



THE GREATEST ENEMY OF THE MUSLIM UMMAH

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All praise is due to Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala Who had chosen us, those present in this House of His, as His slaves sealed by the

kalimah (declaration) of tawheed لَا إِلَهُ إِلَّا اللهُ مُحَمَّدٌ رَّسُولُ الله where we testified that there is no Deity worthy of worship save Allah and that Prophet

MuhammadImage: Second stateImage: Second stateMessengerofAllahSubhaanahuWa Ta'aala.

Therefore, let us have the
taqwaofAllahSubhaanahu Wa Ta'aala

by fulfilling all of His Commands and avoiding all of His prohibitions, as well as following the sunnah of Rasulullah 2. May we be from among His slaves

whom He is pleased with and bestowed with rahmah (mercy), also attaining salvation in this world and the Hereafter.

Let us altogether internalize upon the *khutbah* today titled...

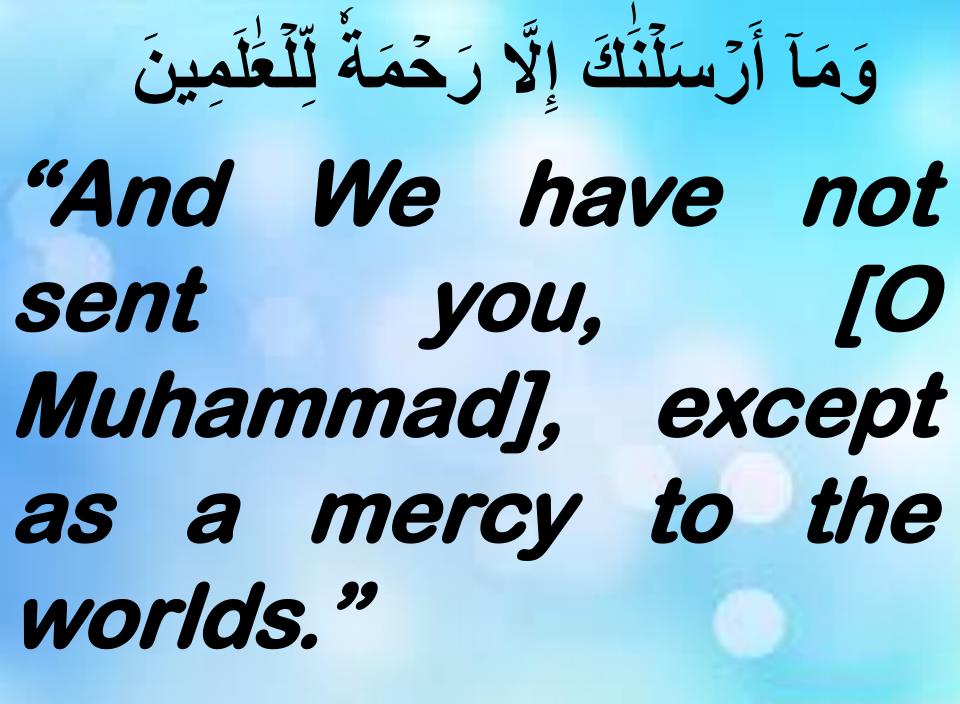
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The coming of Islam had left a huge effect that it successfully rejected the lifestyle of jaahiliyyah (period of Ignorance) and brought the pagan Arabian society from the age of darkness into guidance,

from tyranny to justice, and from oppression to moral upright.

This coincides with whatAllahSubhaanahuWaTa'aalamentions in verse107 of soorah al-Anbiyaa':



The messengership of **Prophet Muhammad** صلالية عليه م وستاتم unto mankind has brought great success and happiness. He had rescued mankind from misery. He was

sent by Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala to complete the religion and akhlaaq (moral character) of mankind so as to attain good in this world and the Hereafter. All of the struggles of

Rasulullah had brought Islam from the period of jaahiliyyah heading towards a brighter Islamic civilization.

Until these very even though moments, Rasulullah 1 had passed 1400 years over away are still ago, we accepting and implementing all of his teachings. However, the

blessings (ni'mah) of security and prosperity that we are enjoying will always be tested. In reality, we are actually facing the onslaughts of the enemies of Islam

that are both apparent and hidden.

Today, the Muslim *ummah* is not only defenseless against clearly visible enemies such as the

Jews and the Christians, but also incapable of fighting off wicked "internal" enemies, namely the evil desire and shaytaan.

Truly Islam does not teach us to look for the enemies, but Allah Wa Subhaanahu Ta'aala had told us about the trials that will be faced by the

Muslims, through His Verses in al-Qur'an al-Kareem, and the Prophet in his narrations had clearly exposed the actual enemies of the Muslims, among them:

1. The Jews and the Christians, as well as the disbelievers. 2.Lustful desire. **3. Iblees and shaytaan.** 4. The munaafigeen (hypocrites). **5.Envious Muslims.**

Allah had explained the attitude of the kuffaar (disbelievers) especially the Yahood (Jews) and Nasaaraa (Christians) that they will not be at ease and accepting the Muslims for as long as

the Muslims do not become their followers and live according to their way of life.

AllahSubhaanahuWaTa'aalamentionsin120 of soorahal-Baqarah:

"And never will the Jews or the Christians approve of you until you follow their religion. Say, "Indeed, the guidance of Allah is the [only] guidance."

If you were to follow their desires after what has come to you of knowledge, you would have against Allah no protector or helper."

Therefore, the success of the enemies of Islam is not due to the greatness of their conspiracy or plotting but the weakness of the Muslim ummah itself. As it was reminded by Rasulullah ﷺ that at

the end of time, there will appear multitudes of *fitan* (tribulations) including conspiracies and plotting by the enemies of Islam. In addition to that, fitnah

instigated will also be by the **Muslims** themselves with a plethora of quarrels, chaos, and fighting among themselves.

In order for us to become an ummah (nation) that is praised by Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala, then it is only befitting that we know the great enemies of the Muslim ummah that are always in

command within our hearts, among them is the evil desire.

The lustful desire isamongtheMuslims'greatest enemies for the

desire is unified or embedded within the self of every individual. It cannot be killed or expunged, but it can be subdued and controlled. Its very

nature is inviting to wrongdoing and disobedience. The evil desire will not stop from coercing the person until its wishes are fulfilled.

Even though it will always demand for its wishes to be fulfilled, it actually has its true meaningful purpose once the Muslim succeed in dominating and subjugating it to the path that is pleasing to

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.

Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala mentions in verse 40-41 of soorah an-Naazi'aat:

"But as for he who feared the position of his Lord and prevented the soul from [unlawful] inclination, then indeed, Paradise will be [his] refuge."

The third enemy of the Muslim ummah are Iblees and Shaytaan. Iblees and Shaytaan will attack from every nook and corner, its temptations are very subtle according to the level of the persons it

seduces. It permeates the through body through the blood vessels and reigns in the heart, associating itself with the evil desire, and always

accompanying every actions and behavior of humans.

Among the characteristics of the temptations and deceptions of *iblees* and *shaytaan* are: Whispering laziness and the feeling of heavy burden in fulfilling religious obligations, where such laziness is greatly felt upon hearing the call to fulfill an obligation, specifically

the salaah (prayer). If we are successful in warding off that first temptation, definitely iblees and shaytaan will continue to launch its deceptions tirelessly.

If we succeed in averting the second deception, iblees and shaytaan will attempt to make our hearts busy with fantasies and imaginations, that we become forgetful and

loseourkhushoo'(concentration)inour'ibaadah (worship).

Iblees and *shaytaan* will not surrender if its third deception fails, on the contrary it will pretend to

become good, inviting us to do good, encouraging us to increase our 'ibaadah, whether day or night, that we would go overboard while feeling satisfied for having indulged in lots of

'ibaadah, that in the end we would feel that we are much better and righteous than others, looking down upon them.

The fourth great enemies of Muslims are the hypocrites (*munaafiqeen*).

This group is the enemy from within, smiling to our faces, pretending to be helpful but behind us they are very deceitful and treacherous. We must always remain careful of the munaafiqeen for outwardly (externally) they would project having the same 'ageedah with **Muslims** having

imaan (belief). The characteristic of the hypocrite is that when he speaks he lies, when he promises he breaks his promise, and when entrusted with an amaanah (trust) he betrays it.

AllahSubhaanahuWaTa'aalamentions in the firstverseofsoorahMunaafiqoon:

"...And Allah testifies that the hypocrites are liars."

At times, the Muslim would be hated by those with hasad (envy) towards them. Indeed, *iblees* was the first one to have hasad in the high heaven. While, Qabeel was the first one to have

upon his own hasad brother Habeel in this world. Hence, it is sufficient with their misdeeds as advice, reminders, and lessons for us that truly think and reflect.

In the *hadeeth* of Abu Hurayrah *radiyAllaahu 'anh*, Rasulullah ﷺ said:

"Avoid envy, for envy devours good deeds just as fire devours firewood." (Abu Dawood)

Ending the khutbah today, let US altogether internalize and derive lessons as guide and guidance in lives. Among our them:

1. The Muslim ummah must realize that the Jews and the Christians are the greatest enemies of Islam from the time of Rasulullah 2 until today, and for sure it will continue throughout time.

2. The Muslim ummah must always remain vigilant in this life so as to not get ensnared by the deceptions of the Jews and the **Christians**.

3. The Muslim ummah must always strive to fight against its lustful desire so as to not deviate from the path of truth and the pleasure of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala.

4. The Muslim ummah must always supplicate for protection from the temptation of *iblees* and shaytaan, as well as the evil of the enviers.

"Many of the People of the Scripture wish they could turn you back to disbelief after you have believed, out of envy from themselves [even] after the truth has

become clear to them. So pardon and overlook until Allah delivers His command. Indeed, Allah is over all things competent." (al-Baqarah 2:109)



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).

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