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

out all of His prohibitions. May we all be among His servants that attain success in this world and the Hereafter.

Let us internalize upon today's khutbah titled



The question arises, "Is Islam so stagnant or rigid that one cannot even adorn oneself and look nice?" The answer is, "It is not wrong at all to adorn oneself for Allah is beautiful and He loves beauty."

In verse 26 of soorah al-A'raaf that was recited earlier, which means:

"O children of Adam, We have bestowed upon you clothing to conceal your private parts and

as adornment. But the clothing righteousness - that is best. That is from the signs of Allah that perhaps they will remember."

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 27 of soorah al-A'raaf:

"O children of Adam, let not Satan tempt you as he removed your parents from Paradise, stripping

them of their clothing to show them their private parts. Indeed, he sees you, he and his tribe, from where you do not see them. Indeed, We have made the devils allies to those who do not believe."

If we actually observe and scrutinize the clothing donned by the Muslimah around us, do they actually meet the characteristics required?

- Covering the entire body except for the face and palms
- Not too thin and see-through
- Not tight and revealing the physical shape of the body
- Not imitating the men
- Not imitating clothing and adornment of the non-Muslims

At the same time, it is waajib (obligatory) upon the Muslim men to ensure that their clothing and adornment complies with the Islamic Sharee'ah and not exceeding its limits. However, the

reality today, many still violate the Sharee'ah regarding stipulations clothing and adornment. For example, many Muslim women wears the hijaab (veil), but their clothing are tight and thin that it

reveals the shape of the body. Many would don the hijaab, but do not cover their bosoms. This matter goes against the command of Allah mentioned in verse 31 of soorah an-Noor, which means:

"And tell the believing women to reduce [some] of their vision and guard their private parts and not expose their adornment except that which [necessarily] appears thereof and to wrap

[a portion of] their headcovers over their chests and not expose their adornment except to their husbands, their fathers, their husbands' fathers, their sons, their husbands' sons,

their brothers, their brothers' sons, their sisters' sons, their women, that which their right hands possess, or those male attendants having no physical desire, or children who are not yet aware of

the private aspects of women. And let them not stamp their feet to make known what they conceal of their adornment. And turn to Allah in repentance, all of you, O believers, that you might succeed."

The believing women are those that ensure that their hijaab covers their bosoms. But today, many are wearing hijaab, but unfortunately their hijaab is very thin that it reveals their hair, and their

adornments much that it attracts the attention of others, which definitely open up the doors of fitnah (tribulations) and sins, possible. widest as Adorning excessively

without complying to the Sharee'ah of Allah are often committed by assuming that:

First: The misdeed of excessive adorning is just a minor sin.

A lot of women having this assumption are only cognizant of the external aspect of this worldly life

and they forget about the eternal life in the Hereafter. Hence, they see major sins only as minor sins, and the good deeds they perform can expiate their minor sins, especially since Allah is

All-Forgiving and All-Merciful.

They would resort to daleel naqli (divine proof) in verse 70 of soorah al-Furqaan, which means:

"Except for those who repent, believe and do righteous work. For them Allah will replace their evil deeds with good. And ever is Allah Forgiving and Merciful."

But they must be mindful that minor sins, if continuously committed, will turn into major sins, as in the saying "sikitsikit lama-lama jadi bukit" (little by little, with time, it becomes a hill).

Second: Adornment as symbol of modernity (keeping up-to-date)

Surely many women wearing the long veil have been teased and mocked by friends for being

considered as unmodern or archaic. Some are "aunty", called "ustaadhah", and other titles that would only make one feel ashamed and inferior when carrying an image that

does not coincide with modern day fashion.

Let us ponder upon the words of 'Abdullah bin Mas'ood radiyAllaahu 'anh:

"The believer sees his sins as if he is sitting at the foot of a mountain fearing that it might fall on him, while the sinner (faajir) sees his sins as a fly that lands on his nose, he just waves it away."

(al-Bukhaari)

Let us ask our imaan, whether we want to be a munaafiq (hypocrite) or a mu'min (believer), as understood from the athar (narration).

It is very bitter to swallow, and yet that is the reality nowadays, that very few Muslimahs are actually wearing clothes that truly cover their 'awrah and adorning themselves according to

the Sharee'ah. This is because the vast majority would prefer to themselves adorn according to the popular trend and following their desire. They would look down and ridicule the

true Muslimah whom they deem as being backward and archaic. However, one fine day, they are the ones that will be laughed at for not complying with the Sharee'ah of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala,

as Allah had promised in verses 29-34 of soorah al-Mutaffifeen, which means:

"Indeed, those who committed crimes used to laugh at those who believed. And when they

passed by them, they would exchange derisive glances. And when they returned to their people, they would return jesting. And when they saw them, they would say, "Indeed, those are truly lost."

But they had not been sent as guardians over them. So Today those who believed are laughing at the disbelievers."

Let us inform and guide the womenfolk within our household to remain sabr (patient) and not grieve, for Allah Ta'aala had mentioned in verse 139 of soorah Aal 'Imraan, which means:

"So do not weaken and do not grieve, and you will be superior if you are [true] believers."

It is very worrying for us that it has become desirable for some Muslim women nowadays to expose their 'awrah and adornments for public display through Facebook, Instagram,

TikTok, Youtube and others, just to spike up their sales. Moreover, they would encourage others to partake in such munkar (evil), hoping to generate more likes, shares and subscribes from viewers

that are watching and witnessing them. Therefore, let us preserve the Sharee 'ah of Allah, protect ourselves and our entire family members in obeying all of the

commands of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala and avoiding all of His prohibitions. Safeguarding the Sharee'ah of dressing and adornment is also from among the

commands of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala that are waajib to be fulfilled by every Muslim individuals in seeking His Pleasure and avoiding His Wrath.

In the hadeeth of ibn 'Umar radiyAllaahu 'anhuma, Rasulullah

said:

"Whoever wears a garment of pride and vanity in this world, Allah will clothe him in a garment of humiliation on the Day of Resurrection."

(Ahmad, Abu Dawood, and ibn Maajah)

In the hadeeth of ibn 'Umar radiyAllaahu 'anhuma, Rasulullah said, which means:

"Each of you is a shepherd and each of you is responsible for his flock. The imaam who is over the people is a shepherd and is responsible for his flock; a man is a shepherd in

charge of the inhabitants of his household and he is responsible for his flock; a woman is a shepherdess in charge of her husband's house and children and she is responsible for them;

and a man's slave is a shepherd in charge of his master's property and he is responsible for it. So each of you is a shepherd and each of you is responsible for his flock." (al-Bukhaari and Muslim)

It is waajib upon the husband to ensure that his spouse is clothed and adorned according to the Sharee'ah of Allah. Similarly, it is waajib for the father to

ensure that his children also adhere to the Islamic Sharee'ah with regard to their clothing and adornment.

To end the khutbah today, let us altogether reflect upon its lessons so as to be utilized as guidance. Among them are as follows:

1. The Muslim ummah must ensure that every Muslim and his family members abide by the limits of the Sharee'ah in adornment and attire.

2. The Muslim ummah must have a strong selfidentity in preserving the religion especially with clothing, regard to without getting influenced by external elements.

"O you who have believed, protect yourselves and your families from a Fire whose fuel is people and stones, over which are [appointed] angels,

harsh and severe; they do not disobey Allah in what He commands them but do what they are commanded."

(Soorah at-Tahreem 66:6)

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).

