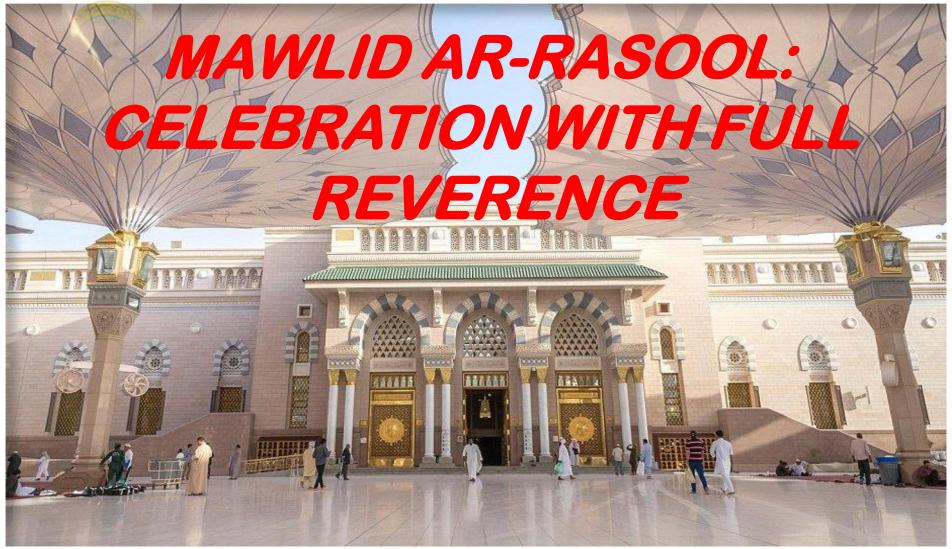


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I sincerely implore that we altogether strive in increasing our taqwa of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala by fulfilling all of His Commands and

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

Fellow congregation is reminded to not talk and fiddle with the mobile phone while the khutbah is being delivered.

On this glorious day, I will expound on a khutbah.

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Alhamdulillaah, all praise be to Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala who had sent our Prophet, Muhammad , as rahmah (mercy) to the worlds. Salawaat (blessings) and salaam (peace) upon our

beloved noble his family, loyal his Companions, and his entire ummah who remained istiqaamah (steadfast) in following his sunnah until the Last Day.

We are truly grateful that the zeal and awareness of the Muslims today in commemorating the birthday of Rasulullah becoming are more apparent year by year.

Every time 12 Rabee' al-Awwal comes, various celebrations are held including recitation of the salawaat, qaseedah (poetry), marhaban (welcoming), berzanji (praises), nasheed, and

many others as our sign of love for the Prophet ..... This atmosphere is truly beautiful and brings joyfulness. However, the question begs, how far do these celebrations truly drive us in internalizing

the qudwah (exemplary) and sunnah left by the Messenger 22? Does it awaken our resolve in emulating the way of life of the Prophet sor does it all end with the excitement from the

celebration that we commemorate every year?

We are worried that without sound internalization, the

that is celebration laden with dhikr (remembrance of Allah) and salawaat will only remain as an annual event that ends just like that, without leaving a

mark in our hearts or pushing for change upon our behaviors and daily practice unto becoming more obedient and submissive to Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala.

As the ummah of Prophet Muhammad we must have love for Rasulullah in its absoluteness. In addition the salawaat, we also must

manifest our efforts in getting to know Rasulullah صَالِحًا لِمَّا مِعَالِمًا مِعَالِمًا مِعَالِمًا مِعَالِمًا مِعَالِمًا مِعَالِمًا مِعَالِمًا مِعَالِمًا مِعَال وستأتيم through Shamaa'il Muhammadiyyah that is traversing beautiful, through seerah the (biography) of his life,

understanding khasaa'is which are privileges that Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala had bestowed upon Rasulullah ......

Similarly, with exemplifying the jihaad struggle of Rasulullah , having yaqeen (certainty) upon the miracles

proved that his messengership, tadabbur (reflecting) upon dalaa'il an-Nubuwwah which are signs of prophethood and that affirms strengthens his messengership ,

and internalizing on the reality of the sharee'ah brought by Rasulullah as guidance throughout time. This is how our love for Rasulullah will remain alive and leaves impact in our daily lives.

However, we must comprehend that the prophets and messengers are normal human beings who ate, drank, married and had families. But they were

individuals chosen bestowed with wahy (revelation), supported mu'jizah with (miracles), and lifted as for the exemplary ummah.

As Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala mentions in verse 11 of Soorah Ibraaheem that was recited at the early part of the khutbah:

"Their messengers said to them, "We are only men like you, but Allah

confers favor upon whom He wills of His servants. It has never been for us to bring you evidence except by permission of Allah. And upon Allah let the believers rely.""

Even though the prophets including our beloved صلالته عليه وسياتم Prophet Muhammad has the attribute of bashariyyah, which is human nature, he was bestowed by Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala

with very special virtues. Rasulullah hailed from a noble lineage, he possessed a charming appearance, he is the leader of all creations, having extraordinary physical and spiritual

strength, as well as possessing excellent akhlaaq (character), as Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala mentions in verse 4 of Soorah al-Qalam:

وَإِنَّاكَ لَعَلَىٰ خُلُقٍ عَظِيمٍ

"And indeed, you are of a great moral character."

However, in manifesting our love for Rasulullah , we are demanded to prioritize in internalizing and implementing the risaalah (message) and sunnah that he had left us with.

Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala mentions in verse 7 of Soorah al-Hashr:

"And whatever the Messenger has given you - take; and what he has forbidden you refrain from. And fear Allah; indeed, Allah is severe in penalty."

In this very opportunity, let us altogether manifest our gratefulness for being part of the ummah of Prophet Muhammad and attain the hikmah (wisdom) that is implicit behind his

messengership. Even prior to his birth, Allah Subhaanahu Ta'aala had always safeguarded and preserved his lineage After his birth,

Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala had purified his heart and thoughts, until he was honored with the ordainment as Prophet and Messenger.

Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala had also bestowed upon the Messenger with the attribute of jawaami' al-Kaalim, which is the ability to utter simple

words but full of meaning and wisdom. Each of his utterances, akhlaaq, and actions are Divine guidance that are filled with secrets and lessons.

This is as mentioned by Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala in verse 3 of Soorah an-Najm:

"Nor does he speak from [his own] inclination."

Hence, the love for Rasulullah must be nurtured with love for the sunnah and risaalah that he left behind through the Companions radiyAllaahu 'anhum.

It is as mentioned in the wasiyyah (will) of Rasulullah that was narrated by al-'Irbaad bin Saariyah as-Sulamiy radiyAllaahu 'anh:

"...Whoever among you sees that [i.e. disagreement], then he must stick to my sunnah and the sunnah of the rightly guided Caliphs, cling to it with the molars."

(at-Tirmidhi)

The demand to follow the sunnah and risaalah of Rasulullah is also by the accompanied demand to follow the the teachings of Companions radiyAllaahu 'anhum and

the salaaf as-saalih (pious predecessors) from among their 'ulamaa' (scholars). This is because they are the heirs of the legacy of knowledge of Rasulullah

Such is the love that necessitates for us to revive the sunnah of Rasulullah in all aspects of our lives by frequenting majaalis 'ilm (knowledge circles) that strengthens our

understanding of seerah, learning and reading the ahaadeeth of the Prophet حَلَالِللهِ عَلَيْهِ وسيام along with explanations with religious scholars, always striving practice them in our

lives, whether in 'ibaadah (worship), akhlaaq, including matters of mu'aamalaat (transactions) and others. This is because the love for the Prophet indicates our love for

Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala, and this love is only truly meaningful if it drives us to abide by His Commands and abandon His prohibitions, as demonstrated by His 

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

Muslim The must ummah manifest its love for Rasulullah that is translated into internalization and

practice upon his sunnah , not merely having celebration that is commemorated every year.

2. The Muslim ummah must remain penitent that loving Rasulullah necessitate عَلَيْكُ فِي اللَّهُ عَلَيْكُ فِي اللَّهُ اللَّا اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللّهُ اللَّا اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ attending sittings of knowledge, learning the seerah and

practicing sunnah in 'ibaadah, akhlaaq, and daily mu'aamalaat.

3. The Muslim ummah must comprehend that reviving the sunnah and risalaah of Rasulullah means obeying Allah Subhaanahu Ta'aala. This includes

clinging firmly upon sunnah the of Khulafaa' ar-Raashideen with great determination.

"Say, [O Muhammad], "If you should love Allah, then follow me, [so] Allah will love you and forgive you your sins. And Allah is Forgiving and Merciful.""

(Soorah Aal 'Imraan 3:31)

## THE SECOND KHUTBAH

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

Prophet Muhammad and his Companions radiyAllaahu 'anhum. Spare us from all forms of bribery, abuse of power, as well as

## misguidance, shirk and superstition, and protect us from fitan that can harm the union and unity of the Muslim ummah.

O Allah! Bestow peace and prosperity upon our state and nation. Protect us from all forms of fitnah and calamities such as murder, bullying, and oppressing others.

Bestow upon us leaders that have utmost integrity, firmness, and courage in upholding Truth the according Your to Sharee'ah.

O Allah! We beseech Your protection from the evil of the enemies and traitors. Protect us from the temptations of shaytaan and his armies.

## Guide us to always remain istiquamah in fulfilling all of Your Commands and abandoning all of Your prohibitions.

