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us to increase our taqwa of Allah by performing all of His Commands and leaving out all of His prohibitions. Let us give our undivided attention to

the sermon that is to be delivered. Do not play converse and around with our cell phones. May we attain benefit from the khutbah.

In conjunction with the month of Hajj, I will expound.



The 'ibaadah (act of worship) of Hajj is one of the pillars of Islam that is waajib (obligatory) upon every Muslims whom are mukallaf (accountable). It is obligated once in a lifetime for those having

the physical ability and financial capability financing expenditures for Hajj, as well as providing nafaqah (financial support) for the family that one leaves behind. The 'ibaadah of

Hajj is not for sightseeing and relaxation, but instead it is a multidimensional journey that encompasses the physical, spiritual, and material aspects of 'ibaadah, as honored

guests Allah of Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala and striving to earn His Allah Pleasure. Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala mentions in verse 27 of soorah al-Hajj:

"And proclaim to the people the Hajj; they will come to you on foot and on every lean camel; they will come from every distant pass."

When one is invited as Duyoof ar-Rahmaan (honored guests of The Most Merciful), he or she will be leaving all of the worldly pleasures by parting with the wealth, children, family members,

parents, work, business, and others. There, everyone's status are all the same without exception, save for those having performed deeds and righteous having the taqwa of

Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala. Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala honors Duyoof ar-Rahmaan irrespective of ethnicity, skin color, rank, and stature. As chosen guests, consider

the golden it as favors opportunity and bestowed Allah by Wa Subhaanahu Ta'aala His slaves, upon indulging in 'ibaadah with diligence and sincerely hoping for forgiveness

from Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.

Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala mentions in verse 197 of soorah al-Baqarah:

"Hajj is [during] well-known months, so whoever has made Hajj obligatory upon himself therein [by entering the state of ihram], there is [to be for him] no sexual relations and no disobedience and no disputing during Hajj."

As servants of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala, we are not exempted from enduring the trials and tribulations of this world. Similar with the trials and tribulations at the Holy Land. Therefore,

do not complain, get upset and angry when being tested, even questioning and disputing the will of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala. Surely all tribulations originated from

Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala and upon Him we beseech help. Perform 'ibaadah with patience and tranquility, increase in istighfaar (seeking forgiveness),

as well as muhaasabah (self-evaluation) upon the previous sins. May the Hajj performed be with rewarded thousands good of deeds.

Jaabir *radiyAllaahu 'anhuma* reported: Rasulullah **said**:

"No day is better to Allah than the day of 'Arafah. Allah descends to the lowest heaven and He boasts to the inhabitants

of the heavens about the inhabitants of the earth, saying: "Look at My servants, appearing disheveled and dusty. They came from every mountain pass hoping

for My mercy. They do not see My punishment, yet they do not see that on no day are more saved from Hellfire than the day of 'Arafah.""

(ibn Hibbaan)

When chosen as the honored guests of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala, mujaahadah remain (striving against one's desires) in performing 'ibaadah with diligence and earnestness.

It is undeniable that there will be multitudes of challenges and trials while performing Hajj. At times, we would truly miss our children and hometown, the trial of hot scorching weather,

illnesses that weakens physical and the spiritual body such as fever, cough, and prolonged flu, foot pain from the non-stop walking at the Holy Land. Furthermore,

having to obey the enforcement officers, wading through large crowds at the place for tawaaf and sa'ie, cramped area and discomfort inside the tent in Mina, the long walk for

the stoning of Jamaraat, and getting stuck in Muzdalifah. All these would make us ponder and reflect within ourselves, what is the greatest hikmah (wisdom) in the

implementation of the 'ibaadah of Hajj that requires the preparation of physical, spiritual, and material strength in attaining Hajj mabroor (accepted).

Therefore, have tawakkul (full reliance) in Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala by surrending all of our affairs unto Him. This is Allah because Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala loves and likes those that

would fully submit to His Will. Consider it as a test and challenge in rendering obedience and devotion to Allah Subhaanahu Ta'aala, The Most High.

Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala mentions in verse 4 of soorah al-Mumtahanah:

"Our Lord, upon You we have relied, and to You we have returned, and to You is the destination."

The main objective for the 'ibaadah of Hajj is to attain Hajj mabroor. It is the dream and ambition of every hujjaaj (pilgrims) who wants to embark on a journey in responding to the call of the Ka'bah.

The word al-Mabroor is al-Maqbool, which is "accepted". In other words, Hajj mabroor is Hajj for the attainment of good or Hajj whereby its doer becomes righteous. According to some

the scholars, characteristics of Hajj mabroor is the change in behavior in becoming more obedient and submissive to the will of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala after completing

the 'ibaadah of Hajj.

the Some of characteristics of Hajj mabroor that can be mentioned is preserving and safeguarding the tongue from vile and

wicked utterances, rekindle striving to (ties of silaaturrahm kinship) and ukhuwwah Islaamiyyah (Islamic brotherhood), istiqaamah (steadfastness) praying in congregation

and giving sadaqah (charity). One who attains Hajj mabroor will be bestowed with the reward of jannah (paradise) from Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala. They will always strive to

increase their taqwa of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala by performing all of His Commands and abandoning all of His prohibitions, and preserving good relations among fellow human

beings and creations by being vigilant with their words and actions.

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

"And for al-Hajj al-Mabroor there is no reward except Paradise."

(al-Bukhaari and Muslim)

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

"Whoever performs Hajj and does not have sexual relations (with his wife), nor commits sin,

then he returns from Hajj as pure and free from sins as on the day on which his mother gave birth to him."

(al-Bukhaari and Muslim)

Hasten and strive in the preparation for the 'ibaadah of Hajj for those that have yet to have the opportunity to perform it. If one has yet to begin saving up, then plan for the investment and

preparation to become the guest of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* some day.

On the authority of ibn 'Abbaas *radiyAllaahu* 'anhuma, Rasulullah عليه وسلم said:

"Hasten to perform your obligatory Hajj, for no one knows what may happen to him."

(Ahmad)

May those that have yet to have the opportunity to perform the 'ibaadah of Hajj will soon become honorable guests of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala and respond to the call of the Ka'bah in

the Holy Land of Makkah. For the pilgrims going for Hajj, I pray that you will become Duyoof ar-Rahmaan and attain Hajj mabroor, by supplicating:

زُوَّدَكَ اللَّهُ التَّقْوَى وَغَفَرَ ذَنْبَكَ وَعَفَرَ ذَنْبَكَ وَعَفَرَ ذَنْبَكَ وَيَسَّرَ لَكَ الْخَيْرَ حَيْثُمَا كُنْتَ وَيَسَّرَ لَكَ الْخَيْرَ حَيْثُمَا كُنْتَ

"May Allah give you piety as your provision, forgive your sins, and make goodness easy for you wherever you are."

To end the khutbah, let us altogether derive lessons and reflection as guidance in our lives. Among them:

1. The Muslim ummah must have certainty that Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala loves and blesses those that sacrifice their wealth, time, and energy just to

perform the *'ibaadah* of Hajj in the Holy Land of Makkah.

2. The Muslim *ummah* must make attaining Hajj *mabroor* as the

main objective for the 'ibaadah of Hajj. It is the very dream and ambition of every hujjaaj that yearns to embark on the journey in responding to the call of the Ka'bah.

3. For the believers whom are able and have fulfilled the conditions for performing the 'ibaadah of Hajj, then it becomes waajib upon them to perform that 'ibaadah.

لَبَيْكَ اللَّهُم لَبَيْكَ، لَبَيْكَ، لَبَيْكَ لا شرنك لأ للك لبيك إن الْحَمْدَ وَالنِّعْمَةَ لَكَ

والملك الأشرنك لك

"Indeed, the first House [of worship] established for mankind was that at Makkah - blessed and a for the guidance worlds."

(Soorah Aal 'Imraan 3:96)

THE SECOND KHUTBAH

O Allah! We seek refuge in You from severe trials, from being afflicted with calamities, from evil in destiny, and from the joy of the enemies upon the tribulations and misfortunes

that befell us. O Allah! We beseech Your protection, from losing the favors that You have bestowed, from the loss of health that You have granted, protect us from calamity and disaster.

O Allah! You are our One and Only Savior, we humbly beg You to save Masjid al-Aqsa Palestine.

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.

