

UNDERSTANDING THE MEANING OF THE HIJRAH OF THE MESSENGER



I would like to 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 true taqwa and solid imaan make us among His slaves that are successful in this world and the Hereafter.

On this day that is full of blessings, I will expound on a khutbah titled



The journey of hijrah (migration) undertaken by Prophet Muhammad was a journey for the victory of Islam. The journey that was decreed by Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala is definitely

not the journey of a refugee as understood by certain quarters. Even if there was a conspiracy to murder Prophet Muhammad , it did not serve as the main cause for it was truly a journey

## of obedience unto Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala.

The journey of *Hijrah* of **Prophet Muhammad**that was filled with obstacles depicted

an episode of sacrifice and success of a Messenger, the torchbearer of faith. The difficulties and hardships endured are actual challenges that must be experienced for the

sake of obedience unto Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala, even though having to abandon the relatives and possessions. However, the rahmah (mercy) and forgiveness of

Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala truly awaits. Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala mentions in verse 218 of soorah al-Baqarah:

"Indeed, those who have believed and those who have emigrated and fought in the cause of Allah - those expect the mercy of Allah. And Allah is Forgiving and Merciful."

The great event of the Hijrah of the Messenger that became the source of inspiration for the ummah has a plethora of hikmah (wisdom) and lessons. It manifested the significance of the

meaning embedded within the command for Hijrah in honoring and upholding the symbols of Islam as the religion of tawheed (monotheism). Moreover, the success of the da'wah (calling to

Islam) of Prophet Muhammad is closely intertwined with its strategy, specifically in addressing all accusations by the enemies of Islam upon

the da'wah efforts by the Prophet ...

The great event of Hijrah stimulated our minds upon how well-organized and strategic were its planning that the entire

plan for the Hijrah went perfectly as planned despite the obstacles that arose. Just look at the prominent figures during the hijrah of the Prophet whom acted as the aides of the Prophet,

they were intelligent in reconnaissance and psywar, food distribution, and many others that it behooves us to comprehend their roles through deeper studies. Great figures such as

Sayyidina Abu Bakr radiyAllaahu 'anhu, Sayyidatina 'A'ishah radiyAllaahu 'anha, Asmaa' bint Abi Bakr, Sayyidina 'Umar al-Khattaab,

'Abdullaah bin Abi Bakr, Sayyidina 'Ali bin Abi Taalib, and many other Companions radiyAllaahu 'anhum ajma'een.

Aside from that, among matters that must be observed and practiced is the usage of Taqweem Hijrah (Hijri calendar) in our daily lives. Many of us still are not well-versed or do not even know the

names of the months in the Hijri calendar. Beginning with Muharram, Safar, Rabee' al-Awwal, Rabee' al-Aakhir, Jumadaa' al-Ula, Jumadaa' al-Aakhirah, Rajab, Sha'baan,

Ramadaan, Shawwaal, Dhul Qa'dah, and Dhul Hijjah. Of course, there is nothing wrong with using the Gregorian calendar but the Hijri calendar is our actual identity as the Muslim ummah.

Considering the importance of the Hijri calendar for the Muslims, it behooves the Muslim ummah to imbue the rooh (spirit) of hijrah in their daily lives. This is because hijrah does not

only refer to the physical movement from a location to another, but it is hijrah towards the better and leaving off all prohibitions from

Allah Ta'aala. On the authority of 'Abdullah bin 'Amr radiyAllaahu 'anhuma that the Prophet said:

"A Muslim is the one who avoids harming Muslims with his tongue or his hands. And a Muhaajir (an emigrant) is the one who gives up (abandons) all what Allah has forbidden."

(al-Bukhaari)

The very spirit of the Hijrah of Prophet Muhammad should be embraced as guidance in the wake of Covid-19 pandemic nowadays. The Hijrah has taught the Muslim ummah to

always remain prepared and striving to ensure that every objective will be achieved successfully, in addition to supplicating and having tawakkul (reliance in Allah). Not only that, the hardships

endured due to the pandemic is truly felt and it necessitates motivation and relentless fighting spirit. In these trying moments, it is very imperative that the unwavering spirit of

the Muhaajireen and Ansaar to be practiced by all of us in the very effort of aiding our brethren that had lost their source of income due to the prevalence of the pandemic. Life difficulties truly reminds us that the Hijrah event taught the Muslim ummah to always surrender all efforts for the sake of Allah. May this new Hijri year celebrated shower upon us values and strength

in wading through future challenges.

To end the khutbah this time, there are several important matters that must be comprehended, among them:

1. The Muslim ummah must have certainty that the hijrah of Prophet Muhamad was a command of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala.

2. The Muslim ummah must ensure that every hijrah undertaken towards good must be preceded by rigorous planning.

3. The Muslim ummah must always strive to make hijrah towards the better so as to earn rewards and the pleasure of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala.

"And whoever emigrates for the cause of Allah will find on the earth many [alternative] locations and abundance. And whoever leaves his home as an emigrant to Allah and His Messenger

and then death overtakes him - his reward has already become incumbent upon Allah. And Allah is ever Forgiving and Merciful."

(an-Nisaa' 4:100)

## 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.

