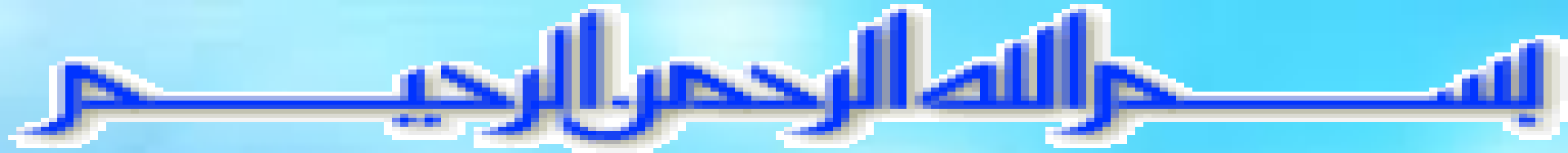




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THE PERIL OF SLANDER



Let us altogether strive to increase our *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* with total obedience, certainty, and sincerity. That is by performing all of His

**Commands and avoiding
all of His prohibitions.**

**May we all become
individuals having utmost
taqwa, attaining success
and salvation in this world
and the Hereafter.**

The title of our *khutbah*
this time is



***“THE PERIL OF
SLANDER.”***

***Fitnah* (slander) is
accusation or allegation
that is fabricated,
whether in the form of
pictures, writing, video,
and others, which could
defame or humiliate an
individual, institution,**

or a group and its like,
when it is untrue. Today,
spreading *fitnah* can be
easily done whether
through speech, websites,
blogs, WhatsApp,
Facebook, Instagram (IG),
and others.

The spread of *fitnah* can occur rapidly, widespread, and easily attained without any precautionary measure to verify the information received, only to disseminate it to others

without hesitation. Such attitude is vehemently prohibited in Islam. This is because Islam advocates its adherents to authenticate every piece of information received before

propagating it to others.

Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala mentions in
verse 6 of soorah al-
Hujuraat:

“O you who have believed, if there comes to you a disobedient one with information, investigate, lest you harm a people out of ignorance and become, over what you have done, regretful.”

Based on this verse, it is *waajib* (obligatory) upon every Muslim to verify all news received so that one does not become embroiled in *fitnah*-mongering.

Take heed upon the
severe threat and
warning from the
Prophet ﷺ mentioned in
the *hadeeth* of Abu
Hurayrah *radiyAllaahu*
'anh:

“The servant speaks words that he does not understand its repercussions but he sinks down in Hell-Fire farther than the distance between the east and the west.” *(Agreed Upon)*

Fitnah can occur whether one realizes it or not, when one mentions or narrates the misdeed of others without actually investigating it beforehand. The *fitnah*-monger would typically

**disguise themselves
under certain phrases
such as “hearsay”, “I
heard such and such”, or
“seeking clarification”.
However, when calumny
is conveyed from one to
another, oft-repeatedly,**

such unverified
information then somehow
turns into something
factual and actual news.

*Allah Subhaanahu Wa
Ta'aala* mentions in verse
36 of soorah al-Israa':

“And do not pursue that of which you have no knowledge. Indeed, the hearing, the sight and the heart - about all those [one] will be questioned”.

Among the textual evidences (*nusoos*) from the *Shara'* that prohibits and revile the spread of *fitnah* are:

First: The slanderer is the most despicable person. ‘Abdur Rahman bin Ghanmin *radiyAllaahu ‘anh* narrated that Rasulullah **said:**

صَلَّى اللهُ
عَلَيْهِ
وَسَلَّمَ

“The worst among the slaves of Allah are those who go about slandering, causing mischief between friends in order to separate them, and desiring to lead the innocent into wrong action.” (Ahmad)

Second: The slanderer will be inflicted with the punishment of the grave. In the *hadeeth* of ibn ‘Abbaas *radiyAllaahu ‘anhuma*, he mentioned that Rasulullah ﷺ explained regarding

the two people whom
were being punished in
the grave:

***“They are being tortured
not for a great thing (to
avoid). One of them never
saved himself from***

being soiled with his urine, while the other was going about with calumnies (to make enmity between friends).”

(al-Bukhaari)

And in another *hadeeth*, it was narrated from Samurah bin Jundub *radiyAllaahu ‘anh* that the Prophet ﷺ said:

“...As for the man you came upon, whose sides

of mouth, nostrils and eyes were torn off from front to back, he is the symbol of the man who goes out of his house in the morning and tells lies that are spread all over the world.” (al-Bukhaari)

Third: The slanderer will not enter Paradise, as narrated by Hudhayfah *radiyAllaahu ‘anh* whom heard the Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ saying:

***“A qattaat (slanderer)
will not enter Paradise.”
(al-Bukhaari)***

**To end the *khutbah* on
this noble day, I would like
to remind upon fellow
respected audience that:**

1. The Muslim *ummah* must have certainty that all of our speech and actions will be held accountable in front of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* in the Hereafter.

2. The Muslim *ummah* is prohibited from spreading *fitnah* for it can cause disunity and dispute.

3. The Muslim *ummah* must remain vigilant by always verifying all news received so as to avoid spreading *fitnah* that is truly detrimental.

“Indeed, those who like that immorality should be spread [or publicized] among those who have believed will have a painful punishment

***in this world and the
Hereafter. And Allah
knows and you do
not know.”***

(an-Noor 23:19)



**THE SECOND
KHUTBAH**



Once again, I would like to remind all of us to always have the *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* and diligently indulge in righteous deeds, as well as manifesting the akhlaaq of Rasulullah ﷺ.



**Furthermore, let us always
increase our *salawaat* and
salaam upon our Prophet
Muhammad ﷺ. Allah
Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala
mentions:**



“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



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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