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***MEREMPIT:
PLEASURE
OR DEATH***

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

**I sincerely call upon all
of us to altogether
strive in increasing our
taqwa of Allah
Subhaanahu *Wa*
Ta'aala by performing**

**all of His Commands
and avoiding all matters
that He prohibited. May
we all be bestowed with
happiness and salvation
in this world and the
Hereafter.**

On this blessed day, I will expound on a *khutbah*.
titled...



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Let us ponder for a moment, who is the actual owner of the life that we have today? Does it completely belong to us that we can do as we please, or is it an *amaanah* (trust) from

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* that is *waajib* (obligatory) to be preserved? In reality, Islam upholds life as one of *al-maqaasid ash-Sharee'ah* (higher objectives and wisdom of legislation)

that cannot be taken
lightly. Life is not the
absolute possession of
humans to be toyed with
or jeopardized. On the
contrary, it is an
amaanah that will be
questioned about in front

of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* in the Afterlife.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 29 of Soorah an-Nisaa', as recited at the beginning of the *khutbah*:

***“And do not kill
yourselves [or one
another]. Indeed,
Allah is to you
ever Merciful.”***

This verse serves as a clear reminder to all of us that every act that exposes us to danger and destruction upon the soul truly contradicts religious ideals. Hence, any action that can threaten our own

lives and the lives of others is not only an offense from the legal standpoint, furthermore it is a violation upon basic principles in Islam.

**Beginning from the
principle of life
preservation that was
explained earlier, I would
like to mention just one of
the many phenomena
that occur within our
society today, namely the**

mat rempit culture. It is crystal clear that this illegal street racing culture [often associated with hooliganism and daredevil stunts] challenges the principle of *Hifzh an-Nafs* (preservation of life).

Truthfully, *mat rempit* phenomenon is no longer a normal social issue, but an act that puts lives in danger, not only the life of the doer but threatens the safety of other road users.

How many cases have we heard, which ultimately ends with serious injuries, even with some losing their lives? All these had stemmed from negligence and the unfounded desire for pleasure.

Aside from endangering lives, many within the *mat rempit* crowd are involved in small bets in their illegal race. When there is betting, then it clearly falls within the category of gambling that has been

forbidden by Allah
Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa
Ta'aala* mentions in verse
90 of Soorah al-
Maa'idah:

***“O you who have
believed, indeed,
intoxicants, gambling,
[sacrificing on] stone
altars [to other than
Allah], and divining
arrows are but***

***defilement from the
work of Satan, so
avoid it that you may
be successful.”***

It is apparent here that not only gambling on the gaming table is deemed as detrimental to one's wealth, but even street betting that affects lives are also from among the “work of *Shaytaan*” that

must be avoided at all costs.

Rasulullah ﷺ had laid out a major principle in Islam mentioned in the *hadeeth* of ‘Ubaadah bin as-Saamit *radiyAllaahu ‘anhu*, who narrated:

***The Messenger of
Allah (ﷺ) ruled:***

***“There should be
neither harming nor
reciprocating harm.”***

(ibn Maajah)

Based on these two evidences, the *mat rempit* disease clearly violates these two Islamic principles, namely preserving life and also preserving wealth (*Hifzh al-Maal*). *Merempit* is not

merely gambling on the gaming table that wastes wealth, moreover it is gambling that jeopardizes life. The life being risked is not just the life of the doer, but it can even terminate the lives of others.

**Looking at the impact of
serious injuries,
permanent injuries,
trauma endured by family
members, and public
nuisance, where is the
role of all of us? In this
regard, parents and**

**society cannot just sit idle.
Parents must have
concerns by monitoring
their children's
whereabouts, knowing
who they befriend, where
they are off to, and how
they spend their free time.**

**Let us not come to our
senses only after
unwanted incidents have
occurred.**

**It is best to start by
approaching, listening,
and guiding the children**

from an early age. Give them advice with full *hikmah* (wisdom), instill religious values, and be the best example for them to emulate. Remember, as in the Malay adage,

“wild bamboo is to be bent from its shoot”
[meaning: to train or educate children from a young age]. Children that are guided with affection and care from early on, *insha Allah* they will

**become firmer in
rejecting destructive
influences.**

**At the same time, we are
to prepare better
alternatives for the**

youth. Islam does not reject their interests that are inclined to challenges and instead acknowledges such potential. However, such interest must be channeled to a safe and

**beneficial direction. Do
not just prohibit without
providing avenues and
opportunities.**

**Let us altogether provide
encouragement for them
to partake in supervised**

sporting activities,
religious programs in
masaajid and *suraus*, as
well as community
activities that can
develop self-esteem and
discipline. If we do not
properly guide the youth,

**it is feared that they
will stray into the
wrong path, akin to a
kite with a broken
string, swaying
aimlessly.**

Let us never risk our lives
on the road for the sake
of pure adrenaline that is
only temporary or
gambling that is in vain,
for every second of our
lives is an *amaanah* that
is priceless in the sight

of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. Every breath brings responsibility, every step taken will be held accountable in front of Him. Do not allow our deviated desire to seize the *barakah* (blessings),

**personal safety, and even
leaving grief and trauma
upon our family and those
around us.**

**Channel our energy,
bravery, and interest
towards that which is safe,**

beneficial, and blessed.
Make our actions as the
means for righteousness,
not as the door towards
destruction. May Allah
Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala
protect us from
dangerous activities that

**has casualties, turning
us into servants that
are responsible,
vigilant, and always
preserving our own
safety and the safety of
others.**

To end the *khutbah*
today, let us derive
several lessons that
can serve as
guidance in daily life:

1. We must preserve life
as *amaanah* from Allah
Subhaanahu *Wa*
Ta'aala and realize that
every second in life and
steps taken will be
questioned about in

front of Him. Life is not
our absolute ownership
and exposing it to
danger is a major sin
according to the *shara'*.

2. We must reject all forms of harm and gambling, including street gambling and illegal street racing, for they not only threaten the life of

**the doer and others,
but also open up the
door of sinning and
incurring losses.**

3. We must exercise an active role as parents, members of society, and leaders for the youth by supervising, guiding, and providing safe

**and beneficial haven,
so that their interest
and bravery will be
channeled towards that
which is blessed and
beneficial to oneself
and others.**

“And spend in the way of Allah and do not throw [yourselves] with your [own] hands into destruction [by refraining]. And do good; indeed, Allah loves the doers of good.”

(Soorah al-Baqarah 2:195)



THE SECOND KHUTBAH



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

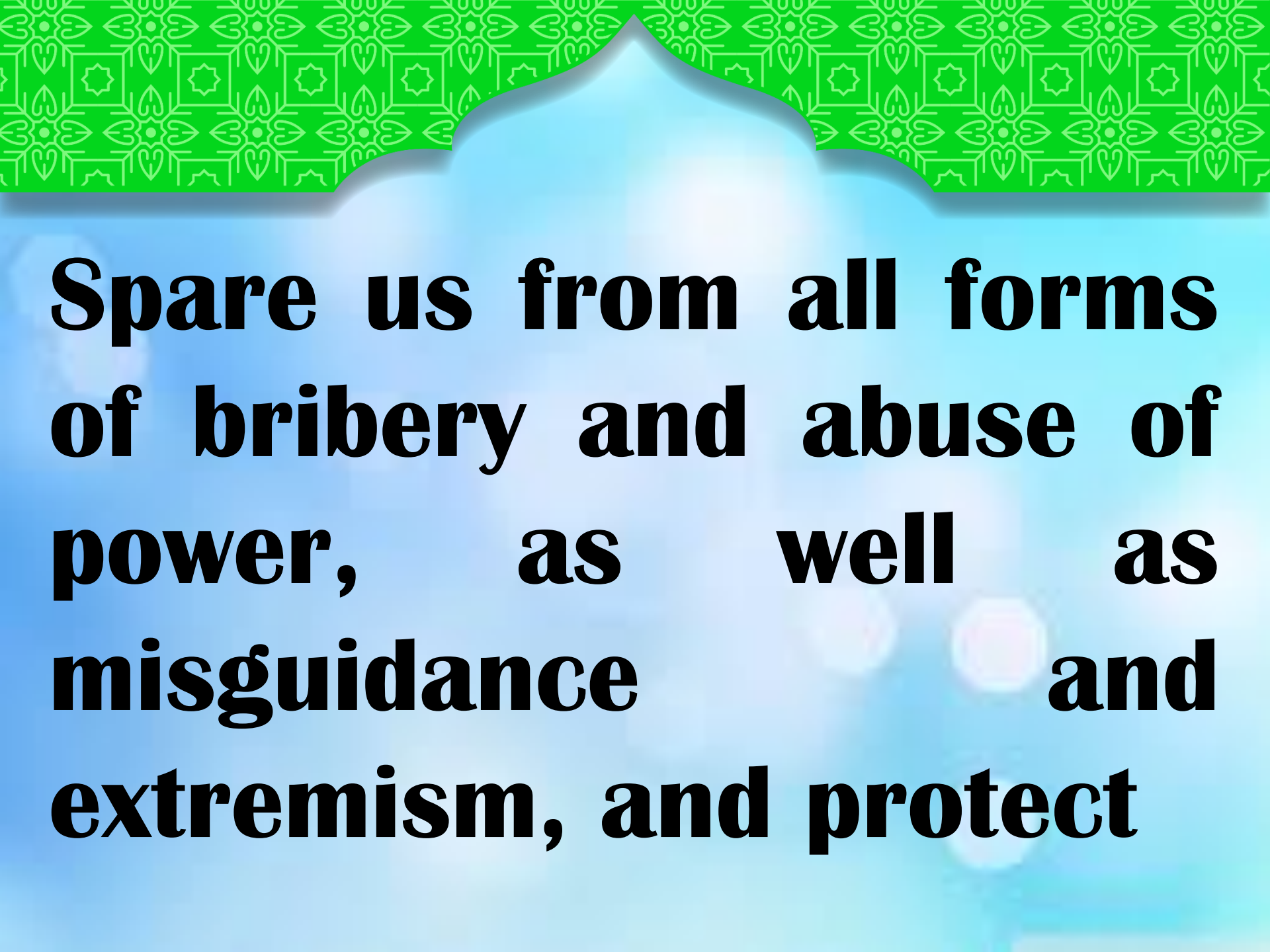
Prophet Muhammad ﷺ
and his Companions
***radiyAllaahu ‘anhum*, as**
formulated by Imaam
Abu Hasan al-Ash‘ari



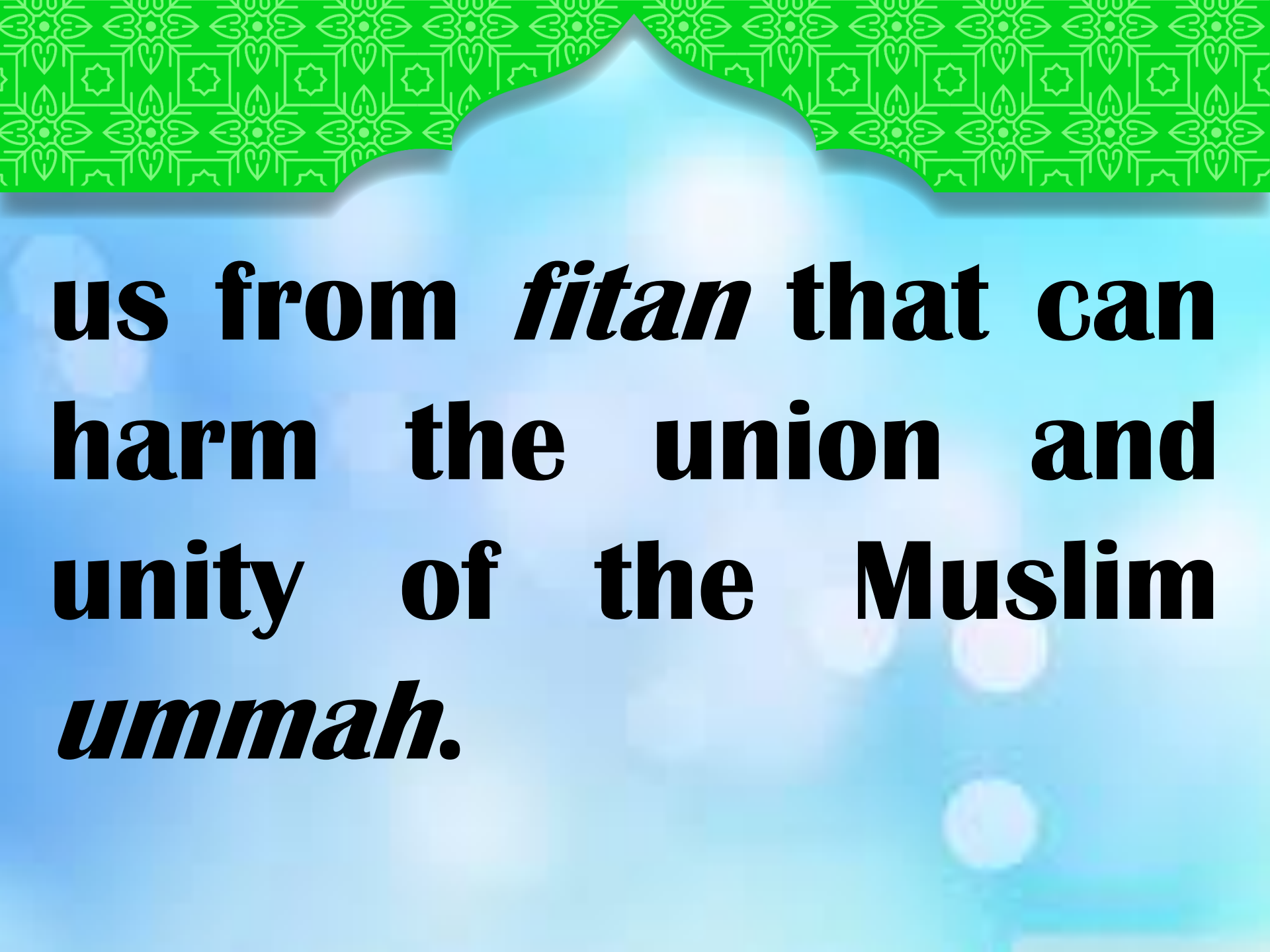
**and Imaam Abu Mansoor
al-Maatureedi, practicing
upon the Shaafi'i *Madhhab*
(juristic school of thought)
while accepting the other
three *madhaahib*,**



**practicing *tasawwuf*
upon the way of Imaam
Junayd al-Baghdaadi and
Imaam al-Ghazaali.**



**Spare us from all forms
of bribery and abuse of
power, as well as
misguidance and
extremism, and protect**



**us from *fitan* that can
harm the union and
unity of the Muslim
ummah.**



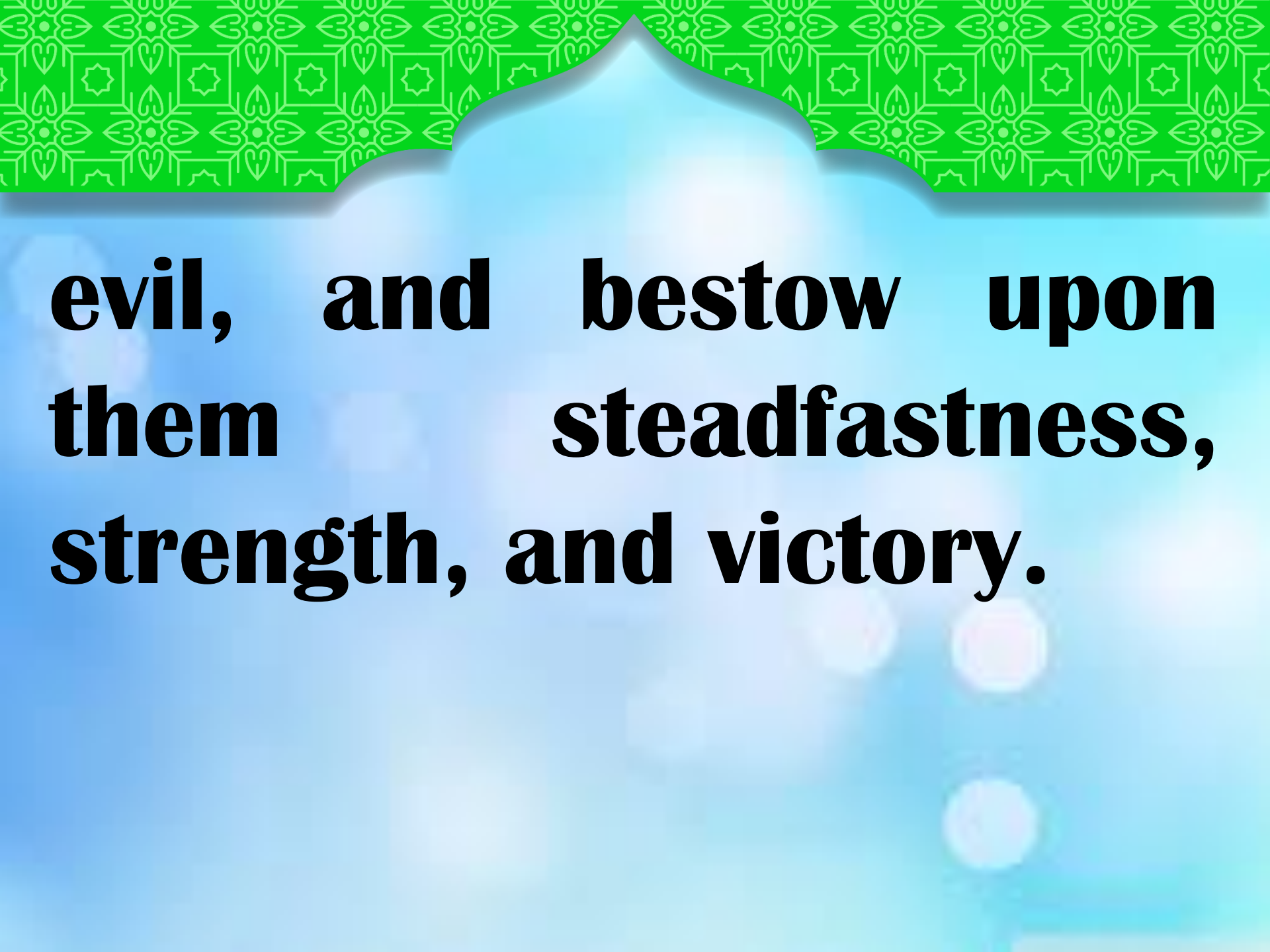
O Allah! Bestow peace and prosperity upon our state and nation. Protect us from all forms of disaster, fitnah and calamity.



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



**O Allah! Protect the
Muslim *ummah* and
Masjid al-Aqsa in
Palestine. Preserve them
from oppression and**



**evil, and bestow upon
them steadfastness,
strength, and victory.**



**ILUSTRASI INI
DISEDIAKAN OLEH**

**unit khutbah
bahagian pengurusan masjid**