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Let us altogether strive to increase our taqwa of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala by performing

all of His Commands and avoiding all of His prohibitions. May we attain success in this world and the Hereafter.

Let us internalize upon the khutbah today titled



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Indeed, mankind is incapable of living alone. Moreover, human beings need the support of one another to continue on living and wade through its challenges. Every individual would raise

a family, and eventually each family forms an ummah. Living together, aiding one another in attaining good and firmly together in rejecting destruction and harm, in attaining harmony.

Alhamdulillaah, all praise be to Allah who had created us as one ummah clinging upon the same creed. He mentions in verse 92 of soorah al-Anbiyaa' that was recited in the

muqaddimah (opening) of the khutbah earlier, what means:

"Indeed this, your religion, is one religion, and I am your Lord, so worship Me."

With the leadership and guidance of Rasulullah , built upon the path of truth and Rabbani (Divine) guidance, an ummah is formed. It is the foundation that was

solidly built based on lofty principles that are sound. Abu Nadrah radiyAllaahu 'anh reported that the Prophet said:

"O people, your Lord is one and your father Adam is one. There is no favor of an Arab over a foreigner, nor a foreigner over an Arab, and neither

white skin over black skin, nor black skin over white skin, except by righteousness (taqwa)."

(Ahmad)

It is upon the unity of 'ageedah, solidly upon the creed of Ahlas-Sunnah wal-Jamaa'ah, that it is waajib (obligatory) for the Muslim ummah to be united and not divided.

The unity of the Muslim ummah manifests strength and glory. But it must be according to the guidance from Allah, not for worldly gain, wealth, or stature. Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala

mentions in verse 103 of soorah Aal-'Imraan:

"And hold firmly to the rope of Allah all together and do not become divided.

And remember the favor of Allah upon you when you were enemies and He brought your hearts together and you became, by His favor, brothers."

The command from Allah to unite is an obligation. On the contrary, division is a prohibition. Regarding this verse, Imaam al-Qurtoobi (d. 671H) mentioned in his tafseer (exegesis):

"Verily Allah Ta'aala commanded with unification and forbade division. Indeed division is evil and jamaa 'ah (unification) is salvation (success)."

We have witnessed the danger of division within the Muslim ummah that could lead to destruction. Let us read and learn from the history of the fall of the Abbasid Caliphate. Let us ponder and regret

upon the excruciating pain and suffering with the fall of the Ottoman Empire. Let us rid off our greed, bury any feelings of envy and resentment. Lay to rest our selfishness. All these are

enemies for the unity of the Muslim ummah, aside from weakening us in all facets of worldly life including authority, socioeconomic, and nationhood. Even more

unfortunate, division will drag us into the valley of wrath of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala in the Hereafter.

All these matters had been reminded by our beloved Prophet for so long, for they were diseases of previous nations that ultimately led to destruction.

Narrated az-Zubayr bin al-'Awwaam radiyAllaahu 'anh that the Prophet said:

"The disease of the nations before you is creeping towards you: Envy and hatred, it is the Haaligah. I do not speak of what cuts the hair, but what severs the religion." (at-Tirmidhi)

When fellow Muslims themselves are envious of one another, betraying the religion, suppressing one another, having no qualm in scheming with the enemy and jeopardizing the dignity of the Muslims, then harmony will be annihilated. The state and nation will collapse, with all achievements taking a dive and our progress deteriorating. Precisely akin to a razor that

removes hair on the head. Wal 'iyaadhu billaah.

Beware of those that enjoy the role of troublemakers, spreading slander and instilling hatred. All of the

information disseminated is not based upon knowledge and facts, far from being verified (tabayyun) of its authenticity. They are the ones that will exploit others for their own gain

(fishing in troubled waters). They are also the ones that will profit from division within the Muslim ummah. Therefore, let us manage any arising conflicts with full wisdom. Though it may have

stemmed from a petty or trivial matter, but if left unresolved it will further deteriorate. Let us take guidelines from the reminders mentioned in al-Qur'an that calls us to avoid from being

contentious and quarrelsome, which leads to humiliation and deficiency. Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala mentions in verse 46 of soorah al-Anfaal:

"And obey Allah and His Messenger, and do not dispute and [thus] lose courage and [then] your strength would depart; and be patient. Indeed, Allah is with the patient." Our strength and authority will vanish if we continue to quarrel and split. The enemy is not very potent, but it is our own weakness and division that causes the enemy to dominate and

determine our attitudes and way of life.

Hence, let us unite upon the basis of authentic Islamic 'aqeedah that is certain and cemented.

Unite upon any situation, with unwavering unity in facing all circumstances, and enemy threats, whether apparent or hidden.

The unification of the Muslim ummah is the foundational strength, according to the kalimah affirmative principles from al-Qur'an and as-Sunnah, as well as solid

Islamic brotherhood principles towards the nurturing of Khayra Ummah (the best nation).

Let us strengthen our ties of Islamic brotherhood and do not be divided. Let us make the houses of Allah (masaajid and suraus) throughout this state as centers for the empowerment of

ummah unity that is sustainable and potent. The saff (rows) that we have straightened when praying in jamaa'ah (congregation) behind the imaam in upholding all of the pillars (arkaan) of

prayer (salaah), is a testament of a close-knit saff, manifesting the reality of unity that we must demonstrate when we are in the midst of society. Stay united in all circumstances, whether

difficulty or ease. The Islamic lessons that we have benefited from serve as foundational knowledge and actions towards unity that is further solidified. Let us utilize social media

platforms such as WhatsApp and Instagram in widening our call for unity and ukhuwwah (brotherhood). We are truly capable of

changing from strife to peacefulness, and from conflicts to mutual respect. May Allah shower His mercy (rahmah) upon all of us. To end the khutbah this time, I sincerely remind fellow audience to take the following guidelines:

1. The Muslim ummah must remain grateful upon the bounty of Islamic brotherhood that firmly stands upon 'aqeedah that upholds the Oneness of Allah (tawheed), established

upon the kalimah of tawheed, based upon the wahy (revelation) of al-Qur'an and as-Sunnah, as well as Ijmaa' (consensus) and Qiyaas (analogical reasoning).

2. It is waajib upon the Muslim ummah to unite and preserve its unity, hence leaving out division and feud.

3. With the solid spirit of Islamic brotherhood, the Muslim ummah must continue to supplicate and beseech Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala so that the COVID-19 pandemic will be lifted soon.

"The believers are but brothers, so make settlement between your brothers. And fear Allah that you may receive mercy." (al-Hujuraat 49:10)

THE SECOND KHUTBAH

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.

