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Let us remain grateful to Allah Ta'aala that by His Grace, we are blessed to be able to convene on the most honorable of all days today. With that,

I sincerely implore upon myself and fellow congregation to always strive in increasing our taqwa of Allah Ta'aala by performing all of His Commands and avoiding all of His prohibitions.

## Today I will be delivering a *khutbah* titled



Verse 134 of Soorah Aal-'Imraan that was recited in the early part of the khutbah explains to us that restraining the anger and pardoning others are praiseworthy traits that are beloved to

## Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala.

Anger is one of the detestable traits that must be avoided by the Muslim ummah. This as such because it can

bring about negative implications within the human lives. Imaam al-Ghazzaali stated that anger is the flaming fire originating from the fire of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala that penetrates

deep into the heart. Those affected by anger has close relationship with shaytaan for it had successfully pulled the nerves of its victim through the devil's deception, so much so

causing the face to turn red, the eyes fiery red, and some would become violent towards their surroundings.

Narrated Abu Hurairah radiyAllaahu 'anh that a man came to Prophet Muhammad and said: "Counsel me."

Rasulullah said:



"Do not become angry." (He repeated it several times).

(al-Bukhaari)

Anger has significant effect in our lives. Not only upon those being angered at, moreover it is felt by the one in anger himself and those around him. The emotions of the one being angered at

may be disturbed especially if being scolded blindly. The one being scolded will also hold grudge for a period of time. Even more unfortunate is that it will lead to strife, enmity,

and severing the ties of Wataniyyah (homeland) and Islamic fraternity.

Those opting for the flame of anger in speech, action, and deeds will make decisions hastily,

possibly be wrong, oppressing, and harming others. In result, destruction and casualties will incur in severing friendship, family institution, societal institutions,

and state nobility.

The fire of anger is the seat of shaytaan who will spark actions and utterances that are vile and heinous, swearing, cursing, and hurling

profanities. Even more wicked, the fire of rage can rapidly spread causing shirk with Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala, violating the Shara', and inflicting misconception upon Islam as a lofty

religion and the complete way of life.

The prohibition of becoming angry that is destructive is *mutlaq* (absolute). However,

the Muslim ummah is required to remain firm and stern in upholding the truth in matters that are hagg (truth), and it is a duty binding upon them. The Muslim ummah is required to remain

steadfast and principled. A father must be firm with his offspring who is negligent in performing the 'ibaadah of salaah according to what has been prescribed by the religion.

## Let us emulate Rasulullah whom manifested his firmness that he was clearly seen to be angered when the commands of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala were abandoned and

the prohibitions of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala were committed freely. Once Rasulullah went on a journey with a group of people, there was an Ansaari woman that had scolded and cursed

her lazy camel. Rasulullah heard her rage and commanded for the Ansaari woman to be left there.

Imaam al-Ghazzaali rahimahullaah mentioned in his magnum opus Ihyaa' 'Uloom ad-Deen that there are several types of people when it comes to managing anger. Among them are

those deemed as being lackadaisical or totally lacking in their anger. Such characteristic is very detested, for these people are considered as devoid of the defensive attitude in protecting

themselves, their spouses, families, and their rights, especially in religious affairs.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse
29 of soorah al-Fath:

"Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah; and those with him are forceful against the disbelievers..."

Aside from that are those that have gone overboard in anger without knowing its limits and circumstances that it blatantly manifests their own ignorance, transgression against

the religious teachings, and deserting obedience. If the first group is deemed as detestable, then this second group is deemed as very dangerous. Therefore, what is good is to choose

to be angry that is in accordance with the stipulations of the religion and rulings, befitting of its place, and lawful according to the Sharee'ah. Anger that is being referred to here

is in matters pertaining to religious interests and it must be according to the proper methodology. Also, it must be controlled so that it will not be like the blazing fire that destroys itself and

others. This is the most praiseworthy attitude. Firmness and anger must always remain within the framework of preserving the interests of the religion and the purpose of legislation, justice,

prudence, and wisdom.

There are several ways for us to restrain our anger from exploding within ourselves. Among them:

1. Performng wudoo' (ablution). Narrated 'Urwah ibn Muhammad ibn as-Sa'di radiyAllaahu 'anh, on the authority of his grandfather 'Atiyyah who reported that Rasulullah said:

"Anger comes from the devil, the devil was created of fire, and fire is extinguished only with water; so when one of you becomes angry, he should perform ablution." (Abu Dawood)

2. Uttering ta'awwudh (seeking refuge in Allah). Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala mentions in verse 200 of soorah al-A'raaf, which means:

"And if an evil suggestion comes to you from Satan, then seek refuge in Allah. Indeed, He is Hearing and Knowing."

3. Changing one's position from standing to sitting. If the anger has yet to recede, then change position from sitting to lying down. Narrated Abu Dharr radiyAllaahu 'anh:

Rasulullah said to us: "When one of you becomes angry while standing, he should sit down. If the anger leaves him, well and good; otherwise he should lie down." (Abu Dawood)

Therefore, anger is to be properly managed and expunged by always practicing praiseworthy traits.

To end our Friday khutbah today, let us altogether reflect upon the essence of the sermon delivered just now:

1. The Muslim ummah must avoid vile characteristics that can ignite anger such as arrogance, egotistic, degrading others, excessiveness in joking with others, and always argumentative.

2. The Muslim ummah must possess anger that is in accordance with Islamic teachings and suitable for its circumstances.

3. The Muslim ummah must emulate the firmness possessed by Rasulullah as mentioned earlier in the sermon.

"O Prophet, strive against the disbelievers and the hypocrites and be harsh upon them. And their refuge is Hell, and wretched is the destination."

(at-Tahreem 66:9)

## THE SECOND KHUTBAH

#### Let us unite upon the basis of authentic Islamic 'ageedah that is certain and sound. Let us unite upon any situations, firmly united facing any circumstances

and enemy's threat, whether hidden or apparent. The unity of the Muslim ummah is the foundational strength towards the nurturing of

#### Khayra Ummah (the best nation). Muslims are entitled to have differing views, what more in worldly matters, but the Muslim ummah must continue to

unite in *fikrah* (thoughts) and understanding according to the guidelines of the *kalimah* (phrase)

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# and *al-Hadeeth*, as well as sound Islamic brotherhood principles.

#### In our effort to break the chain of Covid-19, it necessitate every masjid attendees to remain disciplined and that it is waajib (obligatory) to abide

#### by the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) that has been outlined by JAIS (Selangor Islamic Religious Department) specifically in performing the

wudoo' (ablution) at home, bringing one's own prayer mat, wearing the face mask while at the Masjid and Surau, and practicing social distancing.

#### Those that are unhealthy or unwell are prohibited from performing salaah in the Masjid and Surau.

#### O Allah, You are the Lord that is All Mighty, we are grateful to You for having bestowed upon us rahmah and blessings upon this state that continues to

prosper and progress, and that its residents remain united, under the auspices and leadership of our Ruler as the Head of Islamic affairs in this state.

### O Allah, protect us from calamities and pandemic such as Covid-19.

