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abandoning everything He forbade. May we all be bestowed with happiness and salvation in this world and the Hereafter.

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On this glorious morning, I will discuss upon the khutbah of Eid al-Adha titled...

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Today, we congregate together in atmosphere that is filled with gratitude and penitence in celebrating 'Eid al-Adha, a day of greatness that elevates the meaning of sacrifice,

obedience, and utmost sincerity. It is not only an annual celebration, but it is an avenue for us to commemorate and internalize the extraordinary story of sacrifice by

Prophet Ibraaheem 'Alayhissalaam and his son, Prophet Ismaa'eel 'Alayhissalaam.

In al-Qur'an, Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala has mentioned the story of Prophet Ibraaheem 'Alayhissalaam who was commanded through his dream, the decree to slaughter his own son, namely Prophet Ismaa'eel 'Alayhissalaam. A father who had long waited for

the birth of his progeny, is ultimately tested with a heavy command. However, esteemed audience must realize that this sacrifice may not be possible without absolute obedience and

submission unto Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala, not only from the father alone, but also from his son Prophet Ismaa'eel 'Alayhissalaam. Imagine if Prophet Isma'eel 'Alayhissalaam rejected,

then there would not be complete obedience within the family.

Hence, it is clear here that sacrifice is not only upon the shoulder of individuals, but it is borne

out of a supportive environment, which allows and empowers obedience.

We can also observe how Prophet Ibraaheem 'Alayhissalaam was able

build to yaqeen (certainty) within himself through the wahy (revelation) that came repeatedly from Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala. His imaan (faith) did not shake even though he

was tested with a matter that he truly loved. He did not act haphazardly without any consideration. Instead, he chose to inform his son, as recorded in verse 102 of Soorah as-Saaffaat:

"And when he reached with him [the age of] exertion, he said, "O my son, indeed I have seen in a dream that I [must] sacrifice you, so see what you think.""

It was then answered with full obedience and contentment by Prophet Ismaa'eel 'Alayhissalaam:

"He said, "O my father, do as you are commanded. You will find me, if Allah wills, of the steadfast.""

Such is the peak of obedience and sacrifice demonstrated Ibraaheem Prophet 'Alayhissalaam and Prophet Ismaa'eel 'Alayhissalaam that it

became the foundation for the legislation of the 'ibaadah of qurbaani. And this was the result of the environment that upholds obedience

based upon authentic religious understanding and firm certainty upon all of the commands of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala.

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We should be cognizant and remorseful that behind the magaasid (objectives) of the 'ibaadah of qurbaani is the merely not slaughtering an animal. The fact is,

this 'ibaadah demands one form of sacrifice that is far greater which is ikhlaas (sincerity) and the willingness to sacrifice everything that prevents us from obeying Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala.

Let us ask ourselves, what prevents us from absolute obedience to Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala? Maybe among the main obstacles is when we succumb to the lustful desire, becoming

too engrossed with worldly desires that we become negligent from remembering about the Hereafter, easily influenced by destructive environment, and drowned in ignorance

upon religious matters. All of these will slowly harden our hearts, righteous deeds become heavy to be performed, while disobedience becomes easy and felt normal.

In this time and age, obeying the commands of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala may make us appear to be strange in the eyes of the masses.

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

بَدَأُ الْإِسْلَامُ غَرِيبًا، وَسَيَعُودُ كَمَا بَدَأَ غَرِيبًا، فَطُوبَى لِلْغُرَبَاءِ كَمَا بَدَأَ غَرِيبًا، فَطُوبَى لِلْغُرَبَاءِ

"Islam began as something strange, and it would return to being strange. So glad tidings to the strangers (ghurabaa')."

(Muslim)

Hence, we must feel proud that we are seen as strange for wanting to fully submit, at a time when many are heedless. We are looked upon as being strange

for wanting to preserve the religion, at a time when many would sell their deen. But have yaqeen that barakah will always remain with those istiqaamah having (steadfastness), even if

they are deemed as strangers by the entire world.

In conjunction with 'Eid al-Adha, let us rekindle the spirit of sacrifice that is now seen as foreign.

Sacrifice all types of lust and worldly desires that would distract us from the path of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala. Sacrifice that ego, and selfcomfort, interest for the sake of

building a family that is obedient and a society that is always upholding the Sharee'ah establishing a prosperous country. Do not let us become an

ummah that is negligent, drowned by the luxuries of life that in the end our imaan and obedience became sacrificed.

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Today, we can see the extraordinary unity of the Muslim ummah. At the Holy Land, millions of Muslims of various ethnicities and background are gathered in 'Arafah and Mina

wearing the same garment, performing the same 'ibaadah, facing the same qiblah with one same purpose, which is pure devotion to Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala.

Glory be to The Almighty Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala Who is able to unite the hearts of His servants that came from all corners of the world without having any blood ties, but united upon the

bond of 'aqeedah and imaan. This is the uniqueness of Islam that cannot be matched by any religion and ideologies in this world.

Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala mentions in verse 92 of Soorah al-Anbiyaa':

"Indeed this, your religion, is one religion, and I am your Lord, so worship Me."

Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala also had made us as the chosen ummah, and the best one, to become witness upon the entire mankind.

Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala mentions in verse 143 of Soorah al-Baqarah:

"And thus we have made you a just community that you will be witnesses over the people and the Messenger will be a witness over you..."

Thus, as the chosen ummah and the best one, serving as role model, Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala had educated Rasulullah and his Companions RadiyAllaahu 'anhum to make sacrifices

by submitting their entire soul, body, time, mind, and wealth for the sake of upholding the religion Allah of Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 111 of Soorah at-Tawbah:

"Indeed, Allah has purchased from the believers their lives and

their properties [in exchange] for that they will have Paradise. They fight in the cause of Allah, so they kill and are killed. [It is] a true promise [binding] upon Him in the Torah and the Gospel and

the Qur'an. And who is truer to his covenant than Allah? So rejoice in your transaction which you have contracted. And it is that which is the great attainment."

It is the reward of Paradise that motivates the Companions to race in making sacrifices. They truly understood that every matter sacrificed in this world is a major investment

towards the Hereafter Eternal. Ponder that is Sayyiduna Abu upon Bakr as-Siddeeq radiyAllaahu 'anh who gave up all of his wealth for the sake of upholding Islam that Rasulullah

questioned him. As narrated in the hadeeth of Sayyiduna 'Umar al-Khattaab radiyAllaahu 'anh where Rasulullah said:

"O Abu Bakr! What did you leave for your family?" He said: "I left Allah and His Messenger for them." (at-Tirmidhi)

Similarly, with Sayyiduna **'Umar** al-Khattaab radiyAllaahu 'anh who divided his wealth into two, half for his family and the other half given for the da'wah (propagation) of Islam.

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To end the khutbah this morning, let us derive several lessons as guidelines for our daily lives, namely:

1. The Muslim ummah must comprehend that true sacrifice is absolute obedience that is unconditional upon the of Allah commands Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala even though it

necessitates something that greatly tests the hearts and emotions, as in the story of Prophet Ibraaheem and Prophet Ismaa'eel 'Alayhimassalaam.

2. The Muslim ummah must abandon all elements that takes the soul away from Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala before it becomes the cause of destruction in this world and the Hereafter.

3. The Muslim ummah must remain thankful by upholding the symbols of Islam through the implementation of the 'ibaadah of hajj or qurbaani for those that can afford it, as a sign of

obedience and servitude to Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala Alone and manifest the spirit of togetherness and caring upon those in need.

"Their meat will not reach Allah, nor will their blood, but what reaches Him is piety from you. Thus, have We subjected them to you that you may

glorify Allah for that [to] which He has guided you; and give good tidings to the doers of good."

(Soorah al-Hajj 22:37)

THE SECOND KHUTBAH

Today, in our efforts to build a harmonious family, a united society, and a prosperous nation, the spirit of sacrifice as shown by the family of

Prophet Ibraaheem 'Alayhissalaam must be continued to be instilled and cultivated.

spirit **Embed** this sacrifice in all our daily responsibilities by becoming servants that are more obedient to Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala,

more honest and sincere in fulfilling the amaanah (trust), and even more sensitive and concerned about the needs and well-being of the society around us.

Make this 'Eid al-Adha as the beginning point for change towards increasing the strengthen taqwa, the relationship between humans, and shoulder the

respective roles with full cognizance whether as the slave of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala, family member, neighbor, or member of society.

Let us not forget to altogether supplicate for our brethren who are performing the 'ibaadah of hajj in the Holy Land that they are granted hajj mabroor (accepted).

May Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala accept all our sacrifices and bestow upon us blessings, forgiveness, and strength to continue remaining istigaamah upon His Path.

O Allah! Have mercy and preserve the pilgrims who will be the guests of The Most Merciful (Duyoof Rahmaan) this year. Protect them from all difficulties and hardships throughout their



O Allah! Grant their 'ibaadah (worship) of hajj as hajj that is mabroor (accepted), their sa'ie accepted, their sins forgiven, their expenditures are well spent, their wuquf filled with penitence, and return them to their homeland safely, in good health, and filled with blessings.

O Allah! Make us among Your slaves that preserves the amaanah. Protect our state and nation from destruction due to bribery, embezzlement, and power

abuse. Bestow upon us a leader that is trustworthy, honest, and firm 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.

O Allah! Protect the Muslims and Masjid al-Aqsa in Palestine. Safeguard them from oppression and evil, and bestow upon them determination, courage, and victory.

O Allah! Strengthen the 'ageedah of the Muslims in this state, 'ageedah that is upon the creed of Ahl as-Sunnah wal-Jamaa'ah, which is upon the path of

Prophet Muhammad Companions and radiyAllaahu 'anhum, and spare us from all of the fitan that can harm the union and unity of the Muslim ummah.

