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SAFEGUARD YOUR PRAYERS

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I would like to solemnly remind respected audience to altogether strive in increasing our imaan and taqwa of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala by performing all of His Commands and avoiding all of His prohibitions. May the taqwa in its truest

sense and imaan (faith) that is firm make us among the slaves that are successful in this world and the Hereafter.

On a day that is full of *barakah* (blessings), I will discuss upon a *khutbah* titled

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Salaah (prayer) is an obligation upon every **Muslim that must be** performed daily at its prescribed times. Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala mentions in verse 103 of soorah an-Nisaa':

"Indeed, prayer has been decreed upon the believers a decree of specified times."

Muslims that truly safeguard their prayers will be deemed as among the believers. Hence, they are entitled to become slaves of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala that are obedient

upon His Commands in its absolute sense. The 'ibaadah (worship) of salaah also trains us to become individuals that are well disciplined and punctual in performing

salaah during its prescribed times.

Al-Qur'an also mentioned that for those that preserve their salaah with perfection, khushoo'(full focus and humility), and

ikhlaas (sincerity), their soul will be shielded from committing disobedience. Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala mentions in verse 45 of soorah al-'Ankaboot:

"... And establish prayer. Indeed, prayer prohibits immorality and wrongdoing..."

Salaah can also cleanse the Muslim ummah from sins that have been committed. Therefore, through such purification, it will produce hearts that are pure, nurturing **Muslims that are always**

in the state of good and having good manners. In the hadeeth of Jaabir bin 'Abdullah radiyAllaahu 'anh, Rasulullah 🖄 said:

"The similitude of five prayers is like an overflowing river passing by the gate of one of you in which he washes five times daily." (Muslim) The obligation of performing salaah falls upon the shoulders of **Muslim individuals that** are mukallaf (accountable), whether male or female. Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala forbade the Muslims from leaving the prayers intentionally, in any case or circumstances, and warns those that are negligence of it. Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala mentions in verses 42

and 43 in soorah al-Muddaththir:

"[And asking them], "What put you into Sagar?" They will say, "We were not of those who prayed.""

Rasulullah ﷺ also made similitude between those that believed and disbelieved, as mentioned in the hadeeth of Jaabir bin 'Abdullah radiyAllaahu 'anh, where Rasulullah ﷺ said:

"Between man and polytheism and unbelief is the abandonment of prayer."



The practice of salaah in Islam must be in accordance with the teachings of al-Qur'an and the sunnah of Rasulullah **.** In the hadeeth of Maalik **bin al-Huwayrith** radiyAllaahu 'anh,

Rasulullah 💥 said:

صَلُوا كَمَا رَأَيْتُمُونِي أُصَلِّي

"Pray as you have seen me praying." (al-Bukhaari)

Unfortunately, there are Muslims out there that attempt to raise doubts and alter the way of the 'ibaadah of salaah that we have been practicing

a long time. Furthermore, they claim that salaah is sufficient just by having niyyah (intention).

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

1. The Muslim ummah must have certainty that the ordainment to perform the five daily prayers was decreed by Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala.

2. The Muslim ummah must ensure that the salaah performed is perfected and conforms to what was taught by Rasulullah ﷺ through the Muslim scholars.

3. The Muslim ummah must safeguard its prayers for when they are preserved, other matters will also remain preserved.

"And they who carefully maintain their prayers -Those are the inheritors. Who will inherit al-Firdaws. They will abide therein eternally." (al-Mu'minoon 23:9-11)



In our effort to break the chain of Covid-19, it behoove every masjid attendee 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.

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