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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 leaving out all of

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

Let us altogether ponder upon the khutbah today titled



During the journey of Israa' and Mi'raaj, the Prophet stopped at five different locations to perform salaah (prayer), namely Yathrib and Madyan, Toor Seenaa', Bayt al-Lahm, and

Bayt al-Maqdis. The stopover at these five locations gave the initial impression of the five daily prayers. He led the prophets in the prayer, indicating that

he is *Sayyid al-Anbiyyaa'* (the Chief of all Prophets).

In this truly extraordinary journey, he witnessed events depicting rewards for doing good deeds and

for punishments wrongdoings, which touched upon the matter of having imaan (belief) in the unseen matters (ghayb), regarding the 'ibaadah of salaah, wealth, amaanah (trust)

responsibility, regarding the limbs especially the mouth, and regarding women.

He was invited to be conferred with the commandment for salaah.

Initially, it was decreed with 50 prayers daily, day and night. Upon the advice of Prophet Moosa, the Prophet beseeched repeatedly for reduction until it

came down to five (5) prayers. Then Allah mentions, "that is the ordainment for the 5 daily prayers but its reward is equivalent to 50 prayers."

Allah knows that we are incapable of performing 50 prayers daily. Allah enjoined 50 in the beginning, so that we will become grateful upon this rahmah (mercy) of Allah, but most mankind

do not appreciate it and are not even grateful. It is only befitting for their heads to be smashed with rocks, as witnessed by Rasulullah . When smashed with rocks, they would scream in pain

horribly. However, the pain felt will not cause them to die. Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala mentions in verse 13 of soorah al-A'laa:

"Neither dying therein nor living."

Those that did not perform salaah, their lives in this world will not barakah attain (blessings), they will not taste blissfulness and tranquility even though they possess spacious

dwellings, expensive vehicles, and high positions. the In Hereafter, they will be tormented. severely Those abandoning salaah are deemed as daring in fighting against Allah,

just like the kuffaar (disbelievers). In the hadeeth of Jaabir bin 'Abdullah radiyAllaahu 'anhuma, Rasulullah said:

"Between man and polytheism and disbelief is the abandonment of salaah."

(Muslim)

In reality, many Muslims refuse to fulfill their prayer obligation. This is among the reasons that Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala became angry and sends down His punishments. If one

abandons salaah, then all of his other deeds will remain suspended and unaccepted by Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala.

During the great event of al-Israa' wal-Mi'raaj (the Night Journey and the Ascension), the Prophet was shown those consuming rotten meat, while ignoring the pure unspoiled ones. Hence

Jibreel explained that they are those that used to fornicate and indulged in zinaa (adultery), even though they were legally married to their spouses.

Fornication is a heinous and despicable act. Those that are able to control their nafs (desire) committing from fornication truly possess nobility and preserve their self-dignity. In Islam,

those that are not married and committed adultery, they will be lashed 100 times, and for the married ones that committed fornication, they will be punished with stoning (rajm) to

death. Such is the severe magnitude of the sin of zinaa.

When zinaa is ruled as haraam (impermissible), then any matter that leads to zinaa also becomes

haraam. This is so that any elements that would allow for zinaa to take place will be blocked out instantly. One of the principles in Usool al-Figh (Principles of Islamic Jurisprudence) states

"سَدُّ الذَّرَائِعِ وَدَرْءُ الْمَفَاسِدِ" (blocking the means and warding off evil), which is to block all avenues that leads to zinaa and not resorting to any ways that can

lead to zinaa. This is what is meant when Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala states in verse 32 of soorah al-Israa':

"And approach unlawful sexual intercourse. Indeed, it is ever an immorality and is evil as a way."

Today, women are exposing their 'awrah on Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, and other social media applications. Moreover, what saddens us more is that the husbands or parents do

not even prohibit these wicked acts, and even worse they would instead feel proud without feeling any guilt.

Verily, the male fornicator and female fornicator will

be punished in the Hereafter. Therefore, fear the Hellfire by staying away from disobedience. Let us educate and monitor our daughters and wives from becoming the cause of adultery.

In one narration, where the Prophet had returned from al-Mi'raaj in state of grief, while in front of Faatimah, he mentioned the ten types of punishments upon women that he saw in

the Hellfire. Among the those for reasons punishments are exposing 'awrah, the rebellious the to husband, refusing to make ghusl, and refusing to perform salaah.

The Prophet also saw a group of people having copper finger nails scratching their faces and chests, and also a bull that exited a very small outlet, then was trying in vain to return

through that small outlet but failed.

These are among the form of punishments upon mankind that did not safeguard their tongues, speaking without thinking

first, telling lies, always exaggerating, backbiting, inciting others, and sowing *fitnah* (slander).

The Prophet was shown a woman having the physical shape of a dog,

the head of a pig, and the body of a donkey. This is a depiction of the punishment upon the people of fitnah and those that like to instigate others and cook up lies.

The Prophet was also shown those wearing loincloth and eating wooden thorns, those swimming in a pool of blood while forced to eat stones. This is the punishment for those

the wealth consuming of others unlawfully. This includes paying zakaat, stealing, robbing, and consuming the possession of others.

There was also the sweet voice of a beautiful woman calling and seducing the Prophet That was the trial of dunya. Many would dunya succumb to temptations due to its

false decorations. They would disregard the matters of halaal and haraam, which includes offering and accepting rishwah (bribery) that is seeming normal today.

Due to bribery and corruption, the nation incurs devastating loss, the legal authority is crippled, and the society bamboozled. gets Corruption turns what is right as being wrong, and

what is wrong as right. Due to corruption, mankind would crazily chase after opulence and oppressive. become Authority can be bought with money and the poor are becoming poorer.

The lessons from the khutbah this time, as guidelines for our lives, are:

1. The lessons from the event of al-Israa' and al-Mi'raaj serve as reminders and grave warning throughout our lives.

2. The Muslim ummah must always remain obedient to Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala, grateful, always content, and repent.

3. We must always remain cautious and vigilant upon the deception of dunya that ensnares us with worldly possession, women, and position, causing us to plunge into the Hellfire of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala.

"And do not consume one another's wealth unjustly or send it [in bribery] to the rulers in order that [they might aid] you [to] consume a portion of

the people in sin, while you know [it is unlawful]."

(al-Baqarah 2:188)

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).

