

***PATIENCE &
GRATITUDE:
FAVORS WITHIN
TRIBULATIONS***


بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

Let us altogether strive
to increase our *imaan*
(faith) and *taqwa* of
Allah *Subhaanahu Wa*
Ta'aala by diligently
fulfilling all of

His Commands and abstaining from all of His prohibitions. May we all be among His slaves that attain success in this world (*dunya*) and the Hereafter.

The title of the *khutbah* today is

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Today, Malaysia and the rest of the world are plagued by various forms of calamities (*museebah*) and trials that befall mankind. Some are tested by being infected with Covid-19, some are

tested with heavy floods, wars, murders, loss of wealth and properties, and loved ones that it gravely affects their source of income and others. As slaves of Allah having *imaan* in *Qadaa'* (free will) and *Qadr* (predestination),

definitely our dependence
is only in Allah Alone.
Therefore, having *sabr*
(patience) is greatly
emphasized in facing and
managing all of the trials
endured. Moreover,
having *shukr* (gratitude)

upon such calamity
also plays a role in
grooming one to
possess the level of
imaan that is
extraordinary.

Sabr and *shukr* are from among the favors (*ni'mah*) of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* upon mankind in wading through their lives. With gratitude, mankind can increase their *taqwa* of

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* upon the overflowing *rahmah* (mercy) and enjoyment of *rizq* (sustenance) for however long that they live in this world. Of course, the *ni'mah*

bestowed by Allah
Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala
are not only in the form of
ease. Difficulty or
deficiency can also
become favors bestowed
in testing the heart of the
servant of

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. Moreover, even in difficulties one can still taste the delights from Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*, when endured with patience

and utterances of gratefulness. And from the highest level of patience is *sabr* when afflicted with sickness, death, calamity, loss of possession, and others.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 177 of soorah al-Baqarah:

“...and [those who] are patient in poverty and hardship and during battle. Those are the ones who have been true, and it is those who are the righteous.”

With such certainty (*yaqeen*) and *imaan*, one will remain firm and strong in continuing on with his or her life. Stemming from the Covid-19 pandemic that had taken the world by

storm, some had survived
the trial, while many had
also succumbed to the
tribulation endured,
unable to accept it with a
courageous heart,
engulfed with depression
and emotional stress that

some resorted to the easy way out by committing suicide. Herein lies the importance of *sabr* and *shukr* to be nurtured and sown within so that we become *mu'mineen* (believers) that are always

ready in any
circumstances that may
arise. As in the saying
'alah bisa, tegal biasa'
(meaning: it becomes
habitual or second
nature). Then, definitely
various trials and new

challenges are to be
endured, ones that are
not from our regular
habits, with these new
norms, which
necessitates solid
patience so that we will
not easily lose hope upon

the promises of Allah,
whom is always close to
His slaves. Allah
Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala
asserted in verse 87 of
soorah Yoosuf:

“...and despair not of relief from Allah. Indeed, no one despairs of relief from Allah except the disbelieving people.”

Having *sabr* upon trials is something that is common and it must be practiced within our daily lives as believers. But having *shukr* upon trials afflicting and being chosen to undergo such

trial is an extraordinary matter that must be planted deep within the self, in the wake of adversity while living with the new norms today. This is because, *shukr* will cause one to remain

tranquil and jovial, though being tested. This is what is referred to as *rahmah* behind the trials afflicting (blessing in disguise). Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 7 of soorah Ibraaheem:

“And [remember] when your Lord proclaimed, ‘If you are grateful, I will surely increase you [in favor]; but if you deny, indeed, My punishment is severe.’”

One story mentioned in the holy book of al-Qur'an to awaken us is the story of the Prophet of Allah, Prophet Ayyoob *'Alayhissalaam*. He was greatly tested with a heavy *museebah*. He was

afflicted with a horrible illness for 18 long years that his body became weak. All of his wealth and possessions had perished, furthermore he lost all of his family members including his

children. His wives had left him except for one that remained loyal, named Layya or Rahmah, who was the granddaughter of Prophet Yoosuf *'Alayhissalaam*. She had

stayed with her husband
even though her husband
became gravely sick,
poor, and disliked, as well
as boycotted by
everyone. Even then, the
Prophet of Allah Ayyoob
'Alayhissalaam and his

wife never complained,
despaired, or even
regretted the
predicament that they
endured. He continuously
made *dhikr* and sought
forgiveness from Allah, as
well as remaining patient.

It is the spirit of the Prophet of Allah Ayoob that should be made as the best example in our situation today, which is filled with tests and life challenges. Allah mentions in verse 17 of Soorah Luqmaan:

“O my son, establish prayer, enjoin what is right, forbid what is wrong, and be patient over what befalls you. Indeed, [all] that is of the matters [requiring] determination.”

Indeed, the believers are such that when they are afflicted with *museebah*, their tongues will constantly utter:

إِنَّا لِلَّهِ وَإِنَّا إِلَيْهِ رَاجِعُونَ

Verily we belong to Allah and unto Him we will return.

They are the ones that attain the forgiveness and *rahmah* from their Lord and they are the ones granted with guidance.

To end the *khutbah* today, let us ponder upon its lessons, so as to be taken as guidance. Among them are the following:

1. The Muslim *ummah* must have *sabr* and *shukr* at all times for it is a command of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.

2. We must enhance our *sabr* and *shukr* while going through our daily lives with the new norms, which definitely will be filled with trials and challenges.


3. The Muslims must not despair while enduring any circumstances for the *rahmah* of Allah is always bestowed upon His servants that are patient and believing in Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.

“But among them is he who says, “Our Lord, give us in this world [that which is] good and in the Hereafter [that which is] good and protect us from the punishment of the Fire.””


(al-Baqarah 2:201)



**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).**



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