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PERSEVERANCE IN THE WAKE OF TRIALS





**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 all attain success and happiness in this world and the Hereafter.

Let us altogether listen and ponder upon today's *khutbah* titled

“PERSEVERANCE IN THE WAKE OF TRIALS.”



The worldly life is just a temporary life. The real life is actually the eternal life that is everlasting. Only true *imaan* (belief) can guarantee that one attains blissfulness in the Afterlife. Therefore,

it is truly unfortunate if there are those within the Muslim *ummah* that would jeopardize their *imaan* purely for the sake of fulfilling their worldly needs that are only temporary.

The question begs, why are there those within the Muslim *ummah* that would jeopardize their *imaan* for the sake of worldly life? The answer is that there are those that are impatient and unable to

withstand the trials and tribulations faced in this life. This all stemmed from inadequate religious knowledge, weak faith, lack of pursuing righteous deeds, and deficiency in possessing

noble *akhlaaq*.

Truthfully, this worldly life is a trial for every Muslims. Everyone will be tested by Allah

Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala
whether in the form of

hardship or ease. This means that those living in difficulty will be tested, and similarly those living with prosperity will also be tested.

Trials in the form of difficulty are those such as sickness, fear, hunger, poverty, loss of wealth, natural disaster, or death of loved ones. Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 155

of soorah al-Baqarah:

“And We will surely test you with something of fear and hunger and a loss of wealth and lives and fruits, but give good tidings to the patient.”

While the trials in the form of ease are those such as opulent wealth, blessed with offsprings, noble stature, high position, successful business, and its like. Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in

verse 28 of soorah al-
Anfaal:

*“And know that your
properties and your
children are but a trial
and that Allah has with
Him a great reward.”*

The multitudes of tribulations imposed by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* upon us solely intends to identify whom amongst us that are truly sincere, patient, deceitful, and always

whining. Allah

Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala
mentions in verses 2-3 of
soorah al-'Ankaboot:

*“Do the people think that
they will be left to say,
“We believe” and they will*

not be tried? But We have certainly tried those before them, and Allah will surely make evident those who are truthful, and He will surely make evident the liars.”

The recent assault and shooting incident upon Friday prayer attendees that took place at Masjid al-Nour and Linwood Islamic Center in New Zealand that left 50 people dead and many

injured, while innocent individuals were engaging in worship (*'ibaadah*), is truly heart-wrenching to all of us. In fact, until today this tragic incident is still a topic of conversation

everywhere. Indeed, this is truly a great trial, especially for the Muslim *ummah*, and what is for sure is that everything that happens has its own *hikmah* (wisdom).

For those that are truly sincere and patient, the test of difficulty endured will be embraced with solid patience and contentment, for they understood that there are *hikmah* (wisdom) behind

such predicament. They have *yaqeen* (certainty) that such trial of distress will erase their past sins and wrongdoings. With the trial of ease, they will embrace it with full gratitude unto

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. This is because the true *mu'min* (believer) will always remain cognizant that every tribulation endured, whether difficulty or ease, truly intends to

elevate their faith in Allah.

**As for those that are
always lying and having
weak *imaan* upon the
qadaa' (divine will) and
qadr (predestination)
from Allah *Subhaanahu***

Wa Ta'aala, whenever they are inflicted with the test of difficulty, their faith becomes jeopardized. They would plea and beg to humans or other creations just to overcome the adversity

endured. As for the test of ease, it only makes them more arrogant and proud. They would not become thankful upon the favors that Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* bestowed upon them.

they would brazenly deem that it was all due to their own intelligence, just like the arrogance of Qaroon upon the bounties from Allah that was vividly mentioned in verse 78 of soorah al-Qasas.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions:

“He said, “I was only given it because of knowledge I have.” Did he not know that Allah had destroyed before him

of generations those who were greater than him in power and greater in accumulation [of wealth]? But the criminals, about their sins, will not be asked.”

Al-Imaam al-Qurtoobi
rahimahullaah mentioned
in *tafseer*, which means:
“Allah Subhaanahu Wa
Ta‘aala explained in these
verses that Qaroon was
bestowed with treasures
of wealth, so much so

that he forgot about himself. As it turned out, the amassed wealth could not even save him from the torment of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala, as experienced by Fir'awn."

With this, it is clear upon us that anyone living in this worldly life will definitely be faced with various trials that will shake one's faith.

Sometimes the *imaan* decreases and

sometimes it *increases*.
The important question
here is what is the
method prescribed in
Islam in strengthening
our *imaan* so that we are
able to withstand and
overcome all tribulations

that would come our way.

There are many ways to safeguard our *imaan*.

Among them is through *dhikrullaah* or the

remembrance of Allah through *dhikr*, for it is

through *dhikrullaah*
that the heart becomes
tranquil, that it
becomes easier to
attain sincerity,
patience, and true
certainty upon

**Allah *Subhaanahu
Wa Ta'aala*. Allah
*Subhaanahu Wa
Ta'aala* mentions in
verse 28 of soorah ar-
Ra'd:**

“Those who have believed and whose hearts are assured by the remembrance of Allah. Unquestionably, by the remembrance of Allah hearts are assured.”

Likewise, there are no deeds that are most effective in preserving the *imaan* from feeling despair and weak-spirited upon the trials endured, aside from

hastening and earnestly
performing righteous
deeds. In the *hadeeth* of
Abu Hurayrah
radiyAllaahu 'anh,
Rasulullah ﷺ said:

“Be prompt in doing good deeds (before you are overtaken) by turbulence which would be like a part of the dark night. A man would be a believer in the morning and turn to disbelief in the evening,

or he would be a believer in the evening and turn disbeliever in the morning, and would sell his faith for worldly goods.”

(Muslim)

Therefore, the Muslim *ummah* must always strive to increase its religious knowledge, diligently perform righteous deeds, and having noble *akhlaaq*, so as to safeguard its *imaan* from getting ruined.

More than that, the role of *du'aa* (supplication) is truly vital in protecting and strengthening the *imaan*. Among the *du'aa* that was taught by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* in al-Qur'an that is

waajib (obligatory) for us
to recite 17 times daily in
our 5 daily prayers is:

***“Guide us to the
straight path.”***

(al-Faatihah 1:6)

To end this *khutbah*,
let us internalize upon
the following matters
so as to be taken as
guidance in our lives:

1. The Muslim *ummah* must have certainty that Allah has created us solely to worship Him Alone.

2. The Muslim *ummah* must safeguard and protect its *imaan* when inflicted with the trial of difficulty or ease.

3. The Muslim *ummah* must always have *ikhlaas* (sincerity) and *sabr* (patience) while undergoing daily affairs.

4. The Muslim *ummah* must always supplicate so as to always remain in firm *imaan* and attain the good ending (*husn al-khatimah*) in this life.

***“[Who say], “Our Lord,
let not our hearts deviate
after You have guided us
and grant us from
Yourself mercy. Indeed,
You are the Bestower.””***

(Aal-‘Imraan 3:8)



**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 *Qadiyaani***



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,



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



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