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

all His of out May the prohibitions. true taqwa and firm imaan (faith) make us among the successful slaves in this world and the Hereafter.

On this very noble day, I will be expounding upon a *khutbah* titled:



In early 2020, we were overwhelmingly shocked by the outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic. From among its impact is that many lives were lost. This pandemic is still ongoing until today, where up until

January 7th 2023, over five million individuals have been infected and more than thirty-five thousand lives have died because of it. All of these had happened by the will of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala the Almighty,

to test His slaves. Allah Subhaanahu Ta'aala mentions in the second verse of soorah al-'Ankaboot that was recited earlier in the khutbah, which means:

"Do the people think that they will be left to say, "We believe" and they will not be tried?"

According to ibn Katheer in his tafseer, Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala has every right to test His slaves believing according to their level of imaan. May the tests and trials from

Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala serve as lessons for all of us. Among them is to endure every tribulations with sabr (patience). Only those having sabr in wading through the tests from

Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala that will attain Allah success. Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala mentions in verse 155 of soorah al-Baqarah:

"And We will surely test you with something of fear and hunger and a loss of wealth and lives and fruits, but give good tidings to the patient."

With the blessings of patience, unwavering Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala has also promised to bestow abundant rewards to His Allah slaves. Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala

mentions in verse 10 of soorah az-Zumar:

"...Indeed, the patient will be given their reward without account."

However, it must be remembered that all of the tests originating from Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala is actually rahmah (mercy) for His believing slaves. Those that continue to remain

sabr with firm imaan will be greatly rewarded. In the hadeeth of A'ishah, she asked Rasulullah regarding the plague. Hence, Rasulullah said, which means:

"Plague was a punishment which Allah used to send on whom He wished, but Allah made it a blessing for the believers. None (among the believers) remains patient in a land in which

plague has broken out and considers that nothing will befall him except what Allah has ordained for him, but that Allah will grant him the reward of a martyr."

(al-Bukhaari)

Therefore, as a lesson from these tribulations from Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala, we should continue to instill sabr within ourselves at all times, whatever the case may be.

In enduring the trials from Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala, we have been taught to not cease from hoping for aid and guidance from Him. Only in Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala Alone do we

plead for all of our needs and only He knows what is best for His slaves. Therefore, we must always supplicate to Him, not only while we are in adversity, but also during times of ease so that we

are always bestowed with guidance and rahmah from Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala. In the hadeeth of an-Nu'maan bin Basheer 'anh, radiyAllaahu Rasulullah said:

"Supplication İS worship." He then recited, "And your Lord said: Invoke Me, I will respond to you."

(Abu Dawood)

Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala has also promised to accept the prayers of His slaves whom are patient. In the hadeeth of Abu Hurayrah radiyAllaahu 'anh, Rasulullah said:

"The invocation of anyone of you is granted if he does not show impatience by saying, "I invoked Allah but my request has not been granted.""

(Agreed Upon)

For those that are too arrogant and lazy to supplicate, it only incurs the wrath of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala upon them. This reminder was conveyed Rasulullah # through

another narration of Abu Hurayrah *radiyAllaahu 'anh*, where Rasulullah said:

"Indeed, he who does not ask Allah, He gets angry with him."

(at-Tirmidhi)

Therefore, let us continue to raise our hands and make du'aa (supplicate) to Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala so that ourselves, our families, and our nation will be protected from the epidemic that is

still spreading. With the barakah (blessings) of our sabr in beseeching Allah Subhaanahu Wa may this Ta'aala, epidemic soon gets removed from the face of earth. Also, let us plea

to Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala so that we will be able to endure all trials afflicting us with full patience.

In addition to making Allah du'aa to Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala to preserve us from difficult tests, calamities, and illnesses, we are encouraged to always take good care of our

personal hygiene. This is because Islam enjoins its adherents to take great care of cleanliness, for cleanliness is the basis of health. With good health, the Muslims can perform 'ibaadah (worship) and

fulfill their daily tasks with Allah perfection. Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala truly loves His slaves whom loves cleanliness and always preserving them. Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala mentions in

verse 108 in soorah at-Tawbah:

"...Within it are men who love to purify themselves; and Allah loves those who purify themselves."

Rasulullah had given reminder regarding cleanliness maintaining in the hadeeth of Sa'eed al-Musayyib bin radiyAllaahu 'anh where Rasulullah said, which means:

"Indeed Allah is Tayyib (good) and He loves what is good, and He is Nazheef (clean) and He loves cleanliness, He is Kareem (kind) and He loves kindness, He is

Jawaad (generous) and He loves generosity. So clean your courtyards, and do not resemble the Jews."

(at-Tirmidhi)

this To end US let sermon, derive lessons from the following matters:

1. The Muslim ummah must have certainty that museebah every (calamity) occurring are by the will of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala in testing His slaves.

2. The Muslim ummah must have sabr and continue invoking Allah while enduring any type of tribulations from Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala.

3. The Muslim ummah must derive lessons from the trials of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala and strive to attain nearness to Him.

"And when affliction touches man, he calls upon Us, whether lying on his side or sitting or standing; but when We remove from him his affliction, he continues [in disobedience] as if he

had never called upon Us to [remove] an affliction that touched him. Thus is made pleasing to the transgressors that which they have been doing."

(Yoonus 10:12)

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,



