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***AM I A GRATEFUL
SERVANT?***

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

I remind myself and
esteemed congregation
to altogether strive in
empowering our *taqwa* of
Allah *Subhaanahu Wa*
Ta'aala with the truest of

taqwa by performing all of His Commands and avoiding all of His prohibitions. May we all attain success in this world and the Hereafter.



***AM I A GRATEFUL
SERVANT?***

The utterance of gratitude means that all praise belongs to Allah Alone. While, the term *“Alhamdulillah”* is the verbal utterance mentioned as a sign of gratitude and praise upon

all of the *ni'mah*
(bounties) bestowed by
Allah *Subhaanahu Wa*
Ta'aala. Shukr (gratitude)
is from one of the
mahmoodah
(praiseworthy) traits.
With gratefulness,

the heart will further
submit and remain
tranquil. Usually, every
time we are bestowed
with a favor, we become
thankful in remembering
the giver, which is Allah
Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala.

According to al-Imaam al-Ghazzaali, the attribute and feeling of gratitude is from the highest of stations, even higher than patience and fear. Hence, the *kalimah* (word) of *shukr* is of

utmost importance and
better to be uttered. It
was narrated from
Anas bin Malik
radiyAllaahu 'anh that
the Prophet ﷺ
said:

“If the entire world with all that is in it were in the hands of a man from my nation, then he said: “Alhamdulillah.” That “Alhamdulillah” is better than all of that.”

(ad-Daylami)

Gratefulness can increase however little the bounty is, protects one from *kufr* (disbelief), brings one closer to Allah and fellow human beings, as well as attaining blissfulness in life.

Even though *shukr* is a noble characteristic, not many among us are capable of becoming grateful upon the favors from Allah. On the contrary, for the ingrates, they have committed *kufr*

upon the bounties from Allah for they would always feel inadequate and restless with whatever they have. For those that are ungrateful with the favors of Allah, it does not occur to them

**to even thank Allah, and
in result they would just
drift and drown in worldly
pleasures that their
relationship with Allah
becomes increasingly
distant.**

The fact is, *shukr* is difficult for those that are deficient in their soul. A plethora of favors have been conferred by Allah upon them, but the biggest favor is the *ni'mah* of *imaan* (faith)

and Islam. Aside from that, we also must take advantage of all of the bounties bestowed by Allah, specifically the eyes, ears, heart, wealth, rank, stature, and everything else. Do not

ever utilize those favors
to disobey Him.
Therefore, Allah has
taught mankind to
become grateful upon
Him so that the heart
becomes more serene.

The question is, in this very moment, are we truly servants that are grateful? In reality, some have *sabr* (patience) but ungrateful, and vice versa. Surely as *mu'mineen* (believers) we

are required to become grateful upon the favors granted and tribulations afflicted. When tested with poverty, illnesses, wealth, and various trials, the heart must remain patient and

grateful, for having
yaqeen (certainty) that
everything that takes
place has its own hidden
hikmah (wisdom). Among
the ways to manifest
thankfulness is by
sharing one's wealth,

money, drinks, vehicle,
knowledge, and many
more, with others. *Shukr*
is akin to the fertilizer for
rizq, where if one
remains grateful, his *rizq*
(provision) in the forms
of *'ilm* (knowledge),

**wealth, good health,
time, and energy will
grow healthily and
develop in generating
everlasting rewards. It
has become common in
life that there are those
bestowed with sufficient**

rizq, and even those with excess, while there are those living hand-to-mouth. Whatever our case may be, we must manifest our gratitude to God who is The Giver.

The reality is that not many of us are capable of expressing gratitude when bestowed with favors from Allah. Ponder and look within ourselves, are we truly servants that are grateful

**to God Almighty? As
servants of Allah, we are
required to be thankful
for it is a command from
Allah whom has
bestowed upon us
countless blessings. It is
undeniable that today,**

many are still greatly affected by the contagion of Covid-19. However, despite the tribulations that befall us, we can train the heart to always remain *sabr* (patient) and grateful. Not many are

capable of remaining
grateful when afflicted
with trials and calamities.
For example, when
something happens
against one's own will,
then there comes
pressure, where one

places blame on *taqdeer*
(predestination) without
remaining pleased,
placing *tawakkul* (full
reliance), and having
shukr to Allah upon all of
the tribulations endured.
Therefore, it drives one to

**resort to various
unexpected actions due to
despair in the mercy of
Allah.**

**As humans, we would
often complain about our
lives especially if we feel**

uneasy and insufficient
with regard to blessings
from Allah. As believers,
let us train our hearts to
remain thankful upon
everything that we
possess and realize that
there are still many out

there that are less fortunate than us, and yet they are truly grateful. Aside from that, one who is thankful to Allah will perform *'ibaadah* (worship) with consistency, indulging in

additional *'ibaadah* and
also supererogatory acts
such as reciting al-
Qur'an, supererogatory
fasting, immersed in *dhikr*
(remembrance of Allah)
and sending *salawaat*,
performing prayer in

congregation and
seeking knowledge at the
masjid and *surau*, and
diligently searching for
the time and opportunity
to perform those
'ibaadah.

In expressing deepest
gratitude, though
Rasulullah ﷺ is among
the few guaranteed
paradise by Allah
Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala,
that guarantee did not
make the Prophet ﷺ

oblivious and heedless in manifesting his *shukr* and intensified his *'ibaadah* unto Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. This can be seen, where every opportunity and avenue available were utilized by

the Prophet to indulge in
'ibaadah that his feet
would become swollen.
This scenario was
recorded in the *hadeeth*
of 'A'ishah *radiyAllaahu*
'anha:

***When Allah's Messenger
(ﷺ) occupied himself in
prayer, he observed such
a (long) standing that his
feet were swollen.
'A'ishah said: "O Allah's
Messenger, you do this
(in spite of the fact) that***

your earlier and later sins have been pardoned for you?” Thereupon, he (ﷺ) said: “A’ishah should I not prove myself to be a thankful servant?”

(Muslim)

**Know that the utterance
of gratitude is a
characteristic and
practice that is greatly
demanded for it is the
path in attaining the
pleasure of Allah. This
world is a bridge that**

leads to the *Aakhirah*
(Hereafter) and the favors
in this world are only
temporary in nature as
compared to the
Hereafter. If a matter that
is favored or hoped for is
attained, then be grateful

upon the bounty of Allah.
However, if something
unexpected had
occurred, then remain
patient and thankful.
Similarly, let us increase
in expressing our
gratitude for the

**blessings of security
 bestowed by Allah. May
 all calamities and trials
 be lifted by Allah. Even
 though the nation has
 yet to fully recover from
 the effects of Covid-19,**

we must intensify our
shukr for the second
chance granted by
Allah *Subhaanahu Wa*
Ta'aala.

To end this *khutbah*, let
us **altogether**
internalize the
recommendations and
derive lessons **as**
guidance. Among them:

1. The word
“Alhamdulillah” is a
verbal utterance that is
pronounced as praise
and gratefulness upon all
of the blessings
bestowed by Allah
Subhaanahu Wa Ta’aala.

2. We must remain *istiqamah* (steadfast) in training our soul to have *sabr* and *shukr* for we have been blessed with the opportunity to live the remaining of our lives in this world today.

3. The *mu'min* (believer) that is admired is one who is always grateful for every good or favors obtained, even if it is minor and trivial, as proof of their *imaan* (faith) unto Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.


“My Lord, enable me to be grateful for Your favor which You have bestowed upon me and upon my parents and to work righteousness of which You will approve

***and make righteous
for me my offspring.
Indeed, I have
repented to You, and
indeed, I am of the
Muslims.”***


(al-Ahqaaf 46:15)



**THE SECOND
KHUTBAH**



Let us altogether strive to have the *taqwa* 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).**



O Allah, bestow upon us *rizq* that are lawful and blessed, keep us away from acts of corruption and abuse of power for they are betrayals upon the trust given.



**ILUSTRASI INI
DISEDIAKAN OLEH**

**unit khutbah
bahagian pengurusan masjid**