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

and abstaining from all of the matters prohibited by Him. May we all be bestowed with blissfulness and success in this world and the Hereafter.

On this glorious day, I will discuss upon a khutbah.

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Based on what Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala mentions in verse 23 of soorah al-Israa' that was recited at the beginning of the khutbah, its translation of meanings are:

"And your Lord has decreed that you not worship except Him, and to parents, good treatment. Whether one or both of them reach old age [while]

with you, say not to them [so much as], "uff," and do not repel them but speak to them a noble word."

This verse enjoins upon us as children to render kind treatment to our parents. The status of the parents in the sight of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala is very honorable, for the command to be

dutiful to them came right after the command not worship other than Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala and committing shirk against Him.

Pondering upon the current scenario within society, we find that many are very heedless when it comes to the plight of their parents. Senior citizens being neglected by children is

nothing new within the society today. Every year, there will be cases of senior citizens being dumped at public venues as reported in the media.

The main key for a person to enter paradise is none other than the attainment of pleasure of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala. His Pleasure can be attained by fulfilling all His Commands and

avoiding all of His Hence, prohibitions. attaining the pleasure of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala is also dependent upon the pleasure of the parents. This is the very matter that is often

forgotten by all of us all the while.

In the *hadeeth* of 'Abdullah bin 'Umar *radiyAllaahu 'anhuma*, Rasulullah عليه وسلم said:

"The pleasure of the Lord is in the pleasure of the parents, and the displeasure of the Lord is in the displeasure of the parents."

(at-Tirmidhi)

This illustrates that who every child rendered service to the parents will surely attain the pleasure of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala. Therefore,

the blessings and pleasure of the parents in one's life is vital for it becomes the means to gain the pleasure of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala.

While in the state of obedience to parents, all of our affairs will surely be facilitated with ease by Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala. The rizq (sustenance) from Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala

is truly vast and it comes in various forms without us realizing them. Being blessed with good health is one of the forms of rizq, and also being spared from calamity.

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

"May he be disgraced! May he be disgraced! May he be disgraced!" It was said:

"Allah's Messenger, who is he?" He (端) said: "He who sees either of his parents during their old age or he sees both of them, but he does not enter Paradise (by being dutiful to them)." (Muslim) This hadeeth emphasizes on the great opportunity for one to enter Paradise just by being dutiful to the parents, especially when they are in old age. The failure to seize this opportunity is deemed as a tremendous loss.

The real test for the children is when the parents have fallen ill or no longer able to do anything independently. Back then, when we were small, our parents were the ones that had made

the most sacrifice in raising us. They would diligently care for us as if they were "carrying a capful of oil" [meaning: wholeheartedly with extreme care and affection].

They would stay awake the entire night when we cried or became cranky, uncomfortable to sleep. Remember that this life is like a spinning wheel, for there will come a time when we would become

parents and reach old age.

Fortunate is the child who is able to care for his or her parents until they breathe their last. Every joy felt and happiness

radiating from our parents' faces will be one of the reason for our lives to be blessed by Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala. When the parents are happy and pleased with their

offspring, surely they will always supplicate for them with the best of supplications. No matter our stature or how great we become, even with success reaching the skies, we are only great

due to the supplication of our parents. Without their du'aa (supplication), we are pretty much nothing. So, let us not allow ourselves hurt their feelings, for its consequences would be

very severe. The punishment from Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* upon disobedient children is certain.

In the *hadeeth* of 'Abdullah bin Mas'ood *radiyAllaahu* 'anh, he reported:

I asked the Prophet (W), "Which of the deeds is loved most by Allah?" Messenger of Allah (端) said, "Salaah at its proper time." I asked, "What next?"

He (July) replied, "Kindness to parents." I asked, "What next?" He () replied, "Jihaad in the way of Allah."

(al-Bukhaari and Muslim)

This hadeeth indicates that the darajah (rank) of the parents is noble in the sight of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala. Hence, children that honor their parents will attain bountiful reward.

Its reward is equivalent to performing jihaad in the path of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala, for the sacrifices in caring and kind treatment of parents are highly demanded in Islam. One's acts of

'ibaadah (worship) are not perfected if the parents' welfare is neglected. Therefore, take good care of our parents and consider it as 'ibaadah that will facilitate us, for when we

have *ikhlaas* (sincerity) then all our affairs become easy without feeling burdened.

To end the sermon today, let us derive several lessons as guidelines in our lives. Among them:

1. The Muslim ummah must avoid attitudes, actions, and words that can hurt the parents' feelings. Love them and have mercy upon them, just as they were merciful to us when we were young.

2. The Muslim ummah must always spend their time with their parents for as long as the parents are still alive. Do not regret it later.

3. As parents, we must become good exemplary for our children, so that they are guided and become individuals that are dutiful to the parents in the future.

4. The Muslims must always supplicate for rahmah (mercy) upon our parents so that they will always attain blessings and mercy from Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala.

"And We have enjoined upon man [care] for his parents. His mother carried him, [increasing her] in weakness upon weakness, and

his weaning is in two years. Be grateful to Me and to your parents; to Me is the [final] destination."

(Soorah Luqmaan 31:14)

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.

