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

His prohibitions. Let us give full undivided attention to the sermon that is being delivered. Do not talk and play with our cellular phones. May this khutbah benefit all of us.

Today I will be discussing upon on a khutbah titled



Masjid means a place for sujood (prostration). Linguistically, it refers to a place for sujood that was built for performing acts of devotion and taqwa of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala.

The act of sujood puts mankind at the lowest and most humbling position in front of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala. Masjid is a place for ʻibaadah specific (worship) such as

salaah (prayer) and i'tikaf (seclusion) for the believers, and even as the sign and shi'aar (symbol) of the unity of Muslims. Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala explained that those

having imaan (belief) are the ones befitting to administer and maintain the masaajid of Allah. In addition, masjid is the avenue where the servant is in the most intimate position with his Lord.

Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala mentions in verse 18 of soorah at-Tawbah that was recited at the beginning of the khutbah:

"The masaajid of Allah are only to be maintained by those who believe in Allah and the Last Day and establish prayer and give zakaah and

do not fear except Allah, for it is expected that those will be of the [rightly] guided."

As we understood, since the time of Rasulullah , the masjid is not limited to only being a place for 'ibaadah, but it is also the center for da'wah (calling to Islam) activities. The role of the

masjid today various encompasses aspects such as organizing religious program and community activities in the aspects of lifestyle, education, welfare, platform for unity

and unification of the ummah, and boosting the economy of the Muslim ummah. This includes activities and lessons, da'wah, programs for religious teenagers, celebration, and

motivational program for the community to enliven the house of Allah five times daily, day and night. When the masjid is well-admnistered, it will bear positive effect in the development of

a civilized society, within the framework of nurturing the unity of the Muslim *ummah*.

In reality, today the masjid has become the avenue for the spread of the

shi'aar of Islam. The function of the masjid is no longer limited as the medium for the congregants to meet with a plethora of Islamic lessons and lectures served, but its activities

to have are seen expanded and grown. Therefore, suggestions and internalization in making the masjid as the second home is truly relevant in our lives. Among them:

1. Utilizing the masjid as the avenue for the development of spiritual values and identity of the Muslim ummah. The masjid has a significant role as the medium for spiritual development in

various aspects. Among the main aspect of spiritual development is the aspect of 'ibaadah and munaajah (intimate prayer). The masjid is deemed as the perfect location in building the

strength of the heart, soul, and spirituality, cleansed from traits that are vile and toxic. This is because the masjid is the best place for mental and spiritual treatment for the Muslims. According to

an-Nawawi **Imaam** rahimahullaah, the masjid is the place where rahmah (mercy) from Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala descends:

"And masaajid is the place where rahmah descends."

Looking at the lives of as-Salaaf as-Saalih (the Righteous Predecessors) when confronted with problems, worriness, and challenges, they would hasten to find the masjid as a place for shelter and

solution, as well as pleading to The Almighty regarding such matter. In one instance, one day when the weather became gloomy, the people inquired from Anas bin Maalik radiyAllaahu 'anh:

you experienced "Have situation this same during the life of ?" Rasulullah He replied: "I seek refuge in Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala. In those days, if a storm happens,

we would rush to the masjid, fearing that the Day of Judgment would occur." It is of no doubt that the masjid has a positive aura, safety, and peacefulness. Moreover, all events and activities

in the masjid in the form of deeds would lead to full submission in the remembrance of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala, This is the virtue that is found only the masjid and nowhere else.

In the *hadeeth* of Abu Hurayrah *radiyAllaahu* 'anh, Rasulullah ﷺ said:

"A Muslim does not regularly attend the masaajid to perform

prayer and remember Allah, but Allah feels happy with him just as the family of one who is absent feels happy when he comes back to them."

(ibn Maajah)

2. Eagerly longing for the masjid as the center of knowledge, education, and religious studies. In making the masjid as a center for education and Islamic studies, the lessons and courses

organized are not merely there to just fill up the monthly da'wah activities. Furthermore, the type of studies being taught must thoroughly structured with a complete syllabus

delving through classical works, so as to create a chain of continuous process in knowledge for the attendees on a regular and constant basis. This is to groom Muslims that are

knowledgeable, skillful, and possessing noble akhlaaq (character). Aside from that, the content of the lessons and courses must be upto-date with discussions upon contemporary

issues plaguing the Muslim ummah. This was manifested by Rasulullah that when he was at the masjid, he was always eager to know the current status of his Companions living within

Madeenah and its vicinity. At times, he would begin his lesson in the masjid by delivering a tadhkeerah and maw'izhah, which is advice and reminder

to the Companions. This is as mentioned in the hadeeth of al-'Irbaad ibn Saariyah, whom said:

"The Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) gave us a sermon by which our hearts were filled with fear and tears came to our eyes."

(Abu Dawood and at-Tirmidhi)

3. Masjid is to be made as communication the center for the local community. Such effort and measure are to further enhance the role of the masjid as the local community center that

offers various platform to all walks of society, covering the aspects of psychological and spiritual influence. Similarly, for the masjid administrators, establish the bridge of ukhuwwah (brotherhood)

so that the community jamaa 'ah and (congregation) nearby can revive the house of Allah by strengthening brotherhood, the understanding, and affection among fellow

Muslims in internalizing Islamic authentic teachings, as well as empowering activities and programs in localities.

In Islam, the masjid has a noble and lofty status. It is the most beloved place to Allah. In the hadeeth of Abu Hurayrah 'anh, radiyAllaahu Rasulullah said:

"The parts of land dearest to are Allah its masaajid."

(Muslim)

The Muslim ummah must perform pause to muhaasabah (selfevaluation) and return to authentic teachings of Islam by taking al-Qur'an and as-Sunnah as the best guidance. This is as

it was done by the of the Companions Prophet in praying in jamaa'ah at the masjid as their daily routine, in manifesting the shi'aar and unity of the Muslim ummah. The Prophet's

Companions were worried that if they were absent from salaat al-jamaa 'ah, the characteristics of the would hypocrites appear within

themselves. reminder from 'Abdullah bin Mas'ood radiyAllaahu 'anh whom said:

"I have seen the time when no one stayed away from prayer except a hypocrite, whose hypocrisy was well known."

(Muslim)

Hence, every Muslim individual must take the masjid as their second home by frequently attending the masjid for the five daily prayers, and attending the circles of knowledge scheduled.

Enlivening the masjid is one of the signs of imaan and also the cause for Allah's love. In addition, teach our children to love the house of Allah by bringing them frequently to the congregational

prayer as much as possible. Aside from that, let us become servants whose hearts are always yearning and attached to the masjid. Attached to the warmth and sincerity of the jamaa'ah, the

lessons and courses as well as programs that can heal the heart and soul, also with added value to knowledge ukhuwwah. Every Muslim and the local community must play its very role in

maintaining the masjid, for safeguarding and maintaining the house of Allah is proof that we are grateful upon the favors of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala. Let us remain resolute and determined

in taking the masjid as our second home so that our lives will always remain blessed and devoted, for those that truly maintain the masjid are those that truly have faith in Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala,

with their sins expiated, and their *darajah* (rank) elevated.

In the *hadeeth* of Abu
Hurayrah *radiyAllaahu*'anh, Rasulullah said:

"He who purified himself in his house, and then he walked to one of the houses of Allah for the sake of performing a Fard (obligatory act) out of the Faraa'id (obligatory acts) of Allah,

both his steps (would be significant) as one of them would obliterate his sin and the second one would raise his status."

(Muslim)

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

"When you see a man frequenting masjid, testify that he is a believer."

(at-Tirmidhi)

The conclusions that can be derived from the khutbah, as well as its lessons today are:

1. The Muslim ummah must have certainty that the masjid is a place of 'ibaadah and building taqwa.

2. The Muslims must take the masjid as the vehicle for the unification of the Muslims, and reinvigorating the role of the masjid with all sorts of and programs religious activities.

3. It is only befitting for the Muslims to utilize the masjid as the place for nurturing spiritual values and identity of the Muslims.

"[Such niches are] in mosques which Allah has ordered to be raised and that His name be mentioned therein; exalting Him within them in the morning and the evenings."

(Soorah an-Noor 24:36)

THE SECOND KHUTBAH

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. The Muslims are advised to practice self-care

mindful of and one's be hygiene personal and surroundings by adhering to **SOP** has been that the stipulated avoiding in contagion.

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

Remove all the tyranny that exist on this earth. Bestow justice upon those that have been mistreated and oppressed.

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,

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

