



دewan Negara

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***CLIMBING
UP THE MASJID'S
STAIRS***

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

Let us altogether strive
to increase our *imaan*
(faith) and *taqwa* of
Allah *Subhaanahu Wa*
Ta'aala by diligently
performing all of

**His Commands and
avoiding all of His
prohibitions. May we all
be placed among His
slaves that attain
success in this world
and the Hereafter.**

The *khutbah* that is to be delivered today is titled ...

A photograph of a mosque's entrance. The image shows a wide set of wooden stairs leading up to a large, ornate archway. The archway is decorated with intricate Islamic geometric patterns. Above the archway is a large, blue dome with a crescent moon and star on top. The sky is bright blue with white clouds. A person in a white thobe is seen from behind, climbing the stairs. The overall scene is bright and clear.

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#bahagianpengurusanmasjid

Masjid and *surau* are sacred and holy places in the religion of Islam. It is a place for us to perform *'ibaadah* (worship), praying the *fard* (obligatory) prayers in congregation, and

also other
supererogatory (*sunnah*)
'ibaadah such as
naafilah prayers, reciting
al-Qur'an, making *dhikr*,
and attending Islamic
talks and lessons.
Moreover, the actual

role of the masjid is much broader as the community center, and for the unity and development of the *ummah* itself.

Most of the *masaajid* and *suraus* in the state of Selangor were built with aesthetic beauty, conducive surrounding, and some are even equipped with the latest technology. Similarly,

**the attendees are
presented with a
variety of lectures
and courses to
enhance their
religious knowledge.**

However, the question begs, how many of us are actually willing to go to the masjid, as compared to our willingness to travel and embark on a long journey for vacation? How many are willing to

**climb up the masjid's
stairs, as compared to the
number of those that
would hike up the hills
and tall mountains?**

**Indeed, the longest,
arduous, and greatest**

journey for the Muslim male is the trip to the masjid. This is because our distance to the masjid is not measured by the number of footsteps but measured by the heart. However far the masjid

or *sura* is, it will be reachable if the heart is attached to it. However, if the heart is further away from the masjid, however close the distance is, one feels heavy and difficult to take the step and

climb up its stairs, even though we have been commanded to enliven the houses of Allah as the manifestation of our *imaan*. Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in surah at-Tawbah,

as recited earlier in the *khutbah*, which means:

“The mosques of Allah are only to be maintained by those who believe in Allah and

the Last Day and establish prayer and give zakaah and do not fear except Allah, for it is expected that those will be of the [rightly] guided.”


Going to the masjid to perform the *'ibaadah* of *fard* prayer in congregation at its earliest time is a responsibility upon a Muslim.

This has been explained
in many narrations of the
Prophet ﷺ that
commanded performing
the *fard* prayer in
jamaa'ah (congregation)
at the masjid. Moreover,
those whose hearts are

always attached to the masjid will be bestowed with the protection of the 'Arsh (Throne) of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* in the Hereafter. In one *hadeeth* narrated

by Abu Hurayrah
radiyAllaahu 'anh,
Rasulullah ﷺ said:

***“A man whose heart is
attached to the masjid.”***
(al-Bukhaari)

In another *hadeeth* of
Abu Hurayrah
radiyAllaahu ‘anh, he 
said:

***“He who purified
himself in his house,
and then he walked to***

***one of the houses of
Allah for the sake of
performing a fard
(obligatory act) out of
the faraa'id
(obligatory acts) of
Allah, both his steps***

***(would be significant)
as one of them would
obliterate his sin and
the second one would
raise his status.”***

(Muslim)

Verily there are many virtues in performing *'ibaadah* in the masjid and surau as compared to performing them at home. Our hearts will feel more tranquil while at the masjid, and our souls will

feel more focused to
indulge in *'ibaadah*. At
the masjid, we feel more
motivated to perform the
sunnah 'ibaadah as
compared to at home. For
example, performing the
qabliyah and *ba'diyah*

sunnah prayers, reciting al-Qur'an, and making *dhikr* in exalting Allah The Almighty. Not to mention that we can perform the *'ibaadah* of *i'tikaf*, which is an *'ibaadah* that can only be done inside

the masjid.

How significant it is to perform the *fard* prayer in *jamaa'ah* in the masjid that Rasulullah ﷺ gave stern warning to those that did not fulfill this

responsibility as it was
mentioned in the
hadeeth of Abu
Hurayrah *radiyAllaahu*
'anh, where the
Prophet ﷺ said:

***“No doubt, I intended
to order somebody to
pronounce the
iqaamah of the
(compulsory
congregational)***

***prayer and then I
would go to the
houses of those who
do not attend the
prayer and burn their
houses over them.”***

(al-Bukhaari)

**Therefore, let us
altogether instill great
determination and effort
to strive in bringing
ourselves to the masjid,
climbing up those stairs
so that we will altogether
enjoy the calmness and**

virtues while at the
masjid.

Let us begin with one *fard*
prayer, praying in
jamaa'ah at the masjid.

Then it is added with two
fard prayers, three, so on

and ultimately five times a day. Let us strive to perform *salaah* behind the *imaam*, before we will be prayed upon in front of the *imaam*. Let us not wait till our old days for us to climb up those

**masjid stairs for no
one can guarantee
that we will surely
reach old age with
good health and
energy.**

To end the *khutbah* today, let us altogether internalize upon several suggestions from this *khutbah* as lessons and guidance in this life. Among them:

1. The Muslim *ummah* must have certainty that all of the commands from Allah and the religion must be performed with diligence and sincerity.

2. It is *waajib* (obligatory) for the Muslim *ummah* to have certainty that praying in *jamaa'ah* at the masjid is among the commandment from Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.

3. The Muslim *ummah* must hasten and race in earning the rewards and extinguishing the sins by attending the masjid for congregational prayer.

“And hasten to forgiveness from your Lord and a garden as wide as the heavens and earth, prepared for the righteous.”


(Aal-‘Imraan 3:133)



**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).**



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