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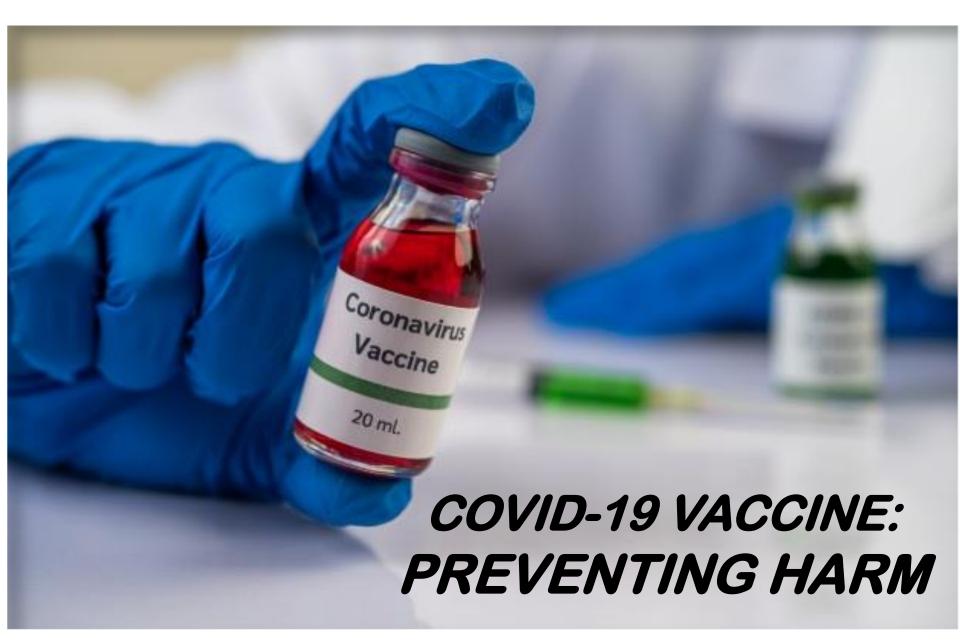
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I remind myself and fellow respected audience that let us empower our taqwa of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala with true taqwa,

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

Today I would like to expound on a khutbah titled



Good health is a ni'mah (favor) that is truly valuable and priceless from Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala. Without good health, we will not be able to perform our daily duties and affairs

with perfection. The bounty of good health must be appreciated and preserved in the best manner so that we will be able to continue with 'ibaadah (acts of worship) and live

comfortably. Hence, we are to practice a healthy lifestyle, always remain clean, and striving to prevent all forms of disease that can bring harm and destruction.

The Muslim ummah must strive to prevent itself from being exposed and thrown into the abyss of destruction. Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala mentions in verse 195 of soorah al-Baqarah:

"...and do not throw [yourselves] with your [own] hands into destruction [by refraining]."

Therefore, all avenues and means that can harm and damage a person must be rejected from the get go. The fiqhi (juristic) maxim states:

دَرْءُ الْمَفَاسِدِ مُقَدَّمٌ عَلَى جَلْبِ الْمُصَالِحِ اللَّهِ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللّهِ اللَّهِ اللَّهُ اللَّهِ اللَّهِ اللَّهُ اللَّهِ اللَّهُ اللَّهِ اللَّه

"Avoiding harm is prioritized over gaining benefits."

Therefore, in the context of preserving good health, especially during this Covid-19 pandemic, the prevention aspect is truly vital and must be prioritized. The government's regulation

in stipulating several preventive measures such as wearing the face mask, the 1-meter physical distancing, and the latest being the Covid-19 vaccine injection, all must be

adhered to by all citizens. This is because the Covid-19 virus can truly inflict harm and destruction in a swift and comprehensive manner.

The government has decided to provide free Covid-19 vaccine injection to all citizens. Such resolution must be accepted for it is a decision that is for the

maslahah (benefit) and well-being of the people. This is based on another Islamic legal maxim, which states:

تَصرَّفُ الْإِمَامِ عَلَى الرَّعِيَّةِ مَثُوْطُ الْإِمَامِ عَلَى الرَّعِيَّةِ مَثُوْطُ بِالْمَصْلُحَةِ بِالْمَصْلُحَةِ

"The actions of an Imaam (leader) is driven by the interest of the community."

Therefore, this vaccine injection is the most effective and safe prevention in curbing the Covid-19 pandemic, inshaa Allaah. Moreover, the vaccines have been verified and ruled as

permissible for its usage during the 10th Special Muzakarah Committee Meeting of the National Council for Islamic Affairs (MKI) that convened on the 3rd of December, 2020, which stated,

"The Ruling for the Usage of Covid-19 Vaccine is permissible and it is waajib (obligatory) for groups that have been identified by the Government of Malaysia."

It must be firmly stated here that rejecting the vaccines in totality is a very irresponsible act that is prohibited by the Shara'. It not only harms the individual, but instead it will harm the entire

community. This is because if the majority of the society is not protected from the infection of vaccinepreventable diseases, then it becomes easy

for the virus causing those diseases to find a host that can be infected, hence harming the society.

Therefore, herd immunity should be prioritized and it can only be achieved with high immunization coverage. This coincides with the Islamic principle that prioritizes prevention from any form of harm,

as in the juristic maxim:

لا ضرر ولا ضرار

"Harm shall not be inflicted nor reciprocated."

In terms of 'aqeedah, we as Muslims having imaan (belief) must have yaqeen (certainty) that Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala will provide the medicine and cure to control the spread of all types of

illnesses including Covid-19. This is as mentioned in the hadeeth of Abu ad-Dardaa', where Rasulullah said:

"Allah has sent down both the disease and the cure, and He has appointed a cure for every disease, so treat yourselves medically, but use nothing unlawful."

(Abu Dawood)

After all preventive efforts and supplications (du'aa) have been exerted, Islam teaches us to surrender all affairs to Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala, which is tawakkul or absolute surrender

to Allah. This is the true creed of a Muslim, whom combines between effort, du'aa, as well as tawakkul upon Allah in enduring the Covid-19 pandemic. However, if all efforts have been exerted and

conformed, and yet we are tested with illness, then it behoove that we have sabr (patience), remain tranquil, and pleased with what has been decreed by Allah.

Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala mentions in verse 51 of soorah at-Tawbah:

"Say, "Never will we be struck except by what Allah has decreed for us; He is our protector." And upon Allah let the believers rely."

To end the sermon today, I would like to conclude:

1. The Muslim ummah must have certainty that ni'mah and museebah (calamity), as well as being healthy and sick, all of these are from Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala.

2. The Muslim ummah must always strive and supplicate to be protected and kept away from matters that can inflict harm upon the individual, family, society, and nation.

3. The Muslim ummah must observe strict adherence to all of the instructions and advice from the Ministry of Health Malaysia, with regard to vaccine injection and personal hygiene practices, in curbing the Covid-19 outbreak.

"Whoever does righteousness - it is for his [own] soul; and whoever does evil [does so] against it. And your Lord is not ever unjust to [His] servant."

(Fussilat 41:46)

THE SECOND KHUTBAH

Let us unite upon the basis of authentic Islamic 'aqeedah. The Muslims must remain united at heart in facing atmospheres, perverted ideologies, and threats by the enemies of Islam.

The solid unity of the Muslim ummah is the foundational strength towards the development of an ummah that is dignified, capable, and upright. Let us unite

upon the spirit of firm tawheed, الله إلا الله, affirmative principles within al-Qur'an and al-Hadeeth, as well as the Qudwah (exemplary) of Rasulullah

The high number of Covid-19 cases recorded in Selangor according to statistics truly necessitate strict adherence to the SOP regulated by the government, the SOP

released by JAIS in preventing the spread of Covid-19, and exercising selfcontrol in this very difficult situation. Let us increase our yaqeen (certainty)

in Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala, upholding his Oneness, purifying Him from other deities, as well as making tawbah (repentance). Let us ponder

upon our wrongdoings in the past, that Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala sends this calamity and pandemic upon us. Let us not get riled up in

spewing accusations, slander, or blaming those whom are diligently trying to overcome this severe predicament.

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.

