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THE YEAR CHANGES, HAVE WE CHANGED?





I remind myself and call
upon fellow respected
audience to strive in
increasing our *imaan*
and *taqwa* of Allah
Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala

with *istiqamah*
(steadfastness) in
fulfilling all of His
Commands and
avoiding all of His
prohibitions. May the
increase in *imaan*

and *taqwa* serve as
added values for us in
becoming true
believers.

Today, I invite upon fellow Muslims to ponder upon a *khutbah* titled

***“THE YEAR CHANGES,
HAVE WE CHANGED?”***



We had just entered the New Year 2019 according to the Gregorian calendar. Definitely there were numerous moments of happiness and sorrow that we all experienced throughout the year 2018.

The question is, how was the performance of our deeds throughout those 365 days that had passed? How far did we get in utilizing our time spent? Have we fulfilled all of the commands from

from Allah? Or are we continuously in the state of negligence, heedlessness, and deceived by worldly enjoyments that are temporary?

In the *hadeeth* of ibn ‘Abbaas
radiyAllaahu ‘anhuma,
Rasulullah ﷺ said:

***“There are two blessings
which many people lose:
(They are) Health and free
time for doing good.”***

(al-Bukhaari)

May these two blessings not harm us, but instead they are utilized in gaining as much provision possible in meeting our Creator. May the days to come become beneficial in the lives of us all.

Every year, surely we will determine several resolutions for ourselves. Hence, with this new year, there are several guidelines in initiating transformations within oneself so that those

resolutions can be
attained effectively and
actioned upon.

1ST: SELF-EVALUATION

We must evaluate
(*muhaasabah*) our

progress and
development towards
Allah. Are our deeds,
quality of *imaan* and
taqwa of Allah actually
on the increase or on a
decline?

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* reminds us in verse 18 of soorah al-Hashr:

“O you who have believed, fear Allah.

And let every soul look to what it has put forth for tomorrow - and fear Allah. Indeed, Allah is Acquainted with what you do.”

2ND: DETERMINATION

We must have solid determination to improve our lives at all times purely for the sake of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. As Muslims,

let us remain resolute in
attaining as many
rewards possible and
also the pleasure of Allah
Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala.
Are the qualities of our
obligatory and
supererogatory prayers

enhanced? Do we actually have *istiqamah* (steadfastness) in attending circles of knowledge? Have we abandoned all forms of disobedience and prohibitions by Allah?

**Let us instill firm
resolutions for the
sake of Allah Alone
and seek His
Pleasure in attaining
salvation in this world
and the Hereafter.**

3RD: PLANNING

Every resolution determined must be followed up with organized planning that includes strategy or approach taken,

as well as resources in putting them into actions, so as to yield positive impacts. Every planning that is executed must conform to the *Sharee'ah* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.

On the authority of
'Abdullah bin 'Amr
radhiyAllaahu 'anhuma
who said: Rasulullah
said:

صَلَّى اللهُ
عَلَيْهِ
وَسَلَّمَ

***“None of you [truly]
believes until his
desires are
subservient to that
which I have
brought.”***

(al-Bayhaqi)

4TH: IMPLEMENTATION

A matter that has been properly planned must be implemented with diligence until one successfully achieves

its defined ideals or resolution. Islam takes great seriousness upon its adherents that do not act upon what they utter. *Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verses 2-3 of

soorah as-Saff:

“O you who have believed, why do you say what you do not do? Great is hatred in the sight of Allah that you say what you do not do.”

After planning and remaining resolute, it is unbecoming for us to delay in executing a matter that bring about good such as *salaah* (prayer),

tawbah (repentance),
sadaqah (charity), and
daily affairs. This is
because we truly do not
know what will happen
in the next second.

5TH AND FINAL: *ISTIQAAMAH*

**Retaining something that
has been attained will
definitely be faced with
various challenges.
Therefore, I implore upon**

the Muslim *ummah* to
always remain *istiqamah*
(steadfast) in maintaining
obedience upon the
commands of Allah, as
well as *sabr* (patience) in
avoiding His prohibitions.
Let us always supplicate

so that we will remain
istiqamah in the
transformation towards
good and always
bestowed with the
guidance of Allah
Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 112 of soorah Hood:

“So remain on a right course as you have been commanded, [you] and those who have turned

***back with you [to Allah],
and do not transgress.
Indeed, He is Seeing of
what you do.”***

**On the authority of Abu
'Amr *radiyAllaahu 'anh*
who said:**

I said, “O Messenger of Allah, tell me something about al-Islam which I can ask of no one but you.” He said, “Say I believe in Allah — and then be steadfast.”

(Muslim)

To end this week's *khutbah*, I would like to remind and call upon all of us to derive lessons as in the following:

1. The Muslim *ummah* must have full certainty that the purpose of this worldly life is purely for servitude unto Allah, hence attaining the reward of Paradise in the Hereafter.

2. The Muslim *ummah* must always make *muhaasabah* and remain determined to make improvements from time to time, not only with the arrival of the new year.

**3. The Muslim *ummah* must always remain *istiqamah* in performing righteous deeds and avoiding prohibited matters by Allah
*Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala.***

***“Whoever does
righteousness - it is for
his [own] soul; and
whoever does evil [does
so] against it. And your
Lord is not ever unjust to
[His] servants.”***

(Fussilat 41:46)



**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 realize that Islam teaches us to remain moderate in every actions and



deeds. As Muslims, we are to manifest noble *akhlaaq*, having utmost personality and attitude for Rasulullah ﷺ was sent to perfect *akhlaaq* and as mercy for the entire mankind and the worlds. Therefore, 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 *ni'mah*, that we are able to continue the effort in empowering the Muslim *ummah*, as an advanced state,



prosperous and providing welfare, 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*, accept our righteous
deeds, cultivate our soul with
good mannerisms, unite our**



hearts, bestow upon us *rizq* with blessings, enrich us with beneficial knowledge, protect us from disasters and save us from teachings that are outside the fold of Islam such as *Qadiyaani*, deviant teachings such as



***Shee'ah*, and other teachings deemed as deviating from Islamic teachings or contradicting the creed of *Ahl as-Sunnah wal-Jamaa'ah*. 0 Allah, open up our hearts in performing the five daily**



**prayers, fulfilling *zakaat*
through the Selangor *Zakaat*
Board, making *waqf* and *infaaq*
of our wealth to Selangor *Waqf*
Corporation and Islamic
Development Trust Fund of
Selangor.**



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