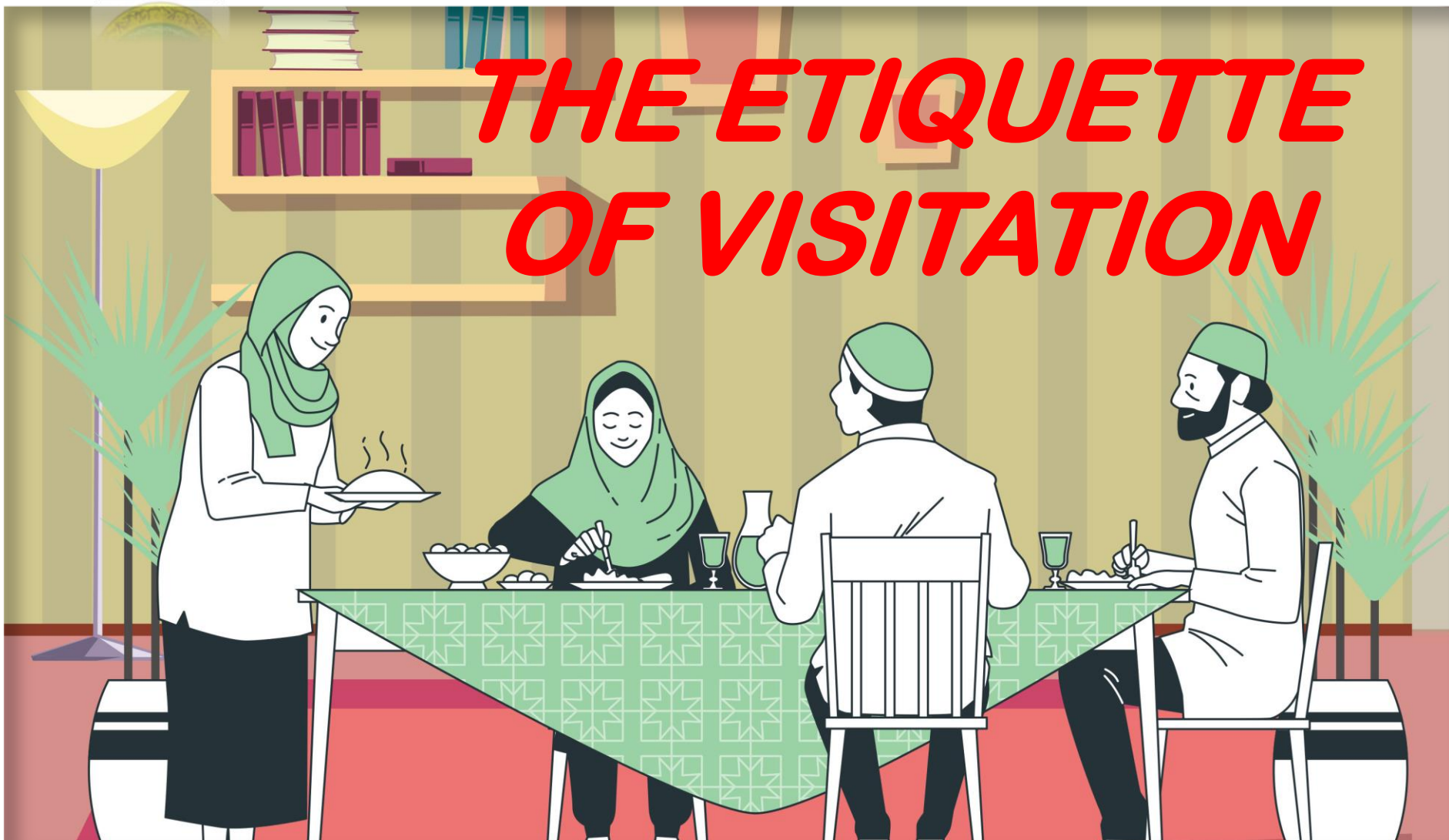




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THE ETIQUETTE OF VISITATION



بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

Today I call upon fellow
respected audience to
always strive in
increasing our *taqwa* of
Allah *Subhaanahu Wa*
Ta'aala, by diligently

performing all of His
Commands and avoiding
all of His prohibitions.
May we all be spared
from the wrath and
torment of Allah
Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala.

I humbly invite fellow congregation to altogether ponder upon today's *khutbah* titled

THE ETIQUETTE OF VISITATION



Alhamdulillah today we are on the second Friday of the month of Shawwaal, and we are highly encouraged to visit our relatives, whether far or nearby. In this modern era that we are living in,

there is no reason for mankind to dismiss or set aside *adab* (manners or etiquette) and noble values in any situation even when it comes to strengthening the relationship. Looking at

the very concept of hospitality in Islam, it is associated with attitude and practices that are highly encouraged that one's *imaan* (faith) and nobility can be seen through the way one

receives and entertains guests. Because of that, Islam continues to encourage the practice of visiting one another to be kept alive. Therefore, preserving *silaaturrahm* (ties of kinship) is no

small matter for its value
is truly great from the
religious perspective. In
talking about this matter,
Rasulullah ﷺ had
promised the reward of
Paradise for those that
preserve *silaaaturrahm*

and gave stern warning upon those that severs it.

It is narrated on the authority of Abu Ayooob al-Ansaari that a man came to the Prophet ﷺ and said:

“Direct me to a deed which draws me near to Paradise and takes me away from the Fire (of Hell).” Upon this he (the Prophet ﷺ) said: ***“You worship Allah and never***

associate anything with Him, establish prayer, and pay zakaat, and strengthen the ties of kinship (silaaturrahm).”

When he turned his back, the Prophet ﷺ remarked:

“If he adheres to what he has been ordered to do, he would enter Paradise.”

(al-Bukhaari and Muslim)

It is clear that with the noble practice of visiting one another, the bond of *silaaturrahm* can be further strengthened. Not just that, camaraderie can be fostered, one's concerns for others will

**manifest, and ill
thoughts extinguished.
Whether we are acting
as guests or we are the
ones being visited (as
hosts), both will gain
favours.**

As hosts, honoring the guests is from excellent *akhlaaq* (character) that is always instilled by the prophets. For example, the story of Prophet Ibraaheem honoring his guests was mentioned

**in Soorah adh-Dhaariyaat,
verses 24-26:**

***“Has there reached you
the story of the honored
guests of Abraham? -
When they entered upon
him and said,***

“[We greet you with] peace.” He answered, “[And upon you] peace, [you are] a people unknown.” Then he went to his family and came with a fat [roasted] calf.”

The scholars of *tafseer* elaborated on several lessons that can be derived from these words of Allah. Among them is to serve food and drinks to the guests, preparing the best dish available at

home, placing the food close to the guests, and speaking softly to them. Honoring the guests is greatly enjoined in Islam that Prophet Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم would relate such virtuous deed with *imaan*.

Therefore, when there are guests visiting us, let us rejoice and remain grateful. Seize it as an opportunity for us to increase our good deeds. Welcome them with open arms and open hearts,

and treat them in the best manner according to our capability. As hosts, we must have compassion and comprehend the situation, as well as being wise and prudent in serving the guests that

are present.

Guests that intend to visit the home of others must adhere to the necessary *adab*, among them is to choose a suitable time for visitation, avoid coming at

times when people are usually unprepared or times when people are usually resting or taking a nap. The best is to contact the host in seeking permission so that both the guests and

hosts will be in a comfortable position. Seek permission from the hosts before utilizing their belongings, and most importantly is to observe proper *adab* as guests.

**Therefore, let us seize
the opportunity with the
presence of Shawwaal
this time to revive the
practice of visiting one
another, whether as
guests or hosts.
Everyone must truly**

understand each and
observe the
recommended *adab*. In
the *hadeeth* of Abu
Hurayrah *radhiyAllaahu*
'anh, Rasulullah ﷺ said:

“He who believes in Allah and the Last Day, let him be hospitable to his guest.”

(al-Bukhaari and Muslim)

**To end the sermon
this time, I would like
to remind respected
congregation to take
the following
guidelines:**

1. The Muslim *ummah* must comprehend that visitations and strengthening the *silaaturrahm* are *sunnah* that are highly recommended in Islam.

2. The Muslim *umamah* must strive to preserve *adab* and the rights of the guests, so as to preserve mutual harmony.

3. The Muslim *ummah* must not have bad *akhlaaq* when visiting others.


***“And if you do not find anyone therein, do not enter them until permission has been given to you.*”**

***And if it is said to you,
“Go back,” then go
back; it is purer for
you. And Allah is
Knowing of what you
do.”***


(Soorah an-Noor 24:28)




**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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