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حرالته الرحص الرحي Let us altogether strive to increase our taqwa of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala by fulfilling all of His Commands

and avoiding all of His prohibitions. May we be bestowed with blessings and blissfulness in this world and the Hereafter.

Today, I would like to invite fellow audience to ponder upon a *khutbah* titled



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Islam is the religion of Allah. It is a religion that is sound and thriving. Muslims that cling firmly upon pure Islamic 'ageedah and diligently abide by its teachings will become an ummah that is united, potent, and exceptional.

Lately, the Muslims seem to have become weaker and weaker in various aspects of life within the nation's current state of

development.

What are its causes? The answer is the division, disputes, and enmity towards each other. In the end, the spirit of unity starts to wane. While on

the other hand, unity amongst Muslims is truly vital and that it must be preserved for the sake of the future of the Muslims themselves. Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala mentions in verse 103 of

## soorah Aal-'Imraan:

"And hold firmly to the rope of Allah all together and do not become divided...."

Verily, unity is the very foundation for the development of a nation. On the flipside, disunity, disputes, and enmity will lead to ruin and destruction. In this

regard, Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala has reminded us to prioritize upon unity for the sake of the strength of the ummah, as mentioned in verse 46 of soorah al-Anfaal:

"And obey Allah and His Messenger, and do not dispute and [thus] lose courage and [then] your strength would depart; and be patient. Indeed, Allah is with the patient."

Divisions amongst the Muslims that are occurring in recent times are truly prevalent. Disputes and disagreements are occurring openly all over the place including the

social media and mainstream media. These quarrelling transcends all aspects that even the most trivial of things would become a source of dissension, later causing disunity.

This phenomenon of disunity even gets uglier when there are those that would even insult and vilify their own ethnicity openly and at will, no holds barred, and without shame.

Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala had firmly stated that the culture of condemning, jeering, and insulting others that could actually harm others is actually a major sin in the sight of Allah.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse
58 of soorah al-Ahzaab:

"And those who harm believing men and believing women

for [something] other than what they have earned have certainly born upon themselves a slander and manifest sin."

Islam always implore upon its adherents to be loving, having good thoughts of others, aiding one another, remain united, being tolerant, and always ready to forgive one another.

On the contrary, these noble values are to be internalized for they are likened to our bodily limbs, where they would always mutually need one another.

Narrated an-Nu'maan bin Basheer *radiyAllaahu* 'anh, Rasulullah عليه وسلم said:

"You see the believers as regards their being merciful among themselves and showing

love among themselves and being kind, resembling one body, so that, if any part of the body is not well then the whole body shares the sleeplessness (insomnia) and fever with it." (al-Bukhaari)

However, the reality nowadays is that these noble values are not given due attention. These values should be embedded within every Muslims at all levels.

These noble values should make us an ummah that is penitent, always improving ourselves, avoiding division and disputes, advising one another,

and always firmly clinging onto pure unadulterated Islamic teachings. Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala mentions in verse 146 of soorah an-Nisaa':

"Except for those who repent, correct themselves, hold fast to Allah, and are sincere in their religion for Allah, for those will be with the believers. And Allah is going to give the believers a great reward."

Considering the current state regarding disunity, the Muslim ummah is called upon to unite and aid one another, thus strengthening the unity and avoiding division. This can be achieved by

building good relationships at every levels of society. Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala mentions in verse 10 of soorah al-Hujuraat:

"The believers are but brothers, so make settlement between your brothers. And fear Allah that you may receive mercy."

The unity of the Muslim ummah can be further solidified by having the attitude of positive thinking, sound cooperation, mutual understanding of one another, avoiding acts of revenge and treachery, as well as selfishness.

Let us take valuable lessons from the history of the Malay Sultanate of Malacca. The kingdom of Malacca was once

famous with its glory as the center of commerce, center of economic development, as well as the center for the spread of Islam, far and wide. However, it all came crashing down to external forces due to elements of betrayal, jealousy, greed, division, and power struggle within the administration of the Malaccan government at the time. Therefore, let us altogether initiate the efforts by closing ranks, solidly unite, overlook all the disputes and misunderstanding, and strive to rise again as a glorious ummah, dignified and purposeful, for the sake of our religion, citizens, and nation.

Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala mentions in verse 3 of soorah as-Saff:

"Great is hatred in the sight of Allah that you say what you do not do."

To end the khutbah, let us truly ponder upon its message by deriving the following lessons as guidance in our lives:

1. The Muslim ummah must have certainty that the obligation of living in unity is a command of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala.

2. The Muslim ummah must truly realize that division within the ummah actually goes against the command of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala that will incur great loss upon the ummah.

3. The Muslim ummah must preserve its unity, which will ensure the progression of the Muslim ummah within this nation.

4. The Muslim ummah must stop all at once all of the wrongdoings and vile acts such as envy, grudge, betrayal, defamation, and cursing other Muslims,

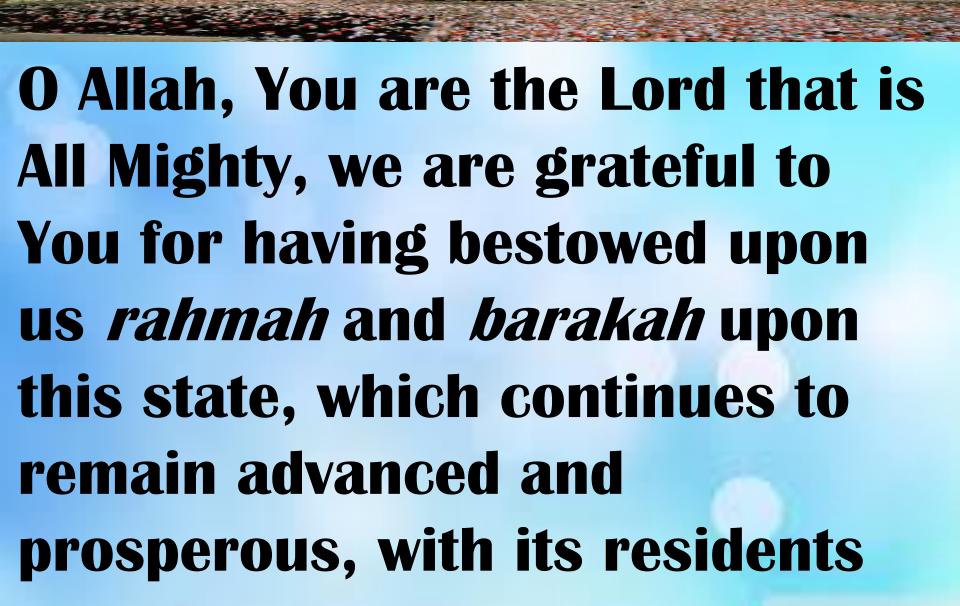
which would only cause the destruction upon the ummah.

"And do not be like the ones who became divided and differed after the clear proofs had come to them. And those will have a great punishment."

(Aal-'Imraan 3:105)

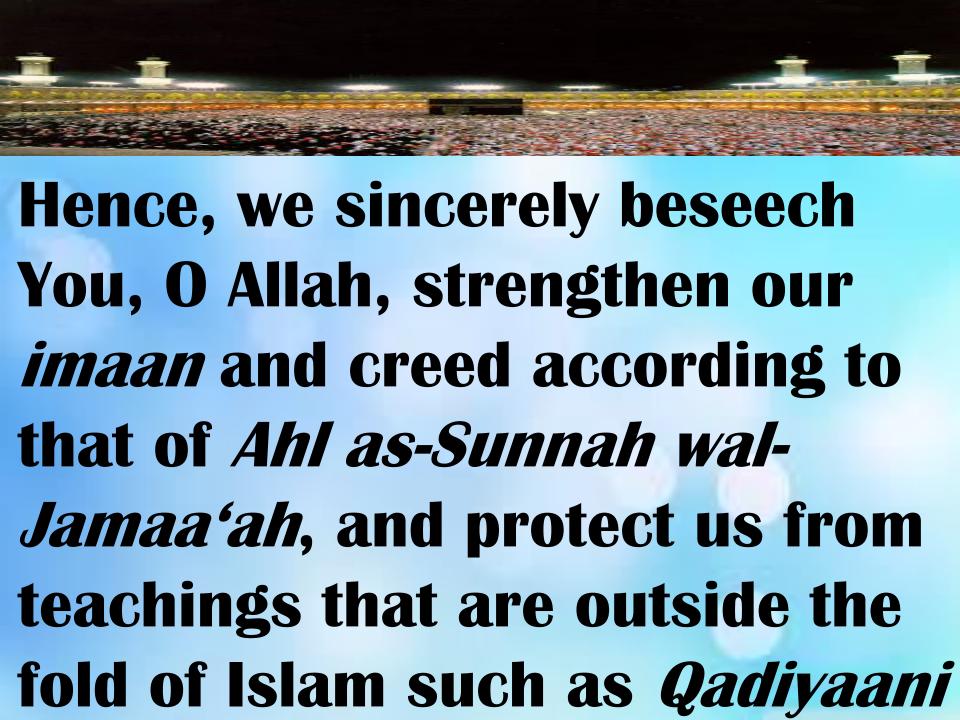
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"Indeed, Allah confers blessing upon the Prophet, and His angels [ask Him to do so]. O you who have believed, ask [Allah to confer] blessing upon him and ask [Allah to grant him | peace." (al-Ahzaab 33:56)

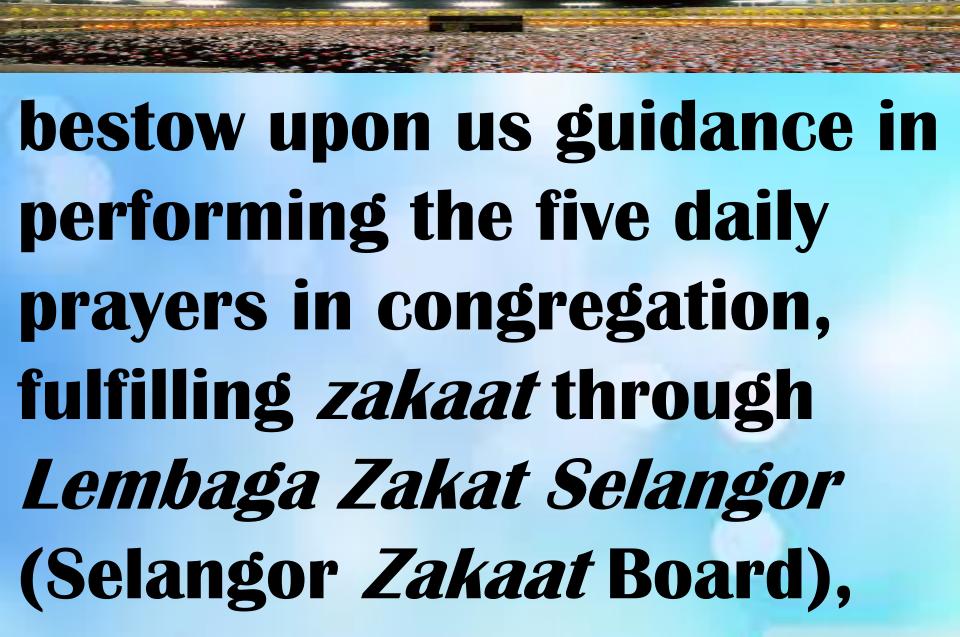


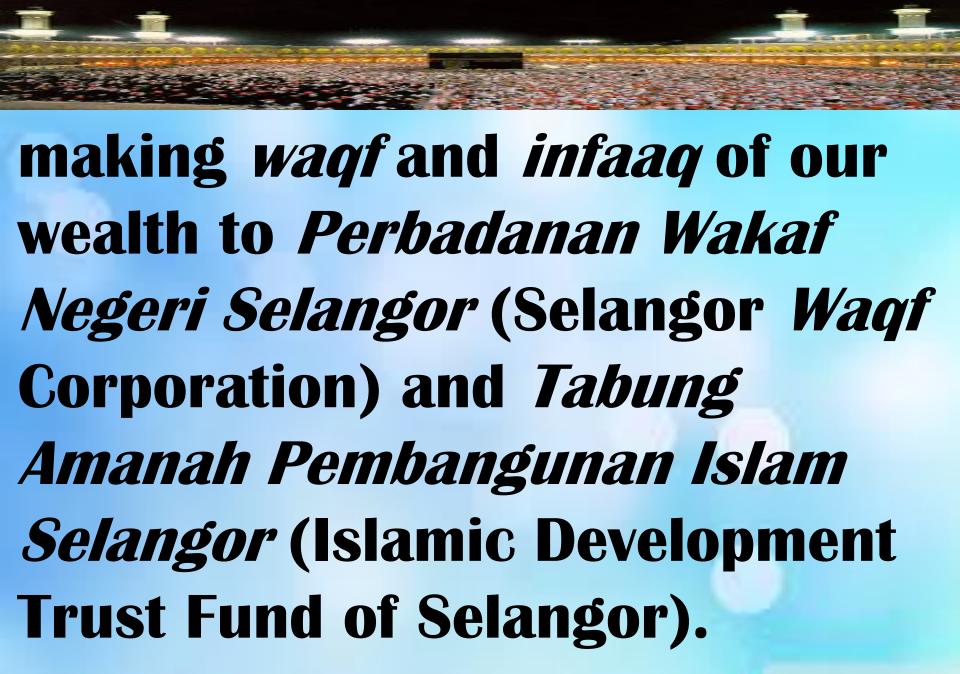


united under the auspices and leadership of our Ruler as the Head of Islamic affairs in this state.



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,







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