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us altogether Let strive to increase our Allah taqwa of 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.

Today I would like to invite fellow congregation to altogether ponder upon a *khutbah* titled



Friday is a noble day for the Muslim ummah. This is because there are many ahaadeeth that mentions its virtue. Among them:

Abu Hurayrah *radiyAllaahu* 'anh narrated that the Prophet said:

"Five prayers and one Friday prayer to (the next) Friday prayer are atonement for what is between them, as long as the major sins have not been committed."

(Muslim)

Imaam an-Nawawi stated that every deed performed throughout the week between one Friday to the following Friday, as narrated in the hadeeth, can expiate minor sins. If there are

no major and minor it will be sins, then recorded as good deeds and his or her darajah (rank) will be raised. If there are no minor sins but there are

major sins, then it is hoped that those deeds can lighten the sins major committed.

Attending the Friday shar'i prayer is a requirement upon every Muslim male who is a mukallaf (religiously responsible accountable). This is

based on verse 9 of Soorah al-Jumu'ah that was recited during the muqaddimah (introduction) portion of this sermon:

"O you who have believed, when [the adhaan] is called for the prayer on the day of Jumu'ah [Friday], then proceed to the remembrance of Allah and leave trade. That is better for you, if you only knew."

Therefore, it can be understood that attending and performing the obligatory Friday salaah (prayer) is a trait a true *mu'min* (believer) for having prioritized upon the

responsibility as the of Allah servant Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala far above all worldly interests such as buying and selling transactions. Since Friday is the best of days, the chief of all

days, then we are highly encouraged to make the best preparation for it, with increased salawaat upon the Prophet 'Abdullah bin 'Amr radiyAllaahu 'anhuma narrated that the

Prophet said:

"Whoever prays for Allah's blessings upon me once, will be blessed for it by Allah ten times."

(Muslim)

Aside from that, we are also highly encouraged to increase supplicating, perform the ghus/ (bathing), coming to the masjid early with the niyyah (intention) of i'tikaf, engaging in

dhikr (remembrance of Allah), reciting al-Qur'an, giving sadaqah (charity), and perform other 'ibaadah (worship). Such is the importance of the Friday prayer that the Prophet had even

mentioned it. This is based on a hadeeth narrated by Abu al-Ja'd ad-Damriyy (some stated it was ad-Dumayriyy) radiyAllaahu 'anh that Rasulullah said:

"Whoever leaves three Friday prayers out of negligence, Allah will place a seal over his heart."

(Abu Dawood)

In this very opportunity, I would like to share from experience, the various matters that Friday prayer attendees would be engaged in while the khutbah is being delivered, that it is

worried it may diminish or even eliminate their rewards for the Friday prayer. Among them is the ugly habit of some teenagers in watching YouTube or communicating via

WhatsApp while the khateeb is delivering the sermon, and some would even play online games. There are also masjid officials that would be preoccupied in directing the congregants to fill up

the saff (rows) or instructing the children to remain quiet and not fool around while the khateeb is delivering the khutbah. There are also masjid officials that would direct children to

collect donations by carrying the donation bag, walking from row to row, while the khutbah is being delivered. Moreover, we would often witness some of the attendees that would

arrive late to the masjid but not enter the masjid. Instead, they would sit on motorcycles or sleep in the car, while some would just remain under the tree to converse or smoke cigarette, without

feeling guilty or at loss.

All of these are truly disappointing and should not even happen. Abu Hurayrah radiyAllaahu 'anh narrated that the Prophet said:

"When you tell your companion on Friday to be silent while the imaam is delivering the sermon, you are guilty of idle talk."

(al-Bukhaari)

Based on another hadeeth, Abu Hurayrah radiyAllaahu **'anh** narrated that the Prophet said:

"And whoever touches the pebbles then he has engaged in laghw (idle talk or behavior)."

(Muslim)

The meaning of laghw is any action or speech that are in vain or unbeneficial. Imaam ibn Rajab al-Hanbali stated that in this hadeeth, the Prophet had informed us that even telling others

to remain quiet while the is being sermon delivered is from among the laghw, even though it is deemed as calling to good and preventing munkar (evil). This includes engaging in

dhikr using the tasbeeh (dhikr beads) for it takes away the concentration from listening to the khutbah.

We also find that some of the attendees would

intentionally come to the masjid late on Friday. While, the act of going to the Friday prayer late that one misses the Friday khutbah is prohibited for it goes against the command of

Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala in al-Qur'an. Even though one's Friday prayer is valid, but the act of intentionally missing out from listening to the sermon is deemed as sinful.

Let us altogether remain penitent and heedful in arriving early to the masjid especially on Fridays, as early as possible, for its virtue is tremendously huge. Abu Hurayrah radiyAllaahu 'anh narrated

that the Prophet said:

"He who takes a bath on Friday, the bath of janaabah and then goes (to the masjid), he is like one who offers a shecamel as a sacrifice, and

he who comes at the second hour would be like one who offers a cow, and he who comes at the third hour is like one who offers a ram with horns, and he who comes at the fourth hour is like one

who offers a hen, and he who comes at the fifth hour is like one who offers an egg. And when the imaam comes out, the angels are also present and listen to the mention of God (the sermon)."

I humbly hope that after listening to the various points mentioned in the khutbah today, we would remain open and diligently attempt to rectify our mistakes when attending the Friday

prayer, especially for the Muslim males that are mukallaf. Let us seek authentic knowledge and learn to comprehend the adab and importance of attending the Friday prayer, so that our Friday

prayer will be of sound quality, beneficial, and that we would fully internalize upon all matters mentioned in the khutbah.

To end the khutbah today, let us derive lessons as guidelines in our lives. Among them:

1. We must have certainty that the Friday prayer is an obligation and it is sinful to intentionally neglect it.

2. We must strive to ensure that the Friday prayer that we attend every single week is of effort, utmost beneficial, and attaining tremendous rewards.

3. We must strive to ensure that we are spared from committing things that are unbeneficial and useless, which can cause us to lose the rewards of our Friday prayer.

"And when the prayer has been concluded, disperse within the land and seek from the bounty of Allah, and remember Allah often that you may succeed."

(Soorah al-Jumu'ah 62:10)

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).

Make us among Your slaves that fulfills the amaanah. Strengthen our imaan so that we avoid treachery, protect us from becoming among those that neglect their responsibilities, and protect

our state and nation from destruction due to bribery. Render the duty to lead our country upon Your slaves whom are trustworthy and honest, as well as firm and courageous in upholding

the truth and executing justice according to the Sharee'ah. O Allah, make the masaajid and suraus in the state of Selangor as Your peaceful homes,



