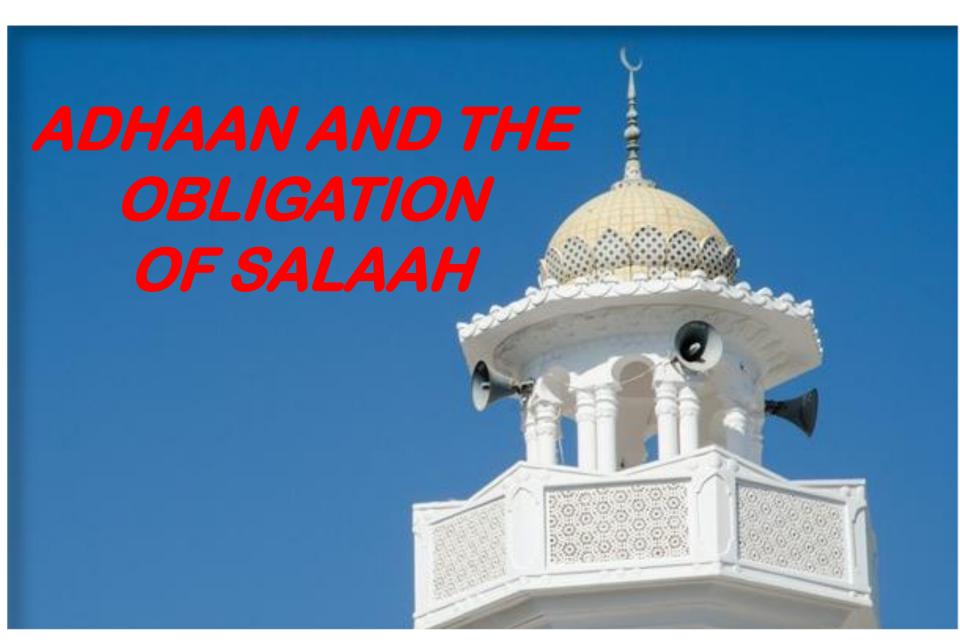




us strive to Let increase our taqwa of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala, which is by fulfilling all of His Commands and

avoiding all of His prohibitions. May we all attain His Pleasure in this world and the Hereafter.

The title of our *khutbah* today is:



The pronouncement of adhaan (call to prayer) performing before salaah (prayer) was legislated during the hijrah (migration) of Rasulullah to Madeenah.

This is based on verse 9 of soorah al-Jumu'ah that was recited at the beginning of the which khutbah, means:

"O you who have believed, when [the adhaan] is called for the prayer on the day of Jumu'ah [Friday], then proceed to the remembrance of Allah and leave trade. That is better for you, if you only knew."

This is even further strengthened by the hadeeth of ibn 'Umar radiyAllaahu 'anhuma, where Rasulullah said:

"When the stated time for the prayer becomes due, then one of you should the pronounce adhaan."

(al-Bukhaari and Muslim)

an-Nawawi Imaam ʻanh radiyAllaahu mentioned that the adhaan has several (wisdom), hikmah among them;

- i. Announcing that the time for *salaah* is due.
- ii. Announcing the place for *salaah*, and
- iii. Calling to the congregational prayer.

Those that hear the adhaan are highly recommended (sunnah) to respond by repeating after the mu'adhdhin (caller to prayer). In the hadeeth of Abu Sa'eed al-Khudri radiyAllaahu 'anh,

Rasulullah said:

"When you hear the call (to prayer), repeat what the mu'adhdhin pronounces."

(al-Bukhaari)

According to Imaam ash-Shaafi'i in his book al-Umm, it is highly desirable to respond to the adhaan wherever one may be, whether one is in the state of purity or impurity (al-hadath).

Except if one is inside the toilet. Supererogatory reward is conferred upon those that repeat after the mu'adhdhin, except that when the mu'adhdhin utters:

حَيَّ عَلَى الْصَّلَاةِ، حَيَّ عَلَى الْفَلَاحِ

Then it should be responded with:

لَا حَوْلَ وَلَا قُوَّةَ إِلَّا بِاللهِ الْعَلِيِّ الْعَظِيْمِ

We will be granted with reward and virtues from Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala when we respond

to the adhaan and recite the du'aa (supplication) after it, as it was mentioned in the hadeeth of Sa'd bin Abi Waqqaas radiyAllaahu 'anh where Rasulullah stated, which means:

"If anyone says on hearing the mu'adhdhin:

أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لاَ إِلَهَ إِلاَّ اللهُ وَحْدَهُ لاَ شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَأَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ رَضِيتُ بِاللهِ رَبًّا وَبِمُحَمَّدٍ رَسُولاً وَبِالإِسْلاَمِ دِينًا

his sins would be forgiven."

(Muslim)

According to the scholars, those that truly believe, upon hearing the adhaan their hearts would tremble and become fearful, imagining the greatness and power of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala

that they would hasten to respond to the call temporarily and abandon the affairs of this world just to prostrate to Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala.

is different This compared to those that have their hearts shut and distanced away from the hidaayah (guidance) of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala, where the adhaan does not even

trigger the hearts to fulfill the call of the Most Divine, where it comes "in one ear and out the other." This person's heart has been deprived shut from the inaayah (help and support) of

Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala. They are deemed as arrogant and forgetful of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala.

Those that are very concerned and careful

with regards to their duties to Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala, they will be willing to wait patiently for the next prayer even before the adhaan is made. For example: the story of

Sa'd bin al-Musayyab, a scholar from among the Taabi'een, when he was about to die his daughter came up to him and wept. Though weak, he said: "O my daughter, do not weep. By Allah, for 40 years

no one had made the adhaan except that I was present inside the masjid." Meaning that Sa'd was already at the masjid before adhaan was pronounced, all ready to pray in jamaa'ah (congregation).

The adhaan also reminds us to not become heedless with regard to the 'ibaadah (worship) of salaah, for it will be the first 'ibaadah that will be asked about at the plains of Mahshaar. Did we,

in our worldly life, perform salaah or not? Does our salaah conform with the arkaan (pillars) and shuroot (conditions) for its acceptance? It is only when our prayers are accepted by

Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala that all of our other deeds will be accepted. On the flip side, if our prayers are rejected, then all of our other 'ibadaat will be rejected. Such is the

great importance of salaah.

This is based on the hadeeth of Nameer bin Salamah, where Rasulullah said:

"The first matter that a servant of Allah will be asked about (on the Day of Resurrection) is his prayers. If it is accepted, the rest of his deeds will be

accepted from him. And if it is rejected, the rest of his deeds will be rejected from him."

(ibn Abi Shaybah)

This means that even though one's fasting is perfect, his zakaat fulfilled is abundant, his hajj completed, always giving sadaqah (charity) and aiding the poor and needy, rendered

tremendous service to the society and nation, but if the five daily obligatory prayers are not fulfilled, then all of his deeds will not serve as provision to aid him in the Hereafter.

Let us evaluate and reflect on ourselves. Ask ourselves, what do we gain from our salaah? How long have we been performing salaah? Do we attain khushoo' (full humility and submission)

while praying? Can our salaah actually prevent vile and evil acts? How perfect is the salaah of our spouses and family members, which are actually our responsibilities?

These questions must be given due attention so that we and our family members will be among the people of Paradise in the Hereafter. In the hadeeth of Jaabir radiyAllaahu 'anhuma,

Rasulullah said:

"Verily between man and shirk and disbelief is the abandonment of prayer."

(Muslim)

Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala mentions in 19-27 of verses al-Ma'aarij, soorah which means:

"Indeed, mankind was created anxious: When evil touches him, impatient, And when good touches him, withholding [of it], Except the observers of prayer - Those who are constant in their prayer.

And those within whose wealth is a known right. For the petitioner and the deprived - And those who believe in the Day of Recompense. And those who are fearful of the punishment of their Lord."

Based on these verses, from among the merits of salaah is that it can extinguish the feeling of restlessness and miserliness. Therefore, do not ever neglect

salaah for it can provide tranquility within the soul and eliminate diseases of the heart.

To end this sermon, let us internalize upon the following recommendations:

1. The Muslim ummah must listen and respond to the adhaan, as well as performing the 'ibaadah of salaah with ikhlaas (sincerity) and khushoo'.

2. The Muslim ummah must realize that the 'ibaadah of salaah is a command from Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala that is waajib (obligatory) to be fulfilled in any circumstances.

3. The Muslim ummah must perform salaah as it is to be properly done, not for the sake of fulfilling obligation.

4. The Muslim ummah must always ensure that the Muslims and households their istiqaamah remain (steadfast) in fulfilling the commands of

Allah Subhaanahu Wa especially Ta'aala, regarding 'ibaadah of salaah.

"Maintain with care the [obligatory] prayers and [in particular] the middle prayer and stand before Allah, devoutly obedient."

(al-Baqarah 2:238)

THE SECOND KHUTBAH

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.

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).

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

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,



O Allah! Protect us from all sorts of worldly calamities and punishments in the Hereafter. Save us from natural disasters such as flash floods and major floods

that would often afflict us. Verily, You are the One who has the Power over All things, O Allah.

