Nusantara

(Malay Archipelago) region, which had placed peace and prosperity as the cornerstone for success in Islam.

Malaysia is an exemplary nation that champions peace by upholding Islam as the official religion of the federation, as well as preserving freedom for other religions to be practiced. Therefore,

all relevant authorities must mutually respect one another without triggering prejudice within the context of religious living in Malaysia. Such ni'mah of peacefulness that is

thoroughly enjoyed all these while should be appreciated and treasured by all.

To end the khutbah this time, I sincerely implore and invite fellow Muslims to internalize upon the following lessons as guidance in our lives:

1. The Muslim ummah must have certainty that Islam is a religion of fitrah that espouses universal peace.

2. The Muslim ummah must exercise its very role as du'aat (callers to Islam) in spreading the da'wah of Islam, as well as manifesting its peacefulness upon mankind.

3. The Muslim ummah is commanded to always remain just and fair towards all humans, even towards the disbelievers for as long as they do not wage war, fight, or insult Islam.

"Allah only forbids you from those who fight you because of religion and expel you from your homes and aid in your expulsion -[forbids] that you

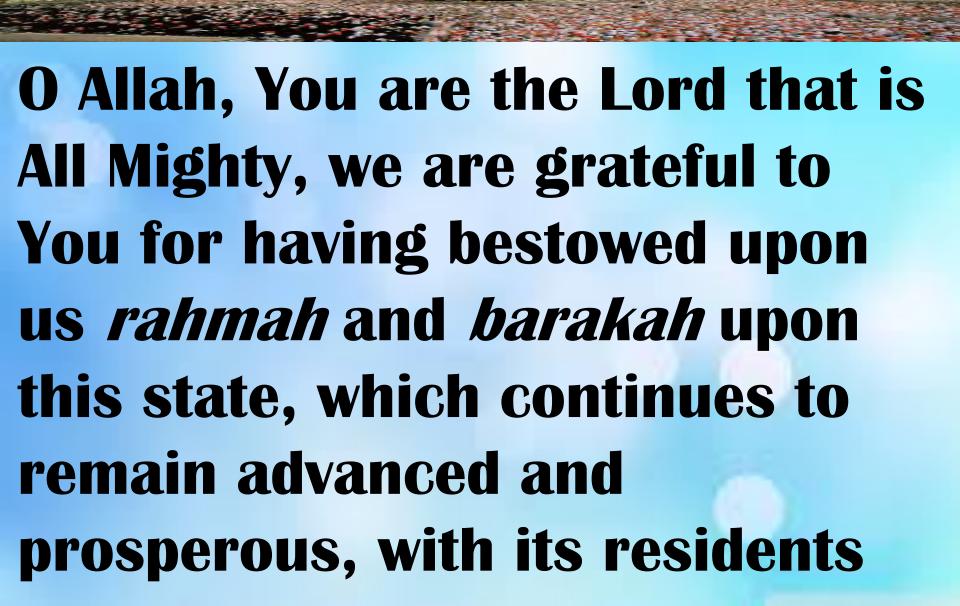
make allies of them. And whoever makes allies of them, then it is those who are the wrongdoers."

(al-Mumtahanah 60:9)



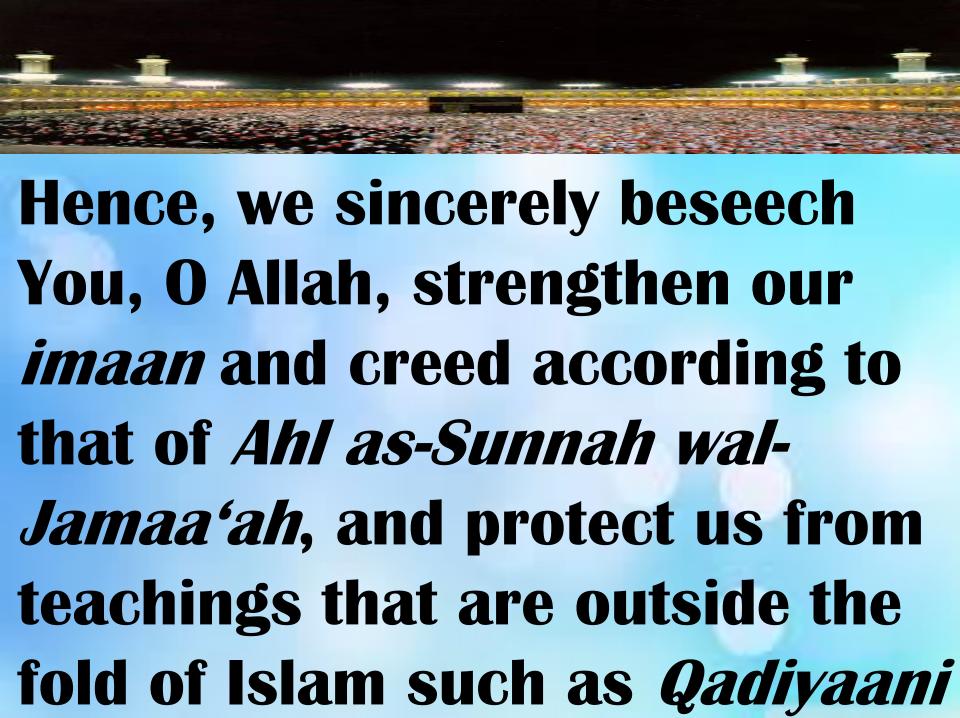
THE SECOND KHUTBAH

"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)





united under the auspices and leadership of our Ruler as the Head of Islamic affairs in this state.



and deviant teachings such as Shee'ah. 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,

