

#### WHEN THE ANGEL OF DEATH COMES CALLING

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

His Commands and avoiding all of His prohibitions, for it is the best provision for the Hereafter.

#### The Friday khutbah today is titled



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The human life in this world begins with the mother's womb. Then, after living in this world for a period of time, the person is met with the inevitable reality, which is the visitation of

Izraa'eel (angel of death) to take away the person's life. This angel comes to take away the lives of mankind regardless of their age, whether old or young, rich or poor, having high stature or

#### just a commoner. The angel will continue to execute its task, as it was entrusted upon itself.

# AllahSubhaanahuWaTa'aalamentions in verse19 of soorah Qaf:

"And the intoxication of death will bring the truth; that is what you were trying to avoid."

When the soul is taken out and separated from the body, our breathing stops, the mouth is locked up, the limbs become weak, and the door of tawbah (repentance) closes shut.

The only thing heard are the crying and groaning of the bereaving family. None can help to spare us from death, even if we are in the company of top notch surgeon, bomoh (shaman), imaam, and

others. Those that lived their lives drowning in sinfulness, they will meet death in a state of torment and fear. **Especially** when Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala shows them Hellfire,

#### their place of dwelling.

When overwhelmed with the pang of death, Rasulullah ﷺ as the most **beloved creation to Allah** Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala

had narrated on the authority of Sayyidatina 'A'ishah radiyAllaahu 'anha:

#### "None has the right to be worshipped but Allah! No doubt, death has its stupors."

(al-Bukhaari)

Indeed, the journey towards the Hereafter is a long arduous journey. It is the journey that will determine the eternal abode, whether one becomes a denizen of **Paradise or Hellfire. That** 

journey begins with death, then it is the realm of barzakh (life after death), followed by the gathering in the land of Mahshaar. Due to the moments terrifying throughout the journey,

#### Rasulullah 2 mentioned in the hadeeth of Sayyidatina 'A'ishah radiyAllaahu 'anha:

### "By Allah, if you knew what I know, you would laugh little and weep much."

(Agreed Upon)

Referring to the book titled "Sabeel al-Adhkaar wal-Iktibaar", human age is divided into five stages. Beginning with inside the mother's womb, then the worldly life, after passing away

he enters the realm of then barzakh, resurrected in the land of Mahshaar, and after that his destination is determined whether Hellfire. Paradise or Verily, death is not the

endpoint for a person's affairs with Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala. When the janaazah (deceased's body) is buried in the realm of barzakh or inside the grave, those that carried

the janaazah to the grave would return to their homes. The angels, Munkar and Nakir, would then come for questioning. None will be spared from that. Among the questions asked are,

"Who is your Lord?" "Who is your Prophet?" "What is your religion?" "Who is your imaam and what is your guidance?" "Where is your giblah?" and "Who are your brethren?"

Will the rooh (soul) be able to answer all those questions by stating that Allah is my Lord, while in the worldly life it does not possess imaan unto Him? Will we be able to answer that Muhammad is our

Prophet, while we do not adhere to the Sharee'ah that was conveyed? Can we answer that Islam is our religion, if we refuse to fully abide by the rulings in Islam? Are we able to answer that

al-Qur'an is our guidance if we do not even recite it and follow its teachings? Can the soul answer that Ka'bah is our qiblah when we would only pray sometimes and abandon it at other times?

Are we capable of declaring the Muslimeen and Muslimaat as our brethren, when we would often backbite, vilify, quarrel, and insult our **Muslim brethren?** 

Keep in mind that the worldly possession and wealth that we would toil to amass and worry about them day in and day out will not aid us, except when a portion of our wealth are given

away (infaaq) as waqf (endowment) or sadaqah (charity) in attaining the pleasure of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala. That wealth will be rewarded with deeds upon us for as long as

## thatendowmentbenefits others.

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

"When a son of Adam dies, his deeds come to an end except three: recurring charity, or knowledge which benefits, or a righteous child who supplicates for him."

(Muslim)

having Every person always imaan must supplicate Allah to Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala, hoping to die in the state of hush alkhaatimah, to die in a

good state. But not in the state of suu' alkhaatimah, which ends the life in a bad state. Therefore, we are recommended to often supplicate:



#### "O Allah! End our life with a good ending and do not end our life with a bad ending."

we should Moreover, hasten in performing (repentance), tawbah seeking forgiveness from Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala for the sins that we have committed, whether knowingly or

unknowingly. Allah reminds us to not delay our tawbah to the point where the rooh is leaving the body.

AllahSubhaanahuWaTa'aalamentions in verse18 of soorah an-Nisaa':

"But repentance is not [accepted] of those who [continue to] do evil deeds up until, when

death comes to one of them, he says, "Indeed, I have repented now," or of those who die while they are disbelievers. For them We have prepared a painful punishment."

Let us prepare as much provision possible to perfect our journey to the Hereafter, which is by obeying the commands of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala and abandoning all of His prohibitions,

as well as performing righteous deeds for the benefit of the religion and Muslim community.

AllahSubhaanahuWaTa'aalamentions in verse18 of soorah al-Hashr:

"O you who have believed, fear Allah. And let every soul look to what it has put forth for tomorrow - and fear Allah. Indeed, Allah is Acquainted with what you do."

## To end this khutbah, let us ponder and take lessons from the following suggestions:

1. The Muslim ummah must have yaqeen that there will be the Day of Judgment, where Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala will hold all of our deeds in this

world accountable, in determining whether we deserve to be placed in Heaven or Hell.

2. The Muslim ummah must increase its righteous deeds and do not associate Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala with others.

3. The Muslim ummah must hasten to make tawbah in seeking forgiveness from Allah upon all of the disobedience committed, and make

up (qadaa') all of the fard (obligatory acts) that were neglected in the past.

*"The repentance* accepted by Allah is only for those who do wrong in ignorance [or carelessness] and then repent soon after. It is those

# to whom Allah will turn in forgiveness, and Allah is ever Knowing and Wise." (an-Nisaa' 4:17)



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).

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.

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