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I remind myself and fellow audience that let us empower our taqwa of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala with absolute taqwa, by fulfilling all of

His Commands and avoiding all of His prohibitions. May we then attain blissfulness in this world and the Hereafter.

## Today I will expound on a *khutbah* titled



#bahagian pengurusan masjid

As Muslims, we are to remain thankful upon all of the favors from Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala, especially the bounties of imaan (faith) and Islam. Let us not even once deviate our

'ageedah by disputing or stating that we do not receive provision (rizq) while Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala has bestowed overflowing sustenance upon us, whether in the form of

sound health, happiness, tranquility, and security from any catastrophe. Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala mentions in verse 3 of soorah Faatir:

"O mankind, remember the favor of Allah upon you. Is there any creator other than Allah who provides for you from the heaven and earth? There is no deity except Him, so how are you deluded?"

Verily, gratefulness will produce Muslims that are truly of high quality, having noble akhlaaq, integrity, and skillful. Hence, they will continue to strive in increasing their righteous deeds

from time to time, and work diligently so that the work done will earn barakah (blessings) from Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala, as well as rizq in abundance. Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala

mentions in verse 105 of soorah at-Tawbah:

"And say, "Do [as you will], for Allah will see your deeds, and [so, will] His Messenger and

the believers. And you will be returned to the Knower of the unseen and the witnessed, and He will inform you of what you used to do.""

Rasulullah has taught us to always remain grateful upon the favors of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala by looking at those lower (less fortunate) than us in terms of intellectuality,

lineage, wealth, and other favors. He (ﷺ) forbade the Muslims from looking only at those higher (more fortunate) than them, for example, we always dream of living in opulence and luxury like

others. While in reality we can only afford to rent a house, but in spite of that, we must remain grateful for there are families that do not have a dwelling, only to slumber with the skies above their heads. In the hadeeth of Abu Hurayrah radiyAllaahu 'anh, Rasulullah said:

"Look at those who are lower than you (financially) but do not look at those who are higher than you, lest you belittle the favors Allah conferred upon you."

(Muslim)

We are highly encouraged to always have qanaa'ah, which is to fully accept whatever it is that Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala has bestowed upon us, or feeling content with whatever earned after

putting in our effort. Those possessing the trait of qanaa'ah definitely will not be influenced by greediness upon the possessions of others. Qanaa'ah has numerous positive traits,

among them is to accept everything that has happened, being realistic (practical), dynamic or high spiritied, calm, stable soul, optimistic,

generous, tawakkul (having full reliance upon Allah), and always thankful upon the favors of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala.

While in matters regarding 'ibaadah (worship) and righteous deeds, we are to emulate those that inculcate righteous deeds. We are also to hasten and race in performing good deeds.

Let us take the example of the Prophet , even though he was already promised with Paradise, yet he would perform the night prayers until his feet became swollen. When asked by

Sayyidatina 'A'ishah radiyAllaahu 'anh as to why does he ( still struggle in performing such deed even though his past and future sins have been forgiven by

Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala, the Prophet replied:

"Should not I love to be a thankful slave (of Allah)?" (al-Bukhaari) The grateful servant is one who utters 'Alhamdulillaah' with his or her tongue. The word 'Alhamdulillaah' is a word that originates from the Arabic word meaning 'praise be to Allah'.

By uttering 'Alhamdulillaah', it means that one has praised Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala and indirectly he has been thankful to Him.

The virtue of thankfulness upon the favors of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala is that we will attain barakah (blessings) in our lives in this world and also in the Hereafter.

All of the bounties possessed will make us feel sufficient and at peace when we cherish every single favors from Allah. However, the reality is that human sometimes are heedless

and forgetful upon the favors that they have been blessed with. Moreover, only very few among the slaves of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala that are truly

thankful. Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala reminds us in verse 7 of soorah Ibraaheem:

"And [remember] when your Lord proclaimed, 'If you are grateful, I will surely increase you [in favor]; but if you deny, indeed, My punishment is severe."

Therefore, as proof that we are grateful upon the favors of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala, we must always increase our good deeds such as performing zakaat, supererogatory prayers,

giving charity (infaaq) such as waqf (endowment) and donations. Similarly, by always thinking that it is only due to the tawfeeq (guidance) and inaayah (aid) from Allah

Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala that we are bestowed with the strength to perform all of our 'ibaadah. Hence, all of the good deeds performed can be taken as the manifestation of

favors bestowed by Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala. In the narration of Abu Hurayrah radiyAllaahu 'anh, Rasulullah said:

"Verily, when Allah Almighty bestows bounties upon a servant, He loves to see the traces of His bounties upon him."

(al-Bayhaqi)

May we become among those that increases in their imaan and taqwa, and attains barakah. Let us not even once feel proud and arrogant upon the bounties bestowed upon us for we are not

the absolute owner of those favors, and at any time Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala can withdraw those favors and we will then become among those that are ungrateful and detested by

### Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala.

To end the khutbah today, I invite fellow congretation to internalize upon three main summaries, namely:

1. It is waajib (obligatory) upon the Muslim ummah to become grateful upon the favors of imaan and Islam, as well as other bounties.

2. The Muslim ummah must have qanaa'ah by accepting everything bestowed by Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala or feeling

content upon the outcome after exerting efforts and having tawakkul.

3. The Muslim ummah must always be grateful so that various forms of bounties and rahmah (mercy) from Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala will be showered upon them.

"It is Allah who created the heavens and the earth and sent down rain from the sky and produced thereby some fruits as provision for you and subjected for you the ships to sail through the

sea by His command and subjected for you the rivers. And He subjected for you the sun and the moon, continuous [in orbit], and subjected for you the night and the day. And He gave you from all

you asked of Him. And if you should count the favor of Allah, you could not enumerate them. Indeed, mankind is [generally] most unjust and ungrateful." (Ibraaheem 14:32-34)

# 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 Ahmadiyyah or Qadiyaani and teachings declared as astray such as Shee'ah and Islam Jamaa'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).

