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HAJJ IS 'ARAFAH

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Let us strive to increase our taqwa of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala, which is by performing all of His **Commands** and

avoiding all of His prohibitions. May we all attain rahmah (mercy) and the pleasure of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala in this world and the Hereafter.

Today I will discuss upon a khutbah titled



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Wuqoof (standing) in 'Arafah is a rukn (pillar) of hajj that must be fulfilled. In the hadeeth of 'Abd ar-Rahmaan bin Ya'mar, Rasulullah said:

الدَم عَرَفة

"Hajj is 'Arafah."

(at-Tirmidhi)

The day of 'Arafah that falls on the 9th of Dhul Hijjah every year is a day where Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala bestows rahmah and barakah (blessings), and all supplications are

Therefore, accepted. those that are present in highly 'Arafah are recommended to increase in their dhikr such as tahmeed, tahleel, tasbeeh, Qur'anic recitation,

istighfaar, as well as making *du'aa* with full servitude and regret.

According to the scholars, *wuqoof* in 'Arafah has many *hikmah* (wisdom). Among them:

First:Reflectinguponbrotherhoodamongthebelievers

The gathering of the pilgrims to the plains of 'Arafah in their *ihraam* that is all white not only

symbolizes the purity of the soul, but it manifests the true brotherhood within the Muslim Allah ummah. Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala mentions in verse 10 of soorah al-Hujuraat:

"The believers are but brothers, so make settlement between your brothers..."

Moreover, human beings are of the same lineage, namely Adam 'Alayhissalaam and Hawa, the origin of human beginnings on this earth.

Hence, the significance for human beings to foster good relationship among relatives.

Second: Realizing upon the importance of unity

The gathering in the plains of 'Arafah marks the largest annual assembly of human beings on this earth. They would meet, get to know one another, and have discussions. They would increase in their certainty regarding the greatness of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala, whom created a creation

known as the human being and placed them in all corners of the world, having different skin color, culture, and mother tongue. With their white uniform, the pilgrims would respect one

another irrespective of one's rank and stature, regardless of one's political ideology, and whether one is poor or wealthy. The fact of the matter is that everyone that worships

Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala must unite, as Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala mentions in verse 103 of soorah Aal **'Imraan**:



"And hold firmly to the rope of Allah all together and do not become divided..."

Third: Reminder upon death

Wearing *ihraam* that is all white and unsewn, it is as if it is reminding us of the white shroud (*kafn*) that

will wrap around the body once the soul leaves the body. Even though we own clothing of various brands that are valuable, at the end of the day it will be the white shroud that will be

wrapped around our body. Similarly, with the positioning of the tents within a very limited area, with shared accommodations, restroom, toilet and restricted movements,

they all would remind us that one day, we will make hijrah to the realm of barzakh (life in the grave) that is cramped and having limited space.

Fourth: Reminder upon the gathering in the Land of Mahshar

The gathering in 'Arafah would remind us upon the massive gathering in the Hereafter, when the Day of Judgment takes place. The plains of 'Arafah that is wide open and exposed to the blazing heat of sunlight, depicts the scenario as if we are standing in the

Land of Mahshar on the Day of Judgment. At that time, there would be no tent, no shelter, no airconditioning. Every individual will be banking on their righteous deeds while living in this worldly

life. At that time, they would be desperately hoping for the mercy and forgiveness of The Most Divine, and the shafaa'ah (intercession) of Rasulullah ﷺ so that their deeds will be accepted,

their sins forgiven, spared from the torment of Hellfire, and entered into Paradise. Hence, Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala reminds us while we are still in this world, so that we would prepare

as much righteous deeds possible as provisions while wading through the Day of Resurrection, as Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala mentions in verse 18 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."

Muslims that are not present in the plains of 'Arafah are highly recommended (sunnah) to fast on the 9th of Dhul Hijjah, better known as the Sunnah Fasting of 'Arafah. Its virtue is

tremendously huge, as mentioned in the of Abu hadeeth Qatadah radiyAllaahu 'anh, where Rasulullah Said:

"Fast the Day of 'Arafah, for indeed l anticipate that Allah will forgive (the sins) of the year before, and the year after it." (at-Tirmidhi)

Therefore, let us altogether seize this very opportunity to perform the sunnah fasting of 'Arafah tomorrow, as it is the 9th Dhul Hijjah.

I am pleased to remind fellow brothers that let not any one of us miss out from registering for Hajj in the future, so that we will get our turn to perform the fard (obligation) of Hajj when

the time comes. In the *hadeeth* of ibn 'Abbaas *radiyAllaahu 'anhuma*, Rasulullah ﷺ said:

"Hasten to do Hajj meaning the obligatory Hajj – for none of you knows what will happen to him."

(Ahmad)

To end this sermon, let us ponder upon following the suggestions:

1. The Muslim ummah must always strive to surpass the level of istita'ah (financially and physically capable) determined by the shara', as stipulated by the Ruler for performing Hajj.

2. Wugoof in 'Arafah is the aspiration for obedience unto Allah and the unity of the Muslims that must continuous remain throughout time, wherever it may be, and under any circumstances.

3. The Muslims that are not performing hajj must also internalize upon the movements of 'ibaadah undertaken by the pilgrims.

"There is no blame upon you for seeking bounty from your Lord [during Hajj]. But when you depart from 'Arafat, remember Allah at al-Mash'ar al-Haram.

And remember Him, as He has guided you, for indeed, you were before that among those astray." (al-Baqarah 2:198)



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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