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humbly call upon everyone to altogether strive in increasing our Allah taqwa of Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala by fulfilling all

of His Commands and abstaining from all of His prohibitions. May we all attain happiness and success in this world and the Hereafter.

On this blessed day, I will be discussing upon a.



Al-Qur'an has described those whom are patient with various traits attributed to righteousness and high stature. Such reward of righteousness and high stature are due to

yaqeen (certainty) upon the verses of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala, as clarified in verse 24 of soorah as-Sajdah that was recited at the beginning of the khutbah:

"And We made from among them leaders guiding by Our they command when were patient and [when] they were certain of Our signs."

Verily, the value of the virtue of sabr (patience) is translated by Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala into multifold reward.

Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala mentions in verse 54 of Soorah al-Qasas:

"Those will be given their reward twice for what they patiently endured and [because] they avert evil through good, and from what We have provided them they spend."

In one narration, ibn 'Abbaas radiyAllaahu 'anhuma mentioned that Rasulullah said:

"Know that there is much good in being patient with what you detest." (at-Tirmidhi)

Sabr can be defined as a mental state that is firm, one's supporting religious belief when confronted with the onslaught of the lustful desire. This trait will be attained and achieved as

a result or effect of the heart's *yaqeen* upon Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* and His Messenger.

In the *hadeeth* of Anas bin Maalik *radiyAllaahu 'anh*, he narrated that:

The Prophet ( ) passed by a woman who was weeping beside a grave. He told her to fear Allah and be patient. She said to him, "Go away, for you have not been afflicted with a calamity like mine."

And she did not recognize him. Then she was informed that he was the Prophet ( ). So she went to the house of the Prophet ( and there she did

not find any guard. Then she said to him, "I did not recognize you." He said, "Verily, the patience is at the first stroke of a calamity."

(al-Bukhaari)

Every servant that truly believes in Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala and the Last Day must have sabr. It is undeniable that sabr has a great influence that it is deemed as the 'king' of

all matters and situations. Hence, we as those believing in Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala must have this great characteristic for as long as we are still living in this world. By possessing

sabr, it means that we decorated have ourselves with noble (character). akhlaaq Therefore, with sabr and obedience, we will attain a plethora of

virtues, including help from Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala that is Allah limitless. Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala mentions in verse 153 of soorah al-Baqarah:

"O you who have believed, seek help through patience and prayer. Indeed, Allah is with the patient."

In discussing the characteristics of *sabr*, the scholars have further detailed it into four types.

First, sabr in remaining obedient to Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala,

which implicitly means fulfilling such obedience with full ikhlaas (sincerity). While, externally, it is performed with perfection and adheres to what has been legislated.

Therefore, whoever is able to have sabr while remaining in the state of obedience, he or she will surely taste the sweetness of imaan (faith) and attains reward from Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala.

Second, sabr in restraining from committing disobedience against Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala. Outwardly, we strive to our utmost in staying away from acts of

munkar (evil). While, internally, we refrain from uttering or even thinking about matters that can motivate us to commit those munkar.

Third, sabr in performing (selfmuhaasabah one's evaluation) upon past sins. Hence, it can cause fear and regret upon deeds that have been committed. As a result, it will open up that

window of opportunity for tawbah (repentance).

Fourth, sabr in resisting anger and anxiety, as well as not complaining upon things that are unfavorable or disliked.

Sabr is actually one of the traits that completes a human being. This is because whining and complaining indicates how a person is not content with what has been predetermined by

Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala. Whereas all matters, whether good or bad, have been determined by Allah Wa Subhaanahu Ta'aala and only He

Alone is All-Knowing of what is best for His servants.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 216 of Soorah al-Baqarah:

"But perhaps you hate a thing and it is good for you; and perhaps you love a thing and it is bad for you. And Allah Knows, while you know not."

In wading through our daily affairs, we will pass through two different challenges. First, the challenge of enduring situations or matters that coincides with the lustful desire.

Second, situations or matters that goes against the lustful desire. Confronting these differing challenges will necessitate a high level of sabr.

In the first situation, namely where we are enjoying things that coincides with the lustful desire, such as possessing a plethora of wealth, opulence, good health, and others, then

in these predicaments we will need a high level of sabr. Meaning, having sabr in managing the favors bestowed by Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala as trial. Sabr in these circumstances are

translated through our deeds that are spared from heedlessness upon the commands of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala. Moreover, we do not leave out our obligations as servants

of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala in fulfilling 'ibaadah (worship) and other responsibilities.

Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala mentions in verse 9 of Soorah al-Munaafiqoon:

"O you who have believed, let not your wealth and your children divert you from remembrance of Allah. And whoever does that then those are the losers."

In the second situation, which involves matters that contradicts the lustful desire such as facing the hardships of life, afflicted with accident, property destruction and health

deterioration, then in these moments we yearn for solid and firm sabr. These tribulations can cause negativity that can drive one to violate the commands of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala.

Therefore, it is only through sabr that fitrah (natural disposition) is restored in returning to the remembrance of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala.

To end the khutbah today, let us derive several lessons from this khutbah as guidelines in our lives, namely:

1. The Muslim ummah must strive to increase its imaan in Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala by always remaining patient and certain upon the decree of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala.

2. The Muslim ummah must have certainty that sabr that is recommended by the Shara' will be rewarded with deeds that are multiplied manifold.

3. The Muslim ummah must comprehend that the need to have sabr encompasses patience upon the favors attained by having sabr upon the trials endured.

"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,

Who, when disaster strikes them, say, "Indeed we belong to Allah, and indeed to Him we will return.""

(Soorah al-Baqarah 2:155-156)

## 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 our state from calamity and disaster.

## O Allah! You are our One and Only Savior, we humbly beg You to save the Muslims and Masjid al-Agsa in 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, embezzlement, and power abuse. 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.

