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us to strive in increasing our taqwa of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala by performing all of His Commands and leaving out all of His prohibitions.

Let give our full attention to the sermon that is to be delivered. Do not talk and do not get carried away with the cellphone. May we attain benefit from this khutbah.

On this very noble day, I will discuss upon a khutbah.

titled EDUCATE THE CHILDREN ACCORDING TO

Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala has commanded the Muslim ummah to protect always themselves and their families from committing disobedience and sinful acts, as mentioned in the

6th verse of Soorah at-Tahreem that was recited during the opening of the *khutbah*:

who have "O you believed, protect yourselves and your families from a Fire."

Muhammad Shaykh Tantaawi Sayyid mentioned in his tafseer (interpretation of the meaning of al-Qur'an) that the meaning of this verse is addressed to every individual that has

imaan (belief) in Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala, that they would stay away from the Hellfire by righteous performing deeds and avoid disobedience. They protect their family

members by giving them advice, showing them the true path, and command them to perform acts that are ma'roof (good) and prevent from acts that are munkar (evil), beginning from childhood.

Educating the children is major the among challenges the for parents for it is not as as expected. easy Various tribulations and challenges must be endured in ensuring that

the children Will beneficial become individuals in this world and the Hereafter. As Muslims, the best role model is that of our صلىالله beloved Rasulullah عليه وسلم.

The kindness of Rasulullah عليه وسلم towards the children had caused them to love and like Rasulullah صلى الله There are several levels in educating the children according to the

methodology Rasulullah عليه وسلم and it can incorporated be routine in life. Hence, the four levels that can be taken as guidelines in the upbringing and educating the children according to

the sunnah of Rasulullah مطلىالله are:

1. The first level, after child birth up until the age of six. During this period, Rasulullah عليه وسلم commands us to pamper, love, and

cherish the child with love, affection, and fairness to all children. The children will take the parents as the point of reference whenever faced with a problem. The children will become

close with us (as parents) and they would feel the love of the parents while growing up, that they deem the parents as their best friend and reference point. The children would feel at peace during their

childhood for they know that their parents are always at their side at all times. The children would feel safe and secure since their parents would give their full attention in educating and

supervising the behavior and movements of the children.

2. The second level, between the age of seven to 14 years old.

During this level, the parents must instill the value of discipline and responsibility within the children.

In the *hadeeth* of 'Abdullah bin 'Amr bin al-'As *radiyAllaahu 'anhuma*, Rasulullah عليه وسلم said:

"Command your children to pray when they become seven years old, and beat them for [not observing] it when they become ten years old; and arrange their beds separately [between boys and girls]."

(Abu Dawood)

At this stage, the children will become more responsible upon every especially command, when it comes to performing the salaah (prayer). This is the best time for us as parents in

charting the personality and akhlaaq (character) of our children according to the Islamic mold. Therefore, it is the parents that will raise them unto becoming Muslims, Jews, Christians, or Magians.

The parents are the main pillars in determining the direction and life of the children, whether becoming true believers or its opposite. In the hadeeth of Abu Hurayrah radiyAllaahu 'anh,

Rasulullah عليه وسلم said:

"Everyone is born upon al-fitrah [Islam], but his parents make him a Jew, a Christian, or a Magian." (Muslim)

3. The third level, between the age of 15 to 21 years old. The third level is a very challenging phase due to the rebellious nature of this teenagers. During level, it behooves the

parents to be close to their children by befriending them. Always conversing and discussing with them regarding matters that For they encounter. example, for the female

inform them teenager, 'hayd' regarding (menstruation) and their emotional state during that period. Become good listeners that are Ioyal to them. If we disagree with any of their

actions, avoid chastising and scolding them openly especially in front of their siblings, but instead resort to a more diplomatic approach even though we are the parents. As a result,

there will be no third party or stranger that will be present in their lives as their reference and listener to their problems. They will not be tempted to run out

of the house to seek pleasure, considering that all happiness and fun are present at home with the family.

4. The fourth level, the age of 21 and beyond. This phase is where the parents would give full rein to the children by granting them liberty in making their own decisions. The parents

would only monitor, advice, and always supplicate so that every decision pursued are correct. It is beginning from this stage that their real life adventure begins outside of the house.

All of the disciplines instilled from the second level would suffice as fortress for them. The parents must not cease from advising them in forming better behavior as desired.

In educating the children, the parents must good manifest exemplary. That is to obey all of the teachings of this religion, and this will definitely impact the children in that

educational process. Al-Imaam ibn Hajar al-Haytami mentioned that if the parents posses the true taqwa of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala, surely Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala will bestow

goodness and grant ease in all of their children's affairs by granting blessings and guidance in their lives. However, on the contrary, if the parents do not fulfill the commands of

Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala and even violate His prohibitions, surely their offspring will behave just like how their parents behave.

parents have If the their fulfilled very responsibility in the religious education of their children and yet the children have bad akhlaaq, then it is a great trial upon the parents.

They must have sabr (patience) upon such test and do not give up from supplicating, so that it will be the cause for the attainment of reward from Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala upon the parents.

To end the khutbah today, let us derive several lessons as guidance for all of us, namely:

1. The parents must exercise its role and responsibility in providing sound education to the children so that they will become those having faith in Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala.

2. The parents must Rasulullah embrace صلى الله عليه وسلم as the best exemplary in educating the children.

3. The parents must always pray for the wellbeing of the children and the family that they will be bestowed with goodness in this world and the Hereafter.

establish "O my son, prayer, enjoin what is right, forbid what is wrong, and be patient over what befalls you. Indeed, [all] that is of the matters [requiring] determination."

(Soorah Luqmaan 31:17)

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.

