



NURTURING LOVE THROUGH BROTHERHOOD

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to altogether strive in increasing our taqwa of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala by fulfilling all of His Commands and avoiding all of

His prohibitions. Let us give full attention to the sermon that is to be delivered. Let us not talk and leave off our mobile phones during the khutbah. May this khutbah benefit us all.

The *khutbah* today is titled

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Nowadays, the Muslim ummah is confronted with various challenges. The biggest challenge today is the issue of division within the ummah. It is a challenge across the world in

general, and Malaysia in Esteemed particular. audience, let us ponder, why is it difficult for the Muslim ummah today to unite? What is the obstacle for the unity of the Muslims? While, we

all have imaan (faith) in Allah that is One, and adhering to the religion of Islam that is one. The call for the unity of the ummah was mentioned by Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala in verse 52

of Soorah al-Mu'minoon:

"And indeed this, your religion, is one religion, and I am your Lord, so fear Me."

This verse is very clear for the Muslims to comprehend the importance of clinging firmly upon the basis of Islamic 'ageedah as the key to unity. Even though we differ in various

issues, but for as long as that difference does not the infringe upon allowable limits of 'aqeedah and the Sharee'ah, then it behoove the Muslim ummah to remain united

and as brothers.

In the hijrah (migration) of Rasulullah [™] and the **Companions to Yathrib** (Madeenah), among the first things that he still did was to bind the Muslims

with the bond of love and brotherhood between the Ansaar and the Muhaajireen. In this historical event, how was he is able to unite the hearts of the two groups? What was the

secret that maneuver مَاليالية he did that both Ansaar and Muhaajireen came united even though they both hailed from different background?

Among the advice from Prophet the building regarding ukhuwwah (brotherhood) and cultivating love among fellow Muslims are:

First: We must have a friendly attitude by spreading the salaam, always greeting one another and asking about each other, so that the bond of ukhuwwah will remain fostered and

continuous. This was stated in the hadeeth of Abu Hurayrah radiyAllaahu 'anh, where Rasulullah said:

"You shall not enter Paradise until you believe, and you have not believed until you *love one another.* Shall I tell you of something you can do

to make you love one another? Spread the greetings of Salaam *(peace) amongst* yourselves."



Based on this hadeeth, it can be concluded that one practice that can encourage the feeling of mutual love among Muslims is the greeting of salaam to fellow Muslims. The kalimah (word)

is du'aa salaam (supplication) for wellbeing and mercy upon our Muslim brethren, serving as the magnet that will attract barakah (blessings) from Allah. The masjid and surau

institution can play its very role in reviving this virtuous culture, through "spread the salaam" campaign, ukhuwwahcentric programs, discussions, and others.

Second: Nurturing brotherhood and love can be achieved when we constantly keep an open mind to always forgive our Muslim brethren. We comprehend that human will not cease from erring,

habit of hence the forgiving the mistake of others is highly encouraged in Islam. Allah mentions in verse 40 of Soorah ash-Shoora, which was recited at the beginning of the khutbah:

"And the retribution for an evil act is an evil one like it, but whoever pardons and makes reconciliation - his reward is [due] from Allah. Indeed, He does not like wrongdoers."

During the Conquest of Makkah (Fath al-Makkah), there was no bloodshed that took place between the Muslims and the Makkans. Moreover, the Prophet ¹/₂ and the **Companions displayed**

virtuous akhlaaq (character) towards the Mushrikeen (polytheists) of Makkah, even though they used to torture and insult the Prophet and the Companions. Even Wahsi whom killed the

Prophet's uncle, Hamzah bin 'Abd al-Muttalib, during the battle of Uhud was forgiven by the Prophet **Such** beautiful akhlaaq had caused them to embrace Islam en masse.

Third: Hasten to provide help and aid to those in need at all times, especially those having the closest kinship ties with us. The assistance provided with full ikhlaas (sincerity) can unite the

hearts people. of the Furthermore, Prophet highly <u>حَلْل</u>الله encouraged us to aid in lightening the burden of our brethren in various forms of assistance, whether by providing

clothing, food, beverage, and others. Our help will further strengthen the *ukhuwwah* among us.

In the *hadeeth* of Abu Sa'eed al-Khudri, Rasulullah ﷺ said:

"Any Muslim who clothes another Muslim who is naked, Allah will clothe him from the green garments of Paradise. Any Muslim who feeds a Muslim who is hungry, Allah will feed him from

the fruit of Paradise, and any Muslim who gives drink to a Muslim who is thirsty, Allah will give him a drink from the Sealed Nectar."

(Abu Dawood)

Fourth: The role of the masjid as the unifying heart for the ummah is vital in producing a society that is thoroughly united. The masjid should serve as the primary mover for the unification

of the ummah by inviting various parties such as the Village Community Council Management (MPKK), suraus, residents' associations, NGOs, and others to organize various

community events such gotong-royong as (community clean-up), khitan mass (circumcision) ceremony, free health check-up, blood donation drive, and many others, which

intends for community members and local communities to meet and mingle, fostering ukhuwwah and rapport communities. between Allah Indeed, Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala

loves His servants that are always aiding and loving one another, as mentioned in verse 36 of Soorah an-Nisaa', what means:

"Worship Allah and associate nothing with Him, and to parents do good, and to relatives, orphans, the needy, the near neighbor, the neighbor farther away, the companion at your

side, the traveler, and those whom your right hands possess. Indeed, Allah does not like those who are selfdeluding and boastful."

Fifth: Increase our supplication and beseech Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala for He is the Almighty that can unite the hearts of mankind. As believers, reliance and dependence in

Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala becomes waajib (obligatory) as the final lifeline after all unification efforts for the Muslim ummah have been exhausted.

AllahSubhaanahuWaTa'aalamentions in verse63 of Soorah al-Anfaal:

"And brought together their hearts. If you had spent all that is in the

earth, you could not have brought their hearts together; but Allah brought them together. Indeed, He is Exalted in Might and Wise."

conclude the То sermon this time, I sincerely implore and invite all Muslims to internalize upon the following lessons as guidance in our life:

1. The Muslim ummah must remain friendly towards others by making it is as norm to utter and reply the salaam, always greeting one another,

and asking about the affair of others, so that the bond of ukhuwwah remains nurtured and unsevered.

2. The Muslim ummah must remain open in forgiving their Muslim brethren, as demanded in Islam. Verily, Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala truly loves His slaves that love to forgive the mistakes of others.

3. The Muslim ummah must utilize the masjid as the most important venue in raising an ummah that is firmly united and loving one another.

4. The leaders of the Muslim ummah must always call towards unity, not hostility.

"The believers are but brothers, so make settlement between your brothers. And fear Allah that you may receive mercy." (al-Hujuraat 49:10)



Once more, I would like to remind all of us to always have the tagwa of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala by protecting ourselves and our families from committing acts of disobedience and abominable

deeds. At the same time, we continue to supplicate so that we will always be blessed and protected from all forms of threat and the spread of Covid-**19** endemic. For that, respected audience are

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advised to practice self-care and be mindful of one's personal hygiene and surroundings. Maintain social distancing and wear the face mask to prevent contagion. Avoid being in a congested and

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narrow area, and do not converse too close to others especially when having symptoms that can be associated with Covid-19.

Let us strictly adhere to the **Standard Operating Procedure** (SOP) stipulated in preventing the spread of the pandemic, so that we can continue to engage in 'ibaadah (worship) and activities at the masaajid

and suraus, and together indulge in worship during the month of Ramadaan that will soon dawn upon US.

O Allah, **O** our Lord! Save our Muslim brethren whom are oppressed in the land of **Palestine, and wherever they**

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those that have been mistreated and oppressed. **O** Allah! Bestow upon the Muslim fighters, as well as the Palestinians, strength and patience in enduring

the cruelty of the enemy. O **Allah!** Restore peace and prosperity in the land of **Palestine so that its people** will live in happiness.

O Allah! 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,

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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,

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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, uniting everyone, and serve as the heart of the ummah's strength.

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