



ZAKAAT SAVES ONE'S WEALTH AND SOUL

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

His prohibitions. May we be granted with success in this world and the Hereafter.

The title of the *khutbah* today is:

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The legislation of zakaah that was revealed by Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala to all of us, in reality, has a great wisdom, which is to ensure our safety in this world and the Hereafter.

Allah This is as Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala mentions in verse 277 of soorah al-**Bagarah** that was recited earlier in the khutbah, which means:

"Indeed, those who believe and do righteous deeds and establish prayer and give zakaah will have their reward with their Lord, and there will be no fear concerning them, nor will they grieve."

This is what they will be bestowed with when they fulfill their zakaah, which is feeling safe and spared from feeling worried in this worldly life and the Hereafter.

Usually those possessing wealth will always think about keeping their wealth secured. It is very logical that after all of the extraneous effort in seeking wealth, definitely we will grow fond of it

and would like for it to remain safe. Of course we will not want them to be stolen or robbed. We also would not want it to get destroyed in a fire, or swept away in the flood, or vanished and

swallowed into the earth due to tsunami or landslide. We also would not want our wealth to diminish by getting conned by scammers, incurring losses of tens or even hundreds of thousands of Ringgits.

It is in this very regard that Islam has provided a way out from long ago, through the 'ibaadah (act of worship) of zakaah. This is because according to several narrations of Prophet

Muhammad ﷺ, it is very clear that the 'ibaadah of sadaqah (charity) and zakaat are akin to the 'invisible fence' that is very potent in rescuing our wealth from perishing or being destroyed.

In the *hadeeth* of 'Abdullah bin Mas'ood *radiyAllaahu 'anh*, Prophet Muhammad said:

"Fortify your wealth with zakaat."

(at-Tabaraani)

This is the promise of the prophet upon those that fulfilled their zakaat obligation, where Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala will protect their wealth from getting destroyed.

Of late, many within the general public are very worried about their lives. Due to the unstable global economy, there are many cases of wealthy famous individuals that became

poor, and in the end became asnaf (zakaat recipient). Moreover, due to one's incapability of maintaining the luxurious lifestyle, the husband and the wife begin arguing and fighting, which

ultimately ends in divorce.

As humans, we will not be able to go against the qadaa' (free will) and qadr (predestination) of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala. However, let us not forget

that there is one 'ibaadah that is capable of preventing museebah (calamity) from afflicting us. Prophet Muhammad 🎬 had stated that the *'ibaadah of sadaqah*, which includes zakaat,

can actually ward off museebah or calamity from befalling upon us, as in the hadeeth of **'Amr bin 'Awf** radiyAllaahu 'anh where Rasulullah ﷺ said:

"Verily the sadaqah (including zakaat) of a Muslim increases his age and prevents bad ending."

(at-Tabaraani)

Know that Shaytaan and the evil desire truly hates generosity, that they would always seduce us in feeling doubtful when giving charity and zakaat. Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala 268 of mentions in verse soorah al-Bagarah:

"Satan threatens you with poverty and orders you to immorality, while Allah promises you forgiveness from Him and bounty. And Allah is all-Encompassing and Knowing."

Actually, whether upon realization or not, it is miserliness that is firmly attached to the heart that prevents one from giving sadagah or zakaat, that truthfully without realization, it became the

catalyst the to destruction of one's own wealth, as reminded in the narration of Abu Hurayrah radiyAllaahu *'anh*, where Prophet Muhammad 🗯 said:

"There is never a day wherein servants (of God) get up at morn, but are not visited by two angels. One of them says: "O Allah, give him more who

spends (for the sake of Allah)," and the other says: "O Allah, bring destruction to one who withholds.""

(al-Bukhaari and Muslim)

Remember, Shaytaan and stinginess will always incite us to become worried whenever we want to give sadaqah and zakaah, that we will poor by doing become so. While, the actual truth

is that if the son of Adam gives sadaqah and zakaah, that will be the cause for them to become wealthier. Hence, refraining oneself from giving charity or zakaat, in reality it will only open

up the door and window for the destruction of one's possessions. The more it is held back, the wider the cause of destruction becomes. Just like how the wealth

of Qaroon and his stingy self were destroyed during the time of Prophet Moosa 'alayhissalaam.

The fact is, becoming a generous person is a virtue that must be striven for, nurtured and cultivated every single day. Being generous is from among the trait of the prophets and the

Companions. Therefore, in the effort of cultivating the culture of giving and fulfilling zakaat, the Selangor Islamic **Religious Council (MAIS)** and its subsidiaries such as Selangor Zakaat

Board (LZS), Selangor **Endowment** Corporation (PWS), and Darul Ehsan Foundation Islamic continues to (YIDE), consistent remain in calling upon the Muslims to not become worried

in giving zakaat, waqf (endowment), and sadaqah, for the very benefit of the **Muslims in this state.**

Take heed, for zakaat, waqf, and sadaqah serves as the bridge to Paradise. It is the process of preserving wealth in this world for its continuity the in Hereafter. Those that

refuse to give zakaah, waqf, and sadaqah in their lifetime will truly regret at the moment of death. Remember, Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala mentions in verse 10 of soorah al-Munaafiqoon:

"And spend [in the way of Allah] from what We have provided you before death approaches one of you and he says,

"My Lord, if only You would delay me for a brief term so I would give charity and be the among righteous. ""

To end the sermon this time, the following are several matters that can be taken as guidelines:

1. The Muslim ummah must have certainty and belief that its wealth purely possessed Allah belongs to Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala where at any given time

Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala can take back those favors if they are not cleansed through zakaat, waqf, and sadaqah.

2. The Muslims must not take wealth and possessions as idol or deity that are worshipped and adored to the point that one would be willing to

resort to anything, making the haraam (unlawful) as halaal (lawful), and the halaal as haraam.

3. Remember that Shaytaan and lustful desire will always incite and seduce the children of Adam to become stingy and miserly, deeming that their wealth and possessions can cause them to live eternally.

4. The Muslim ummah must fulfill its 'ibaadah of zakaah through the Selangor Zakaat Board by visiting its closest branch.

"Take, [O Muhammad], from their wealth a charity by which you purify them and cause them increase, and [Allah's invoke blessings]

upon them. Indeed, your invocations are reassurance for them. And Allah is and Hearing Knowing." (at-Tawbah 9:103)



Let us altogether strive to have the tagwa of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala by increasing our obedience towards Him and avoiding acts of disobedience and abominable deeds.

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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 throughDarulEhsanIslamicFoundation (YIDE).

Make us among Your slaves that fulfills the amaanah. Strengthen our imaan so that we avoid treachery, protect us from becoming among those that neglect their responsibilities, and protect

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our state and nation from destruction due to bribery. **Render the duty to lead our** country upon Your slaves whom are trustworthy and honest, as well as firm and courageous in upholding

the truth and executing justice according to the Sharee'ah. O Allah, make the masaajid and suraus in the state of Selangor as Your peaceful homes,

unitingeveryone,andserveastheheartofummah'sstrength.

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