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Let us strive to increase our taqwa of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala by fulfilling all of His **Commands and leaving** out all of His

prohibitions. May we all attain success in this world and the Hereafter.

I would like to sincerely invite fellow congregation to altogether ponder upon the *khutbah* today, titled

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Change is sunnatullaah or **Divine rules that will surely** take place in this universe. Nothing exists on the face of earth except that it will surely undergo through changes for the better, whether physically

or spiritually, which requires constant struggle from our own selves. Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala gave a clear example regarding changes within the human body, as He

mentions in verse 54 of soorah ar-Room:

"Allah is the one who created you from weakness, then made after weakness

strength, then made strength after weakness and white hair. He creates what He wills, and He is the Knowing, the Competent."

Islam in its history of survival on this worldly stage, is a religion that truly emphasizes on the importance of change. The change process is not limited to the nature and behavior of humans,

but it also shifts the paradigm of thinking and life system. This is the transformation that was undertaken by Rasulullah whose main agenda was to create change, which is tranformation

from a life that is full of jaahiliyyah (ignorance), (disbelief), kufr oppression, and many others, towards a life that is full of imaan (faith), justice, and genuine wellbeing. This was affirmed

by Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala the as transformation from darkness into the light of faith.

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first verse of soorah Ibraaheem:

"Alif, Lam, Ra. [This is] a Book which We have revealed to you, [O Muhammad], that you

might bring mankind out of darkness into the light by permission of their Lord - to the path of the Exalted in Might, the Praiseworthy."

It is clear here that mankind has been ordained to undergo changes in their lives, which is changing from a bad to a good situation, and also from a situation that is good to that which

is even better.

Perhaps this is what Rasulullah ﷺ had meant in his narration mentioned by Sayyidatina 'A'ishah radiyAllaahu 'anha:

"There is no migration after the Conquest (of Makkah), but jihaad and sincere intention. When you are asked to set out (for the cause of Islam), go forth immediately." (al-Bukhaari and Muslim)

Hijrah (migration) here does not mean that we attempt to run away or surrender, but instead it is one of the nostalgic collections of the past intending to make the **Muslims aware regarding**

the preparation in strategizing for the battlefield that is full of challenges and adversity. It is also a call for commitment that is based upon sincerity, firm determination, and

solid *imaan*, neatly summing a new up conviction in attaining absolute prosperity and eternal bliss in this world and the Hereafter.

Allah Moreover, Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala had also commanded the Muslims to reform or change themselves, as He mentions in verse 11 of soorah ar-Ra'd:



"Indeed, Allah will not change the condition of a people until they change what is in themselves."

to Tafsir According Pimpinan ar-Rahman, this verse explains that any nation that lives in peace and prosperity, it is due to their imaan and obedience unto Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala,

and also their noble and excellent akhlaaq (character). As such, Allah will not change their condition of righteousness until they change what is within themselves, meaning from

imaan and obedience to kufr and disobedience, and from noble to vile akhlaaq, for all of evil and despicable traits and deeds are the reasons that leads to destruction. Such is sunnatullaah or

the rules of Allah that will surely take place upon all of His creations.

Looking at the current outlook of the Muslims nowadays, how they have fallen far behind in the

competition of life with ugly struggles in various turmoil and life crises, which justifies that the **Muslims are now crushed** with the predicament of regression, poverty, ignorance, disunity,

internal strife, inferiority, destitution, and in the end dragged into destruction. Ironically, the lives of the Muslims nowadays are and synonymous associated with turmoil

and crises plaguing their entire life journey, hence it is no wonder that the **Muslims are labeled with** various names that only degrade their image and dignity in the eyes of the world, such as a nation of

backwardness, extremists, conservatives narrow-minded, or Afterlife-centric, and others. It is as if the Muslim ummah is pleased and content with those nicknames, when it

actually destroys their honor. In result, they become very poor and lag way behind in competing and carrying the legacy of Islam on the world stage that is ever challenging.

Actually, crisis after crisis that befalls the Muslim ummah not only affect a portion of the Muslim ummah, but instead it affects all walks of life within the Muslim community,

whether individually, the Muslim family institution, Muslim society, and also the Muslim government. All of them have their own unique contributions in determining the direction and vision of a

nation. If every quarter within the Muslim ummah would fulfill their very role according to the will of the Most Divine, definitely superiority and excellence will become theirs, while on the

flipside, if not exerted as such, darkness and destitution will engulf their lives forever.

Therefore, struggling for the sake of transformation is vital beginning from

now in various aspects of the human life, whether in mindset, the comprehension, internalization, and practice that are comprehensive upon the Islamic teachings are in

accordance with the word of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.

As mentioned by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* in verse 208 of soorah al-Baqarah:

"O you who have believed, enter into Islam completely [and perfectly] and do not follow the footsteps of Satan. Indeed, he is to you a clear enemy."

conclude То the sermon today, let us derive several from the essences our khutbah as guidance, namely:

1. We must realize that every struggle towards good is enjoined upon all Muslims that are mukallaf (religiously accountable).

2. We must have determination in changing for the better, for Allah will not change the condition of a people for as long as there has been no effort and struggle made towards it.

3. We must acknowledge that Allah truly loves His servants that have made tawbah (repented) and always improving towards themselves righteousness.

"And whoever emigrates for the cause of Allah will find on the earth many [alternative] locations and abundance. And whoever leaves his home as an emigrant to Allah and His Messenger and

then death overtakes him - his reward has already become incumbent upon Allah. And Allah is ever Forgiving and Merciful." (an-Nisaa' 4:100)



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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