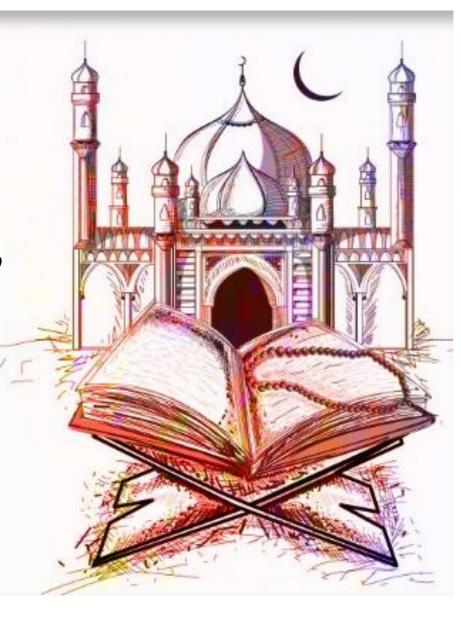


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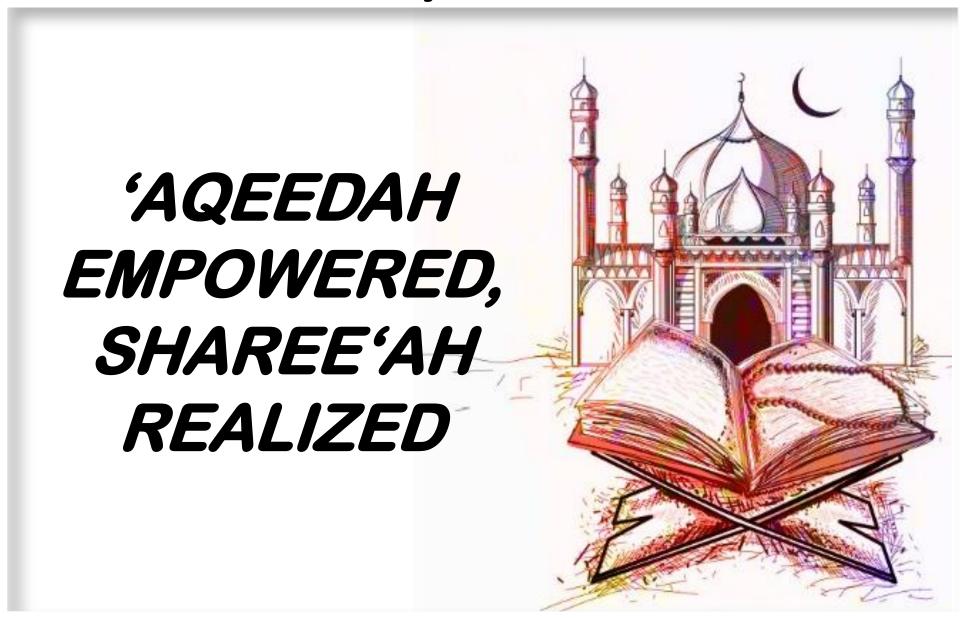




I remind myself and fellow audience to always strive in having the taqwa of Allah by performing all of

His Commands and avoiding all of His prohibitions. What that, may we become among the successful ones in this world and the Hereafter.

During these blessed moments, let us altogether give full undivided attention to today's *khutbah* titled



In al-Qur'an, Allah mentions in verse 36 of soorah an-Nahl:

"And We certainly sent into every nation a messenger, [saying],

"Worship Allah and avoid Taghoot." And among them were those whom Allah guided, and among them were those upon whom error was

[deservedly] decreed. So proceed through the earth and observe how was the end of the deniers."

This verse explains to us that Allah has sent down Messengers for every nation (ummah) throughout time since the time of Prophet Adam 'alayhis salaam up until the final ummah, which is

the ummah of Prophet Muhammad . Their very task is to convey and lead to the path of religion that is straight and upon truth. Those that are obedient and steadfast in following them are known as

Muslims, having imaan (belief) unto Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala. While those that reject and refuse to accept the teachings brought by the

Messengers are those that have committed *kufr* (disbelief).

The journey of da'wah in conveying the risaalah (message) by the Messengers, as

commanded by Allah to the entire mankind, is akin to a very long parade that is administered by the Prophets and Messengers. This marching parade is led by Prophet Muhammad ,

as the chief of all **Prophets and** Messengers, where he upholds the kalimah (word) of tawheed (Oneness of Allah):



It is this kalimah of tawheed that serve as the very essence of the teachings conveyed in the da'wah of the Prophets and Messengers beginning from Prophet Adam 'alayhis salaam.

It is a declaration of tawheed that is digested and flows through the body of an ummah having belief in Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala. This is the very creed that is firm and 'aqeedah that

is sound. Moreover, it digs deep and pierces into the hearts, hence their potent and unshakable imaan. Such matter was depicted by Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala through verse 24 of soorah Ibraaheem:

"Have you not considered how Allah presents an example, [making] a good word like a good tree, whose root is firmly fixed and its branches [high] in the sky?"

If we are to reflect within ourselves and hold ourselves accountable (muhaasabah), can we say that we are also amongst those in the middle of that procession, along with

the prophets? Hence, we become successful in reaching the objectives determined by Allah, which is to attain His Pleasure and paradise. Or rather the opposite, we would choose another

path that is filled with attractions and excitement but its end result is misguidance and the wrath of Allah. Wal 'iyaadhu billaah. Actually, we can

determine which sides are we on when we fully refer to al-Qur'an and as-Sunnah. Such determination was mentioned by our Prophet, Muhammad ,

in a hadeeth narrated by Abu Hurayrah radiyAllaahu 'anh where Rasulullah said:

"I have left you with two matters which will never lead you astray, as long as you hold to them: the Book of Allah and my Sunnah."

(al-Haakim)

In understanding the two primary sources stipulated, one must learn them as much as possible so that one's understanding will adhere to the authentic teachings, through

teachers that are recognized and possessing the expertise in Islamic sciences. Lessons conducted at masaajid and suraus are filled with programs that intend to clarify and teach true authentic Islamic knowledge. Therefore, do we feel enticed to embark on such endeavor?

Verily, the strength of our 'aqeedah remains imperfect for as long as

we do not practice all of the commands entrusted upon us. Such is the will of Allah, where those claiming to have imaan must truly prove their faith through

righteous deeds. This was explained by Allah in verses 1-3 of soorah al-'Asr:

"By time, Indeed, mankind is in loss, Except for those who have believed and done righteous deeds and advised each other to truth and advised each other to patience."

In a different verse, Allah has affirmed that those claiming to have believed have no other choice but to submit and adhere in fulfilling all of the commands of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala,

as in verse 65 of soorah an-Nisaa':

"But no, by your Lord, they will not [truly] believe until they make you, [O Muhammad],

judge concerning that over which they dispute among themselves and then find within themselves no discomfort from what you have judged and submit in [full, willing] submission."

Traversing through the khutbah today, let us derive lessons and reflections from the following matters, to be taken as guidance in our lives:

1. It is waajib (obligatory) upon the Muslim ummah to have certainty that the 'ageedah that we subscribe to is the

true 'aqeedah for it is in accordance with the teachings brought by previous Prophets.

2. It is waajib for the Muslim ummah to learn and practice matters that are related to Islamic teachings so as to

remain upon the path that is straight and pleasing to Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala.

3. Every individual that has been authorized to administer the masjid must fulfill the amaanah (trust) by

ensuring that all lessons are taught by teachers that are certified and skilled in various branches of Islamic sciences.

"And, [moreover], this is My path, which is straight, so follow it; and do not follow [other] ways, for you will be separated

from His way. This has He instructed you that you may become righteous."

(al-An'aam 6:153)

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 al-Argam sect.

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).

