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# *EASE AND HARDSHIP ARE TRIALS*



بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

Let us altogether strive  
to increase our *taqwa*  
of Allah *Subhaanahu*  
*Wa Ta'aala* by fulfilling  
all of His Commands  
and avoiding all of

**His prohibitions. May  
we all attain success  
in this world and the  
Hereafter.**

Let us internalize upon the *khutbah* today titled ...



***EASE AND  
HARDSHIP ARE  
TRIALS***

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**Each and every one of us  
have gone through trials  
and excruciating  
moments, difficulties  
while wading through  
life's challenges, as well  
as griefs that are difficult  
to forget. Not only that,**

**we surely have gone  
through moments of  
blissfulness, the  
blessings of happiness  
after having attained  
what was sought, as well  
as the sweetness of life  
after being bestowed**

with a plethora of pleasures. All of these instances are actually trials that were sent from Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* upon His slaves to test the

strength of their *imaan*  
(faith) in their hearts.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa*  
*Ta'aala* mentions in  
verse 35 of soorah al-  
Anbiyaa':



***“Every soul will taste death. And We test you with evil and with good as trial; and to Us you will be returned.”***

This verse tells us that trials from Allah not only come in the form of difficulty or sorrow. We will also be tested through various *ni'mah* (favours), blissfulness, and ease, to see whether we

will become slaves of Allah that are grateful or ungrateful (*kufr*) upon the favors bestowed. Have we ever been in a situation where we were constantly tested with difficulties and various

**problems, that at times  
it made us feel as if this  
world is unjust, just  
because our lives is not  
as rosy as others?**

Such thought and feeling should never occur within our soul, for it is as if we are blaming Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* for all of the things happening to us. On the contrary, as His believing

slaves having *taqwa*, we should deem that every hardship endured is a tribulation from Allah to teach us the meaning of *sabr* (patience), and the meaning of striving as well as not giving up on

what we want. Let us believe in the promises of Allah upon the patient ones, that the blessings of *sabr* is truly beautiful and only He is Most Knowing of the *hikmah* (wisdom) behind every

trial that befall His slaves.  
Allah *Subhaanahu Wa  
Ta'aala* mentions in verses  
156-157 of soorah al-  
Baqarah that was recited  
earlier in the *muqaddimah*  
(introduction) of this  
*khutbah*, which means:



***“Who, when disaster strikes them, say, “Indeed we belong to Allah, and indeed to Him we will return.” Those are the ones upon whom are blessings from their Lord and mercy. And it is those who are the [rightly] guided.”***

Therefore, how do we ensure that we will not be among those that have ill thoughts about Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*? The answer is that we must always remain *sabr* and thankful (*shukr*) with

every affliction, preserving our *salawaat* (prayers), and safeguarding our hearts from feelings that are unbecoming as servants.

Allah mentions in verse 45 of soorah al-Baqarah:

***“And seek help through patience and prayer, and indeed, it is difficult except for the humbly submissive [to Allah].”***

Hence, let us not even  
once deem these  
tribulations as a form of  
torture, punishment, or  
even reward that are  
lasting. While, Prophet  
Muhammad ﷺ and all the  
other *anbiyaa'* (prophets)

were also tested with various trials that were much more severe, so what is there to complain about in comparison with the trials afflicting us as ordinary human beings. So, after this, if we are

tested with pleasure or difficulty, it behooves us to continue to remain *sabr*, protect our relationship with Allah and safeguard our hearts and soul from committing deeds that can corrupt our *imaan*.

The relevance and correlation of the title of the *khutbah* this time is the global issue that is happening within our country in particular and the world in general, namely the spread of the



**Covid-19 pandemic, which has yet to subside with the latest reports abuzz. As Muslims, whatever happens on the face of earth even if a leaf from a tree falls to the ground, our firm belief is that:**

**1.It happens with the permission and will of Allah.**

**2.It happens by the power of Allah.**

**3.It occurs within the knowledge of Allah.**

Among the foundational belief for the Muslims in this matter is to have *sabr*, lament, beseech, and continue to have full reliance in Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. Let us ponder upon the

story recorded by Allah  
*Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*  
whom tested Prophet  
Ayyoob *'Alayhissalaam*  
with a mysterious  
disease that shackled  
him. Prophet Ayyoob  
*'Alayhissalaam's* attitude

was to not complain and rebel by disputing the tribulation decreed upon him. He continued to remain patient, though Iblees attempted to infuse doubts and corrupt his *imaan* with the grave test

afflicted upon him.

In a predicament of being stricken with calamity such as the Covid-19 pandemic, it is *waajib* (obligatory) upon the Muslim *ummah* to have

positive thoughts in  
accepting the *qadr*  
(decree) of Allah. This is  
because Allah is Almighty  
upon all matters.  
According to His Decree,  
every patience and  
hardship endured will

**continue to remain for  
the duration that He  
had willed, hence the  
situation will then  
return to normal.**



In the *hadeeth* of ibn  
'Abbaas *radiyAllaahu*  
'*anhuma*, Rasulullah  
ﷺ said:

***“Know that there is much good in being patient with what you hate, victory will come with patience, affliction will come with relief, and hardship will come with ease.”***

***(Ahmad)***

**Among the wisdom for a trial to afflict human being is that it is a form of cleansing by Allah, in manifesting the true attitude of the believers or vice versa. That is why the attitude of true**

believers is that they will always seek the *hikmah* behind each trial and occurrence so that they will return to Allah. They only increase in *sabr* and *imaan* in Allah, the Most Powerful.

Allah *Subhaanahu  
Wa Ta'aala* mentions  
in verse 31 of soorah  
Muhammad:

***“And We will surely test you until We make evident those who strive among you [for the cause of Allah] and the patient, and We will test your affairs.”***

Let us think well of Allah, perhaps Allah wants to elevate us in *darajah* (rank) through these tests. Allah intends to expiate all of our sins, and Allah wants to confer good deeds upon us.

**Therefore, smile and rejoice as chosen individuals to be tested by Him. It is not the severity of the tribulation that will render us weak, but it is our very “loose” relationship with Allah**



that is causing us to seem  
deficient in overcoming it.

To end the *khutbah* this  
time, I sincerely remind  
esteemed audience to  
take the following  
guidance:

**1. The Muslim *ummah* must have certainty that ease and hardship are trials that will be accounted for in the Hereafter.**

2. The Muslim *ummah* must be well-equipped with *sabr* when gravely tested with pleasure and difficulty.


**3. The Muslim *ummah* must have certainty that the believers will be tested, whether through the trial of ease or difficulty.**

***“Do the people think  
that they will be left  
to say, “We believe”  
and they will not be  
tried?”***

***(Soorah al-‘Ankaboot 29:2)***



**THE SECOND  
KHUTBAH**



**Once more, I would like to remind all of us to always have the taqwa of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* by guarding ourselves and our families from abominable deeds and disobedience against**



**Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala.***

**At the same time, we will continue to pray so that our country will always remain blessed and protected from all forms of threat, as well as contagions from the Covid-19**



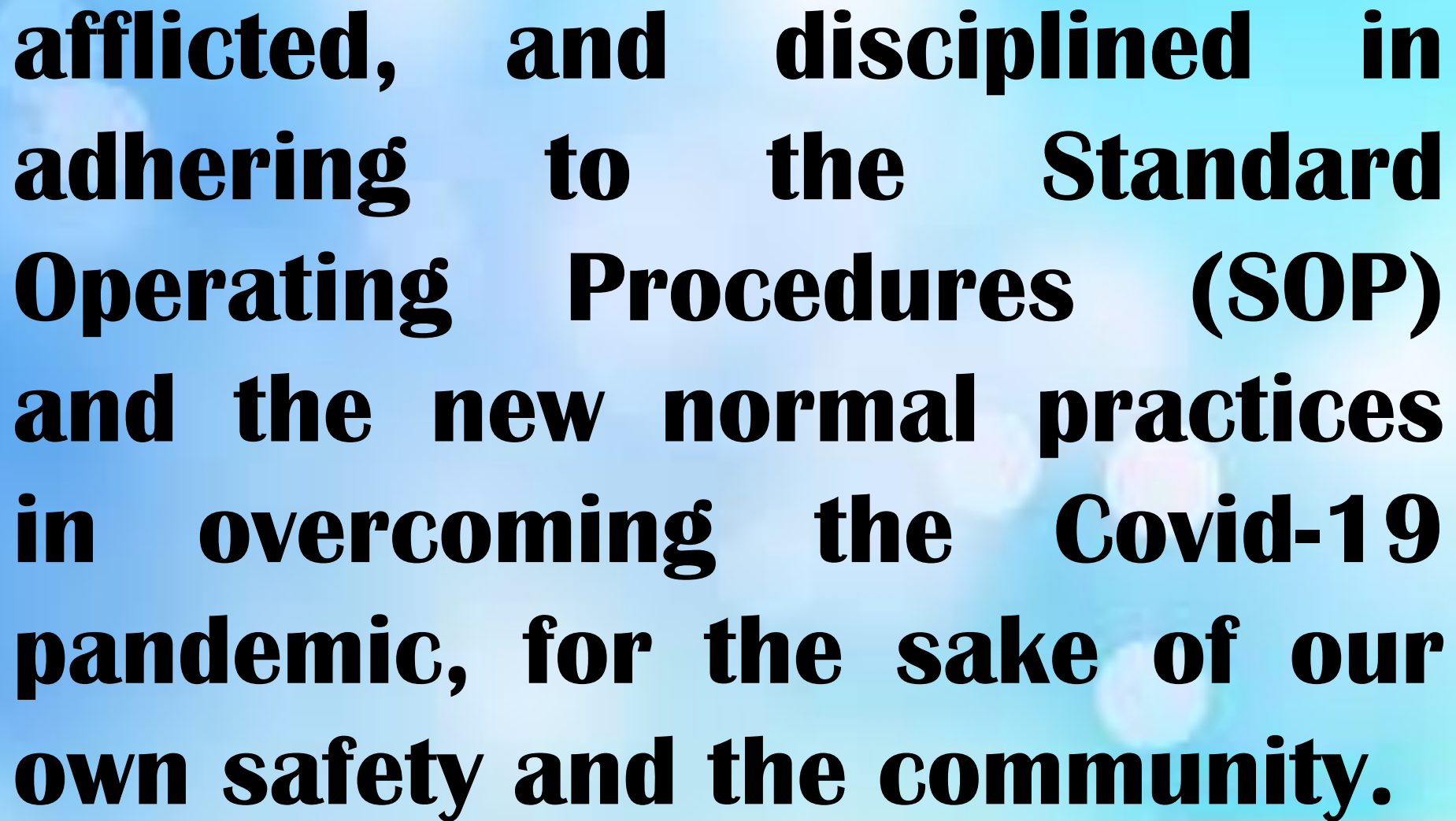


**pandemic. For that, let us  
graciously accept the  
government's recommendation  
by registering ourselves  
through the *MySejahtera*  
application in order to obtain  
vaccine shots that have been**




**authorized by the Ministry of  
Health Malaysia.**

**May we become among the  
slaves of Allah that are patient  
while enduring all diseases**




**afflicted, and disciplined in  
adhering to the Standard  
Operating Procedures (SOP)  
and the new normal practices  
in overcoming the Covid-19  
pandemic, for the sake of our  
own safety and the community.**



**While dealing with this pandemic, let us not take the easiest way out by harming and injuring ourselves. We must be selfless, patient, and strong mentally and physically, built upon solid *imaan*.**




**Let us altogether increase  
our *salawaat* upon our  
beloved Prophet Muhammad  
ﷺ as Allah has commanded:**



**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, make us among Your slaves whom are always exalting Your Word and Religion. Keep us away from groups and those that like to criticize, curse, and insult Your Religion.**





**O Allah, grant us guidance in performing the five obligatory prayers in congregation, fulfilling *zakaat* through Selangor *Zakaat* Board (LZS), and give away our wealth and endowment (*waqf*) through**



***Perbadanan Wakaf Selangor***  
**(Selangor Endowment**  
**Corporation) and *Tabung Infak***  
***Jariah Umat Islam Selangor***  
**(TIJARI, Selangor Continuous**  
**Charity for Muslims Fund),**



**and to the orphans through  
Darul Ehsan Islamic  
Foundation (YIDE).**



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