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

His prohibitions, so that we will be from among attaining those blissfulness in this world and the Hereafter.

The *khutbah* today is titled



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One grave matter that will be experienced by every living being is death. As mentioned in verse 185 of soorah Aal 'Imraan that was recited earlier in this khutbah, it implicitly commands us

to always remember death, which we will surely experience. Islam not only teaches how to live but also how to prepare for death, so that we will cease to live in a manner that is pleasing

to Allah. Throughout our lives, definitely there have been many known to us that have passed away and left us, returning to their Maker, whether from among our relatives, friends and

teachers, colleagues, and also children, our spouses, and parents. Their passing actually serves as a great lesson for all of us. At least it reminds us that one day, we too will follow them in

departing this world.

The scholars have stated that death is not just one becoming deceased and that there is no more event or life afterwards, but death is the separation or

severance between the rooh (soul) and the jasad changing (body), or moving from one condition to another condition, from one place to another. Death is a certainty that is awaited

by those having utmost taqwa, and it is not a museebah great (calamity) for them. However, the museebah that is far greater than death is

heedlessness in preparing for death or having little remembrance of death as well as abandoning righteous deeds, which serve as provision after one's demise.

Abu Dardaa' radiyAllaahu 'anh had stated that death afflicting the mu'min (believer) is something that is good for him, and its purpose is virtuous, as Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala mentions in verse 198 of soorah Aal 'Imraan:

"But those who feared their Lord will have gardens beneath which rivers flow, abiding eternally therein, as accommodation from Allah. And that which is with Allah is best for the righteous."

Abu HurayrahradiyAllaahu'anhnarratedthatRasulullah ﷺ said:

"Increase in the remembrance of the destroyer of pleasures." (at-Tirmidhi)

Even though these are words that are short and simple from the Prophet **%**, however it carries one meaningful message and command for us. **Remembering death in its** truest sense can prevent

one from continuing to dream about worldly ni'mah (favors). Moreover, mankind can live with complete tranguility along with feeling grateful with the rizq (sustenance) that

Allah had bestowed upon them. The beauty of Islam is that it not only touches upon the way to live but also teaches mankind the way to die with sound taqwa in the Sight of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala.

Some scholars mentioned that those that often remember death, he or she will be facilitated in three by Allah matters Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala. **Those three matters are**

that he will hasten to tawbah perform (repentance), always have qanaa'ah (contentment) in life with whatever Allah bestows upon him, and surely he will remain enthusiastic

in performing 'ibaadah (worship) unto Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala. On the other hand, those that are negligent in remembering death, he will be debased with three matters, namely he

will always delay making tawbah to Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala, feeling always insufficient with the sustenance bestowed by Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala, and he will

engage in 'ibaadah unto Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala with laziness, thinking that he still have a long life ahead.

The Prophet **# replied**, when asked regarding the age of his ummah, as mentioned in the narration of Abu Hurayrah radiyAllaahu *'anh*, stating:

"The lifespan of my nation is between sixty to seventy, and few of them will surpass that."

(at-Tirmidhi)

Take heed! Let us not be deceived by age and wealth that we possess. Let us not be from among those mentioned by Allah in verses 2-4 of soorah al-Humazah:

"Those who collects wealth and [continuously] counts it. He thinks that his wealth will make him immortal. No! He will surely be thrown into the Crusher."

Let us not be deceived by the ni'mah of good health. Let us not become heedless with the bounties of this worldly life, for death will surely come. Realize that when death overtake us, we will

leave all of our possessions on this earth. Moreover, only our good deeds will remain with us in our grave and accompany us. In the hadeeth of Anas bin Maalik radiyAllaahu 'anh, Rasulullah ﷺ said:

"Three things follow a deceased person. Two of them return and one remains. His family, his wealth, and his deeds follow him. His family and wealth return, but his deeds remain."

(al-Bukhaari and Muslim)

As the conclusion of today's sermon, there are several lessons and reflections that we can ponder upon, namely:

1. The Muslim ummah must comprehend that the wise among us are those that are always prepared for death.

2. The Muslim ummah must multiply and intensify its 'ibaadah and all righteous deeds, accumulating in provision as preparation for death.

3. The Muslim ummah must always supplicate to Allah Wa Subhaanahu Ta'aala for virtuous death, so as to be placed in Paradise.

"But seek, through that which Allah has given you, the home of the Hereafter; and [yet], do not forget your share of the world. And do good as

Allah has done good to you. And desire not corruption in the land. Indeed, Allah does not like corrupters." (al-Qasas 28:77)



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).

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

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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,

unitingeveryone,andserveastheheartofummah'sstrength.

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