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I call upon all of us to altogether strive to increase our taqwa of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala by fulfilling all of His Commands and

avoiding all of His prohibitions. Let us increase our dhikr (remembrance) of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala and increase our salawaat (blessings) and salaam (peace) upon our

beloved Prophet Muhammad , in addition to always striving to perform all of his sunnah. May all these efforts bring about benefit to us in this world and the Hereafter.

On this glorious day, I will deliver a khutbah titled



Islam highly encourages its adherents, those who have the capability, to get married. It is the sunnah of the Prophet that can produce offspring and lineage of mankind on earth as its

vicegerents. The matrimony will build a happy family that is according to the *shara*.

The Prophet had said, as in the narration of 'A'ishah radiyAllaahu 'anha:

"Marriage is part of my sunnah, and whoever does not follow my sunnah has nothing to do with me."

(ibn Maajah)

It is from this bond of matrimony that the lineage is built, forming one family. This family will continue to grow unto becoming one ummah. This is

recognized and acknowledged by Islam as a result of procreation and lineage that were founded upon a valid marriage.

Safeguarding or preserving the lineage is from among the magaasid ash-sharee 'ah, which is the objectives of Islamic laws, and that matrimony serves as the main path towards the preservation

of lineage. In other words, marriage is not merely to gain the physical and spiritual pleasure, but also as the means to procreate and continue the legacy in a legitimate manner.

Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala mentions in the 1st verse of soorah an-Nisaa':

"O mankind, fear your Lord, who created you from one soul and created from it its mate and dispersed from both of them many men and women..."

Children and lineage are truly ni'mah (bounties) from Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala upon His slaves. Aside from being the bond of love between the married couple, it is also the reason for

gratefulness and pride from one generation to another without interruption. No one can erase and damage the honor of a lineage that had resulted from the bond of matrimony that

is complete and in accordance with the authentic Islamic mold.

Therefore, we have been commanded to appreciate and utter gratefulness to Allah and

also our parents who became the cause for our existence, by the will of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala. Allah mentions in verse 14 of soorah Luqmaan:

"...Be grateful to Me and to your parents; to Me is the [final] destination."

The nobility of a lineage in Islam will only be accepted through the bond of marriage that has been determined by the shara'. This has been explained by the Prophet and became the

method in determining one's lineage (nasab), as mentioned on the authority of 'A'ishah radiyAllaahu 'anha:

"The child is to be attributed to one on whose bed it is born, and stoning is for the fornicator."

(Muslim)

This is the justice of Islam through its sharee 'ah, which is the way of life that governs every human action, not purely through intuition and logical reasoning. Following the nafs (desire) and

disregarding the sharee 'ah will only lead to destruction and disorder within the lineage that is supposed to be safeguarded.

To avoid disorder within the lineage of the Muslim ummah, the Selangor Fatwa Committee has determined circumstances that can cause the status of the child to be deemed as illegitimate, namely:-

i. A child born out of wedlock whether due to adultery, rape, or scientific means that contradicts the shara';

ii. A child born less than 6 months 2 lahzhah qamaariyyah from the time of "imkaan addukhool" (intercourse) and not resulting from shubhah (doubtful) intercourse; and

iii. A child born more than 6 months 2 lahzhah qamaariyyah from the time of "imkaan addukhool" after a valid marriage, but there is evidence in terms of the shara'that the child is

born out of wedlock through the oath of those concerned (the husband and the wife, or one of them), or 4 witnesses that fulfilled their conditions.

This shows how the matter of lineage cannot be overlooked. rather it is greatly emphasized in Islam.

Based on the hadeeth of 'A'ishah radiyAllaahu 'anha mentioned earlier, Imaam an-Nawawi firmly stated that a man who fornicated has no lineage rights upon the

child that was born through his partner.

It is clear upon us that illegitimate children cannot be attributed with "bin" or "binti" to

their biological father. However, if it is done so for whatever reason, even if it is logically sound, then it can incur harm and greater problems, among them:-

i. The marriage of an out-ofwedlock child represented by the biological parent is deemed invalid. The result is that there will be harm within the family institution due to invalid marriage contract ('aqa').

ii. Children born out of wedlock will demand the same rights as other children when it comes to inheritance, while in reality he does not inherit and bequeath to his biological father. He only

inherits from his mother. If he still inherits, then it falls into the category of usurping the rights of others through unlawful means.

iii. It will produce an ummah having problematic lineage, for attributing a person to ineligible lineage, according to the shara'.

iv. It will lead to the widespread birth of illegitimate children within the society.

Hence, based on this harm and destruction, the ruling of attributing an out-ofwedlock child to his biological father is impermissible. This is based on the maxim of figh (jurisprudence):

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"Removing harm takes precedence over bringing about benefit."

Indeed, the child that is born does not bear the sins of his mother and the person whom she committed zinaa (adultery) with. This child was born upon fitrah (natural disposition).

Islam recognizes his rights in the matters of 'ibaadah (worship), education, and righteous deeds. Therefore, I would like to advice fellow respected audience to not look down upon

children born out of wedlock. The Muslim ummah is urged to not disregard Sharee'ah rulings simply due to stigma and negative perception that have become the norm,

which is to be rectified.

Let us altogether empower the family institution and vehemently say no to zinaa. It is this immorality of zinaa that becomes the main cause for the birth of illegitimate children. Hence, let us avoid adultery and all paths that lead to it.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse
32 of soorah al-Israa':

"And do not approach unlawful sexual intercourse. Indeed, it is ever an immorality and is evil as a way."

This verse firmly states that zinaa is a heinous act, and all paths that can lead to it are prohibited.

At this very opportunity, due to the rapid spread of the Covid-19 virus that is becoming very detrimental in many countries around the world, and also

detected in this country, I would like to remind fellow congregation to take the following preventive measures:

1. Always maintaining high level of personal hygiene such as frequently washing the hands with water and soap or hand sanitizer,

2. Always covering the mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing, and immediately washing the hands after that,

3. When on a trip, always carry a mouth and nose cover, as well as hand sanitizer to be utilized when necessary,

4. Avoid going to crowded areas and do not mingle with affected individuals,

5. Avoid visiting animal farms, premises that sells live animals, abattoir, or touch any type of animal, 6. Seek medical treatment immediately if one falls sick (respiratory tract infection such as fever, cough, or even breathing difficulties)

within 14 days after returning from a trip. At the same time, disclose the travel history from the afflicted country to the treating physician.

To end the khutbah for this week, I would like to advice fellow audience to cling firmly upon these guidelines:

1. It is waajib (obligatory) upon the Muslim ummah to return to the guidance of al-Qur'an and as-Sunnah, in attaining salvation in this world and the Hereafter.

2. The Muslim ummah must give priority and preserve its lineage by avoiding matters that can lead to disruption within the lineage.

3. The Muslim ummah must avoid zinaa and anything that leads to it.

"Then is it the judgment of [the time of] ignorance they desire? But who is better than Allah in judgment for a people who are certain [in faith]."

(al-Maa'idah 5:50)

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 Millah Abraham.

O Allah, Ya Rahmaan, Ya Raheem, unite our hearts, bestow upon us rizq with blessings, enrich us with beneficial knowledge, protect us from calamities

and epidemics such as Covid-19 and others.

مَا شَرِّ مِنْ التَّامَّاتِ اللهِ بِكَلْمَاتِ نَعُوْذُ الشَّامَّاتِ نَعُوْذُ الشَّامَةِ مَعَ يَضُرُّ لَا الَّذِي اللهِ خَلَقَ، بِسْمِ فِي شَيْءً فِي شَيْءً

الْأَرْضِ وَلَا فِي السَّمَاءِ وَهُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ. اللَّهُمَّ ادْفَعْ عَنَّا الْوَبَاءَ وَالْغَلاءَ وَالرّبا وَالزّنا وَالْمِحَنَ وَسُوْءَ الْفِتَن مَا ظَهَرَ مِنْهَا وَمَا بَطَنَ عَنْ بَلَدِنَا هَذَا خَاصَّة عَنْ بَلَدِنَا هَذَا خَاصَّةً

وَعَنْ سَائِرِ بِلَادِ الْمُسْلِمِيْنَ عَامَةً يَارَبُ الْعَالَمِيْنَ. اللَّهُمَّ انْتَ اللهَ لاَ إِلَهَ إِلاَّ أَنْتَ، أَنْتَ الْغَنِيُّ وَنَحْنُ الْفُقْرَاءِ، نَعُوْذُ بِكَ مِنْ زَوَالِ نِعْمَتِكَ وِتَحَوُّلِ عَافِيتِكَ وَفُجَاءَةِ نِقُمَتِكَ وَجَمِيْع سَخَطِكَ

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).

