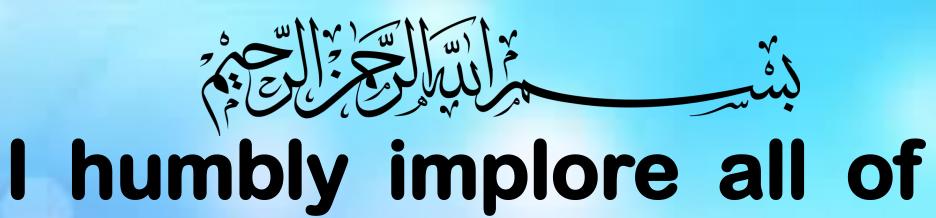


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us to strive increasing our taqwa of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala by fulfilling all His Commands and

abandoning all of the forbade. things He May we be all bestowed with happiness and success in this world and the Hereafter.

Fellow congregation is reminded not to fiddle with the cellular phone while the khutbah is being delivered.

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

titled... ATTAINING BLESSINGS IN GIVING CHARITY

Among the deeds that is very easy to but incurs performed tremendous reward in of Allah the sight Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala is giving sadaqah (charity). Sadaqah in

general is divided into two, where one is sunnah (supererogatory) and the other is fard (obligatory). The obligatory charity is known as zakaah, an obligation where its fulfillment will purify our

wealth and cleanse our soul.

On the other hand, the recommended charity is a deed whose door is wide open, where it can be performed at any time

without being restricted to certain rate or time. Of the many forms of sadaqah, there is one form that is very special, namely sadaqah jaariyah (continuous charity). It is called sadaqah jaariyah

for its reward never stop flowing, even after the donor has passed away. For as long as it benefits mankind, the reward continues to flow for the donor.

The 'ulamaa' (scholars), as stated in al-Qamoos al-Fighi, had equated sadaqah jaariyah with the act of giving waqf (endowment) based on several narrations of the Prophet . Among the

form of sadaqah jaariyah includes building masjid and surau, giving waqf of al-Qur'an and beneficial books, building facilities, public educational contribution that provides long-term

benefits to the *ummah* and its like.

That is the definition of sadaqah which gives the impression that every charity given with ikhlaas (sincerity) symbolizes the

sincerity of imaan (faith) of a mu'min (believer) in his or her effort to attain the pleasure of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala. What more if that charity was performed without anyone's knowledge,

where it is only between the donor and Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala, without riyaa' (showing off), praises, purely hoping for reward from Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 271 of Soorah al-Baqarah:

"If you disclose your charitable expenditures, they are good; but if you conceal them and give

them to the poor, it is better for you, and He will remove from you some of your misdeeds [thereby]. And Allah, with what you do, is [fully] Acquainted."

In al-Qur'an, Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala depicts the beauty and nobility of those giving sadaqah, as He mentions in verse 274 of Soorah al-Baqarah:

"Those who spend their wealth [in Allah's way] by night and by day, secretly and publicly - they will have their reward with their Lord. And no fear will there be concerning them, nor will they grieve."

This verse explains that Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala always leaves that opportunity wide open for anyone to make infaaq (spend) and sadaqah. This is regardless of whether

during the day or night, openly or in secret, during hardship or ease, for as long as it is done with ikhlaas, Allah surely Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala will not render it in vain. Allah Moreover, Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala will remove all of our worries and griefs, and replace all of worldly comforts that were

unattainable with things that are far better and everlasting.

Among the virtue of giving sadaqah and infaaq is that it can expiate sins, remove calamities, prevent

horrible deaths, and incur barakah (blessings) in worldly life and the Hereafter.

In the *hadeeth* of Mu'aadh bin Jabal *radiyAllaahu 'anh*, Rasulullah **said**: وَالصَّدَقَةُ ثُطُفِئُ الْخَطِيئَةَ كُمَا يُطْفِئُ الْمَاءُ النَّارَ يُطْفِئُ الْمَاءُ النَّارَ يُطْفِئُ الْمَاءُ النَّارَ

"Charity extinguishes sins like water extinguishes fire."

(at-Tirmidhi)

This hadeeth is very profound in its meaning. Imaam al-Mulla 'Ali al-Qaari explained that the meaning of sadaqah 'erases sins' is that it expiates sins and eliminates its effects,

as if they never existed. Imagine a fire that is burning ablaze but when doused with water, it vanished immediately. Such is the supreme effect of

charity in extinguishing sins that were committed.

In another *hadeeth*, Anas bin Maalik *radiyAllaahu* 'anh narrated that Rasulullah said:

الصَّدَقَةُ تُطْفِئُ غَضنَبَ الرَّبِ وَتَدْفَعُ مِيتَةَ السُّوءِ وَتَدْفَعُ مِيتَةَ السُّوءِ

"Charity extinguishes the Lord's anger and it protects against the evil death."

(ibn Hibbaan)

Such greatness in the rahmah (mercy) of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala upon those that are benevolent in giving charity. Sadaqah not only serve as barrier to unexpected calamities,

moreover it serves as the cause for a person to be spared from soo' al-khaatimah (bad ending), which is death in a humiliating state.

Even more privileged, those that love to make infaaq will attain a special du'aa (supplication) from the angels every morning, as mentioned in the hadeeth of Abu Hurayrah radiyAllaahu 'anh where Rasulullah said:

"There is never a day wherein servants (of God) get up at morn, but are not visited by two angels. One of them says: "O Allah! Give him who spends

something, in place of what he spends," and the other says: "O Allah! Give destruction to him who withholds.""

(al-Bukhaari and Muslim)

While we emphasize on the virtues and tremendous reward for those that give and spend in the path of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala, let us not forget that there are individuals and

organizations that abuses the trust of the Muslims upon the noble act of giving sadaqah and waqf. Even more saddening, there are those from among them that would utilize the

religious image through their appearance and clothing, where in reality they had wrongfully used the collected funds in a non-transparent and irresponsible manner. We have heard of stories

al-Qur'an waqf where are placed in funds or restaurants shops but the mus-hafs (copies) never reached the promised destinations.

There are also funds collected for the waqf of wheelchairs, but in the end, it is unclear of the actual recipients and where those wheelchairs had gone. Moreover, there are those that

would collect donations on behalf of tahfizh institutes for the welfare of the students, but instead those funds were used for personal needs or one's family business. This type of corruption is

very serious, and it is a form of fraud in the name of religion that not only tarnishes the image of Islam but also can incur the Wrath of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala.

Therefore, fellow charitable donors and must philanthropists remain vigilant and ensure that every contribution made is channeled to those that are truly trustworthy and

registered. While masaajid and religious institutions must be proactive in educating the society and address these frauds disguised as charity. To prevent such fraud and

embezzlement from becoming rampant, the Islamic Selangor Religious Council (MAIS) has been tasked with major responsibility to safeguard the social and economical welfare of

the Muslims in this state. All matters pertaining to the benefit and advantages for the Muslims that includes collection, donation waqf, khayrat fund, and its like must have

authorization from MAIS. This is to ensure that the transparency and accountability for every cent and Ringgit on the monies donated by the Muslims can be benefited in the best manner.

fellow Hence, congregation, if anyone hears calls for donation, please verify the authenticity of those collecting funds, and religious refer to authorities. Do not allow

our sincerity to be manipulated by those taking advantage in the name of religion.

In the state of Selangor, the Muslims have been provided with three main

avenues that are legitimate and credible to channel their infaaq and contributions. First, zakaat fulfillment can be made through Selangor Zakaat Board (LZS), which is the official body

that administers the collection and disbursement of zakaat in a transparent and organized manner. Second, those that want to make waqf can channel their

contribution through Waqf Selangor (PWS), Corporation which manages and develops waqf properties for long-term benefits for the Muslim ummah. And third, those that intend to

make infaaq sadaqah can channel them via Selangor Continuous Muslims' Charity Fund (TIJARI).

If there are those among us that have identified

those or certain groups that are eligible to receive aid in the form of contribution or infaaq, then kindly inform the religious authorities for further scrutiny so that the funds will be

channeled through legal means. Do not allow our good intention in helping others to go astray, ending up at the wrong place, or even used for irresponsible purposes.

May Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala accept each and every charity and waqf that we perform as continuous deeds that are everlasting.

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

1. The Muslim ummah must be cautious so as to not be duped by questionable and illegitimate donation collection.

2. The Muslim ummah must be cognizant that giving sadaqah can expiate sins, prevent calamities and the anger of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala, and receive special du'aa from the angels.

3. The Muslim ummah must comprehend that sadaqah is an act that attains barakah tremendous and reward in the sight of

Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala, where it can yield continuous reward for as long as it remains beneficial.

"Indeed, the men who practice charity and the women who practice charity and [they who] have loaned Allah a

goodly loan - it will be multiplied for them, and they will have a noble reward."

(Soorah al-Hadeed 57:18)

THE SECOND KHUTBAH

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

embezzlement, and power abuse. Bestow upon us 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.

