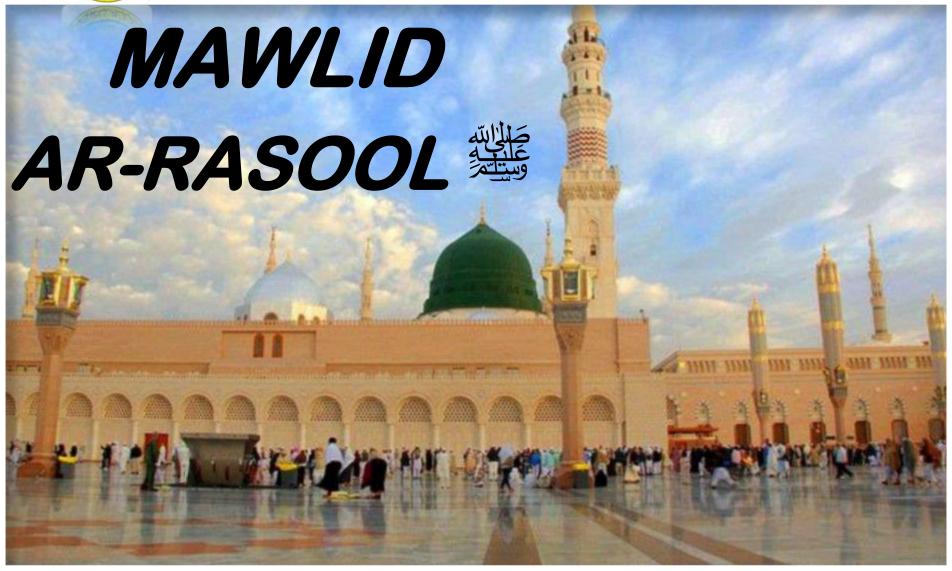


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Let us altogether strive to increase our taqwa of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala by performing all of His Commands and avoiding all of

His prohibitions. May we all become among the muttaqeen (righteous), attaining blissfulness and salvation in this world and the Hereafter. In this glorious and blessed moment, let us internalize upon a *khutbah* titled



Alhamdulillaah, we send all praise and gratitude to Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala for all of His **Bounties** and Aid (tawfeeq) that we are able to experience the month of Rabee' al-Awwal, the

month of birth of our Prophet beloved Muhammad , the final Prophet and Messenger, and the leader of all Messengers. His birth is akin to rays of light that illuminate the darkness

of the universe. The birth and prophethood of Muhammad is mercy for the worlds.

Rasulullah had commemorated his

birthday by fasting, as it was narrated by Abu Qatadah radiyAllaahu 'anh that Rasulullah was asked about fasting on Monday, where he replied:

"This is the day on which I was born and the day on which I was sent (with prophethood) and the day on which I received revelation."

(Muslim)

The celebration of Mawlid ar-Rasool (birthday of the Messenger) by the Muslim ummah today is a practice that reminds us upon the life and struggle of Rasulullah spreading the teachings

of Islam. Moreover, celebrating Mawlid ar-Rasool will be rewarded with good deeds and abundant rahmah (mercy) by Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala if it is filled with sending

salawaat (blessings) and salaam (peace) upon Rasulullah 2. In addition to that, internalizing the seerah (biography) of the Messenger beginning with his birth, teenage life, family life, the bitter

struggle da'wah in to (calling Islam), leading Islamic the state in Madeenah, until he breathed his last. As a Rasool, the bringer of mercy to the worlds,

it is only befitting for us to emulate him in our daily lives.

Mawlid ar-Rasool intends to manifest the devoted love and affection for

Rasulullah . This love and affection is a necessity that was recommended by the Messenger himself, as mentioned in the hadeeth of Abu Hurayrah radiyAllaahu 'anh where

Rasulullah said:

"By the One in Whose Hand is my soul, none of you will have faith till he loves me more than his father and his children."

(al-Bukhaari)

The love and affection for Rasulullah is not just merely an admission and utterance upon the tongue, but it must be proven through the following practices, among them:

First: Increase in sending salawaat and salaam the upon Messenger , his family, and his companions by uttering:

اللهم صلل على سبدنا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعلى الله اللهم الله وَعلى الله وَصنده وَسنده و

O Allah, send prayers upon our leader Muhammad and upon his family and upon his companions.

Sending salawaat upon the Messenger is a command from Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala, as mentioned in verse 56 of Soorah al-Ahzaab:

"Indeed, Allah confers blessing upon the Prophet, and His angels [ask Him to do so]. O you who have believed, ask [Allah to confer] blessing upon him and ask [Allah to grant him] peace."

Rasulullah se commanded his ummah (nation) to send salawaat upon him, especially when his name is mentioned. Hence, whoever often sends salawaat upon him will be bestowed with rahmah

from Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala, as stated by Anas bin Maalik radiyAllaahu 'anh that Rasulullah said:

"Whoever sends blessing upon me once, Allah will send blessing upon him tenfold, and will erase ten sins from him, and will raise him ten degrees in status."

(an-Nasaa'i)

This hadeeth provides the motivation and encouragement that the rahmah of tranquility, the rahmah of peacefulness, the rahmah of good health, the rahmah of unity, and various other

rahmah conferred by Allah will bestowed upon us with the barakah (blessings) of sending salawaat upon the Prophet . Not just that, Allah will remove

various type of difficulties, calamities, corruption, and evil due to our *salawaat*.

Second: Emulating the life of Rasulullah ....

Emulating the life of Rasulullah is also a sign of affection for the Messenger . The life of

the Messenger is the single and most perfect example that is to be emulated by the Muslim ummah, for the entire life of Rasulullah was Divine guided by Revelation (wahy).

Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala mentions in verses 3 and 4 of Soorah an-Najm:

"Nor does he speak from [his own] inclination. It is not but a revelation revealed."

This verse explains to us that the entire life of Rasulullah was guided by al-Qur'an. Al-Qur'an provided guidance in the life of Rasulullah as the

responsible husband, the loving father, the patient da'ee (caller to Islam), and the trustworthy (amaanah) and just ('adl) leader.

Third: Obeying and adhering to the teachings of Rasulullah

Obeying Rasulullah and practicing the



teachings that he had conveyed is also proof of our love and affection towards him Rasulullah was sent with the religion of al-Islam that is complete and in accordance with

human needs. Obeying Rasulullah is a stipulation that is waajib (obligatory) for it tantamount to obeying Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala, as mentioned in the hadeeth of Abu Hurayrah radiyAllaahu 'anh,

## where Rasulullah said:

"Whoever obeys me, obeys Allah, and whoever disobeys me, disobeys Allah."

(al-Bukhaari)

This hadeeth reminds us that every command of the Prophet that is transgressed, rejected, or ridiculed is treachery against Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala. Therefore, let us obey

and abide by everything commanded by Rasulullah . Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala mentions in verse 7 of Soorah al-Hashr:

"And whatever the Messenger has given you - take; and what he has forbidden you refrain from."

Indeed, whatever the has Messenger ordered, it carries nothing but a plethora of good and maslahah (advantages). Similarly, with everything that he forbade, it carries

nothing but evil and destruction.

Verily, the birth and prophethood of Muhammad brought rahmah and goodness

that vast and are longlasting until the Hereafter. The rahmah of living in happiness, prosperity, and unity truly today must be appreciated and preserved by the

Muslim ummah. Therefore, let us become Muslims that truly love Rasulullah and emulate his life, as well as his noble akhlaaq (character) in our daily lives.

To end the khutbah this time, let us embrace Mawlid ar-Rasool as lessons for us:

1. The Muslim ummah must have certainty that the birth of Prophet Muhammad provides rahmah and goodness to the worlds.

2. The Muslim ummah must always send salawaat upon Prophet Muhammad for salawaat and salaam will be rewarded with good

deeds in the form of blissfulness in this world and salvation in the Hereafter.

3. The Muslim ummah must emulate the akhlaaq of Rasulullah for such akhlaaq will complete the lives of mankind.

"There has certainly been for you in the Messenger of Allah an excellent pattern for anyone whose hope is in Allah and the Last Day and [who] remembers Allah often."

(Soorah al-Ahzaab 33:21)

## THE SECOND KHUTBAH

Once more, I would like to remind all of us to always have the tagwa 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.

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 deriving lessons from

everything that has happened, always vigilant and mindful though we have been given a bit of freedom to move about. This is because the entire nation is still fighting the Covid-19 pandemic, for the



For those that are truly affected by this pandemic, do not take the easy way out by harming and injuring ourselves. We must be selfless, patient, and strong mentally and physically, built upon solid *imaan*.



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), making endowment (waqf)

through Perbadanan Wakaf Selangor (Selangor Endowment Corporation) and giving away our wealth (infaaq) through Tabung Infak Jariah Umat Islam Selangor (TIJARI, Selangor Continuous Charity for Muslims Fund),

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

