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Let us strive to increase our taqwa of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala by fulfilling all of His Commands and avoiding all of

His prohibitions. May the true taqwa make us among the slaves attaining success in this world and the Hereafter.

## Today I will discuss upon a khutbah titled



#bahagian pengurusan masjid

Islam heavily emphasize on the matter of adab (etiquette) in life. Adab that must be preserved is the etiquette with Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala, adab with fellow human beings, and

the surrounding. The issue of adab is given emphasis in al-Qur'an and hadeeth of Rasulullah . Among the adab that must be given due attention is the adab with a teacher.

Teachers are very noble individuals. They have groomed and taught us to become individuals that are beneficial to the religion, society, and nation. Through the education and

upbringing by the teachers, we became knowledgeable individuals, that we are able to benefit the society and ourselves. Hence, we must preserve our adab with our teachers in

appreciating their sacrifices and devotion.

One story that is mentioned in al-Qur'an, which took place between **Prophet Moosa** 'alayhissalaam and

Prophet Khidr 'alayhissalaam, should serve as an important lesson for us. As recited earlier in the khutbah, the meaning of verse 69 of Soorah al-Kahf is as follows:

"[Moses] said, "You will find me, if Allah wills, patient, and I will not disobey you in [any] order.""

**Prophet Moosa** 'alayhissalaam had manifested the proper adab of a student to his teacher with his humility. Among such adab is exercising patience and obeying the commands

of the teacher. These are the examples of the things to be given due attention by a student towards his teacher.

Anyone who has taught us is deemed as a teacher that we must respect. Through them, we have learned to read, write, and count that we became beneficial individuals. There are

a plethora of stories mentioning the scholars of the past and their great respect for their teachers that we can take as beneficial lessons.

It was mentioned in a story how Imaam ash-Shaafi'i truly respected and appreciated a person who had taught him even though it was very little knowledge. One day, while he was teaching

his students, a disheveled and smelly Bedouin came by. Imaam ash-Shaafi'i then stopped his lesson, approached the Bedouin and hugged him with such fervor.

After he completed his lesson, his students inquired as to why Imaam ash-Shaafi'i had hugged the Bedouin, even though he was unkempt and foul smelling. He explained that the Bedouin was

his teacher and that was why he had hugged him, as a way of honoring his teacher. His students were astonished to know that the Bedouin was a teacher of the great lmaam ash-Shaafi'i.

Then, Imaam ash-Shaafi'i said: "One day, when I was writing my figh book, I was posed with a problem in recognizing and distinguishing between a dog that has reached maturity and

one that has not reached maturity. So I thought surely this Bedouin would know because he must have raised many dogs to herd his flocks of sheep. So then I asked the Bedouin that I had

hugged earlier. The Bedouin explained that a dog that has reached maturity would raise one of its hind legs when urinating, while a dog that has not

reached maturity would not raise its legs when urinating. With that Bedouin's explanation, I was able to complete my book."

Even though the knowledge obtained from the Bedouin was very little, however the respect that Imaam ash-Shaafi'i had for him depicted noble adab that is espoused in Islam.

Such is the story that can be taken as a lesson for the Muslim ummah in respecting and honoring its teachers. With noble adab towards the teacher, we can see how blessed the knowledge of

classical scholars were that they became prominent and served as the source of reference for the Muslim ummah until today.

There are several things that we can practice in observing good adab with the teachers. Among them is initiating the greeting of salaam (peace) when meeting a teacher. Spreading

salaam is a noble deed that is highly encouraged in Islam. Moreso, when it comes to the students giving salaam to their teachers. Let us

become those that would initiate the salaam, instead of our teachers giving salaam to us. In the hadeeth of Abu Hurayrah radiyAllaahu 'anh, Rasulullah said:

"The young should greet the old, the passer by should greet the sitting one, and the small group of people should greet the larger one."

(Agreed Upon)

Assisting the teacher is also an act that is highly encouraged in Islam. As students, we can aid our teachers in many aspects. From matters pertaining to school affairs to things that

are non-school related. Let us not render service only when we are asked by the teacher, but instead we should should always remain ready to aid the teachers whenever the situation

calls for it. All of our good deeds will be compensated with full justice by Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala, as He mentions in verse 160 of Soorah al-An'am:

"Whoever comes [on the Day of Judgment] with a good deed will have ten times the like thereof [to his credit]. and whoever comes with an evil deed will not be recompensed except the like thereof; and they will not be wronged."

During the school hours, the teachers would serve as our parents. Just like our adab with our parents, the same applies to our teachers. If we are highly recommended to supplicate for our

parents, then it is the same with our teachers. Let us supplicate to Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala for the wellbeing of our teachers. The severe warning from Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala

with regard to those that are arrogant in supplicating to Him has been recorded in al-Qur'an, in verse 60 of Soorah al-Mu'min:

"And your Lord says, "Call upon Me; I will respond to you." Indeed, those who disdain My worship will enter Hell [rendered] contemptible."

Nowadays, many students no longer place emphasize on proper adab towards their teachers. The teachers are only seen as normal human beings that do not need to be respected.

Even worse, there are those that are hostile to their teachers. There are also students that would retaliate, scratch the cars, punch, insult, having negative thoughts, backbite, and badmouth their teachers.

Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala has given stern warning to those that have negative assumptions, exposing

others, and backbite. Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala mentions in verse 12 of Soorah al-Hujuraat:

"O you who have believed, avoid much [negative] assumption. Indeed, some assumption is sin. And do not spy or backbite each other. Would one

of you like to eat the flesh of his brother when dead? You would detest it. And fear Allah; indeed, Allah is Accepting of repentance and Merciful."

### To end the khutbah, let us altogether derive lessons upon the following matters:

1. The Muslim ummah must have certainty that preserving adab in everyday life is a requirement from Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala.

2. The Muslim ummah must honor and respect the teachers so as to attain blessings in their knowledge.

3. The Muslim ummah must always instill noble values within the self, wherever they may be.

"And the servants of the Most Merciful are those who walk upon the earth easily, and when the ignorant address them [harshly], they say [words of] peace." (al-Furqaan 25:63)

## 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 Hizb at-Tahreer.

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).

