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YOUTH: PILLAR OF THE NATION

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 fulfilling all**

**of His Commands and
abandoning all of His
prohibitions. 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* titled...

YOUTH: PILLAR OF THE NATION

Verse 11 of Soorah ar-Ra'd that was recited during the early part of the *khutbah* firmly asserts that Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* will not change the condition of a nation,

unless they would change
it themselves.

This verse emphasizes
that the Muslim *ummah*,
specifically the youth, is
no longer a group
awaiting directives, on the

**contrary they are the
main drivers of change in
the development of the
nation. Today, the youth
generation steps forward
in playing an active and
significant role in various
fields encompassing**

**digital economy and
entrepreneurship,
community leadership,
environmental
sustainability, and
technological
advancement,**

coinciding with what
Allah *Subhaanahu Wa
Ta'aala* mentions in
verse 11 of Soorah
ar-Ra'd:

“Indeed, Allah will not change the condition of a people until they change what is in themselves.”

**This verse teaches us
that change would always
begin with actions.
Hence, the youth are
those who have the
utmost potential in
driving that change. From
the pages of Islamic**

history, it has been proven
that major changes are
usually driven by the
passion and bravery of the
youth.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa*
Ta'aala has immortalized

the story of *Ashaab al-Kahf* (the People of the Cave), which was a group of youth who remained firm in safeguarding their *imaan* (belief) amid

a society whose
'aqeedah is corrupted.
Their story was etched
by Allah *Subhaanahu*
Wa Ta'aala in verse 13
of Soorah al-Kahf:

***“It is We who relate to
you, [O Muhammad],
their story in truth.
Indeed, they were youths
who believed in their
Lord, and We increased
them in guidance.”***

This verse provides a great inspiration for all of us. Observe how Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* did not deem them as the elders or leaders of the nation, but they were mentioned as believing

youth, engaged in
righteous deeds, and
always preserving
their *imaan* and life
principles with full
determination.

**Look at the reality today,
not all youth are actually
making effort to develop
themselves. There are
those that are still
drowning in excessive
entertainment,
submerged in browsing**

**through social media
from dawn to dusk, and
wasting their precious
time with unbeneficial
matters. The young age,
which should serve as
the best time to seek
knowledge and prepare**

**oneself, is instead wasted
just like that without any
regret.**

**There are youth that would
opt to sit idle waiting for
the perfect opportunity,
waiting for a comfortable**

**job to come knocking,
waiting for the suitable
time, while time continues
to pass by waiting for no
one. A plethora of jobs,
skills training,
entrepreneurship and
self-development**

**programs have been
made available by the
government and various
agencies; however,
laziness and picky
attitudes have caused
them to pass by just like
that.**

**We must remain
cognizant that Islam
never teaches its
adherents to just sit idle.
Islam teaches us to exert
effort and work
according to our level
best. The nobility in work**

remains for as long as it
remains *halaal* (lawful)
and performed with full
amaanah (trust). What
is blameworthy within
the religion is laziness,
leeching off the

compassion of others,
pursuing work that is
haraam (unlawful), and
allowing the young age
to pass by without any
effort to improve
oneself.

In the *hadeeth* of ibn
'Abbaas *radiyAllaahu*
'*anhuma*, Rasulullah ﷺ said:

***“Take advantage of
five before five:***

***your youth before
your old age,***

***your health before your
illness, your riches
before your poverty,
your free time before
your work, and your life
before your death.”***

(al-Haakim)

If we traverse through the *seerah* (biography) of Rasulullah ﷺ, we will find that many Companions were granted with great *amaanah* at their young age. Among them is

**‘Ali bin Abi Taalib
radiyAllaahu ‘anh. When
Rasulullah ﷺ was
commanded to perform
hijrah to Madeenah, he ﷺ
asked Sayyiduna ‘Ali
radiyAllaahu ‘anh to
sleep in his place,**

even though at the time
the Quraysh pagans were
planning to murder
Rasulullah ﷺ. This
tremendous *amaanah* was
bestowed upon a young
man who was courageous
and firm in *imaan* (faith).

Similarly, with Usaamah
bin Zayd *radiyAllaahu*
'anh who was still in his
youth when appointed by
Rasulullah ﷺ as the
military commander to
lead the Muslim army that
was comprised of

Companions who were much more senior and experienced than him. This event demonstrated that in Islam, leadership is not measured by age group

**alone but according to
knowledge and ability
instead.**

**Islamic history has also
recorded accounts of
prominent figures such as
Salaah ad-Deen al-Ayyoobi**

who grew up with
proper instillment of
knowledge, *adab*
(etiquette), and *jihaad*
that he was able to
liberate Bayt al-Maqdis
from colonization.

**We are also reminded
of Sultan Muhammad
al-Faatih, who was
nurtured since young
age with a great
ambition that ultimately,
he succeeded in**

conquering
Constantinople. Their
success did not originate
from hedonistic
entertainment or lazing
around waiting for the
opportunity to come, but
instead it was due to

**authentic knowledge,
discipline, continuous
training, and solid
certainty in Allah**
*Subhaanahu Wa
Ta'aala.*

**In the preparation to
endure current
challenges, the youth of
today cannot remain
static. The world
continues to change with
artificial intelligence (AI)
technology that is**

**increasingly becoming
prevalent, with
increasingly fierce
competition, and those
that refuse to adapt will
continue to be left
behind. Hence, take
advantage of**

opportunities provided
by the government for
self-development, and
utilize technology as the
medium for the spread of
da'wah (calling to Islam)
and good, not to spew
out fitnah and insults.

Let us altogether ponder
upon the reminder from
Rasulullah ﷺ that was
narrated on the
authority of ibn 'Abbaas
radiyAllaahu 'anhuma,
who said:

“I was behind the Prophet ﷺ one day when he said: ‘O boy! I will teach you a statement: Be mindful of Allah and He will protect you.’”

(at-Tirmidhi)

That is the
fundamental, whoever
preserves his
relationship with Allah
Subhaanahu Wa
Ta'aala, safeguards his
salawaat (prayers), and

avoid all forms of
disobedience, then Allah
Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala
will safeguard his life, his
religion, and his future.
Therefore, while we
pursue worldly
advancements, let us not

even once remove *imaan*
and *akhlaaq* (character)
from ourselves.

Remember, the great
youth is not only one who
is articulated regarding
changes but also one that

is willing to change. The successful youth is not one who waits for opportunities but one who is ambitious in creating opportunities. Hence, utilize this young age as the avenue to build

**identity and become the
driving force for the
progress of our religion,
people, and country.
Solidify our provisions in
enduring an era that is
becoming increasingly
challenging, whether**

regarding *'aqeedah,*
akhlaaq, economics, and
digital transformation.
Indeed, the young age
that is wasted is an
invaluable loss and
endless regret.

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

1. The Muslim *ummah* must realize that the youth plays a significant role in shaping the future of the religion, society, and country. Therefore,

they must be guided
with sound foundations
of knowledge and
excellent *akhlaaq* and
granted the opportunity
to gain experience.

2. The Muslim *ummah*
must benefit its
young age with
beneficial matters
such as seeking
knowledge, building
skills, and utilizing

technology and
social media with
hikmah (wisdom) and
full responsibility.

3. The Muslim *ummah*
must preserve its
relationship with
Allah *Subhaanahu*
Wa Ta'aala by
safeguarding *salaah*,
akhlaaq, and limits of

Sharee'ah so that life
will always be driven
with *imaan* and
spared from matters
that destroys the soul
and society.

***“O my son,
establish prayer,
enjoin what is right,
forbid what is
wrong, and be
patient over what***

***befalls you. Indeed,
[all] that is of the
matters [requiring]
determination.”***

(Soorah Luqmaan 31:17)



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**

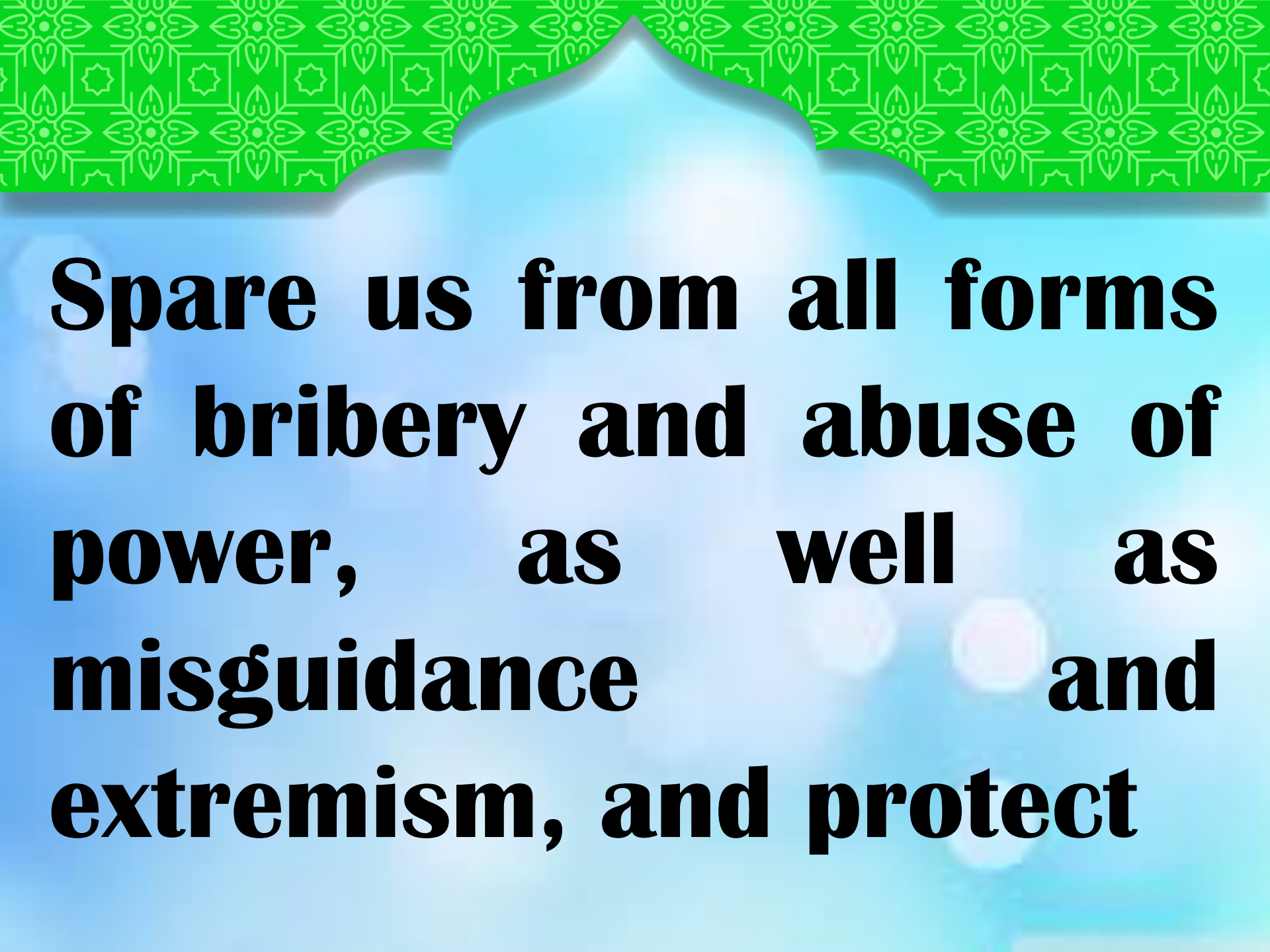
Prophet Muhammad ﷺ
and his Companions
***radiyAllaahu ‘anhum*, as**
formulated by Imaam
Abu Hasan al-Ash‘ari



**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.**



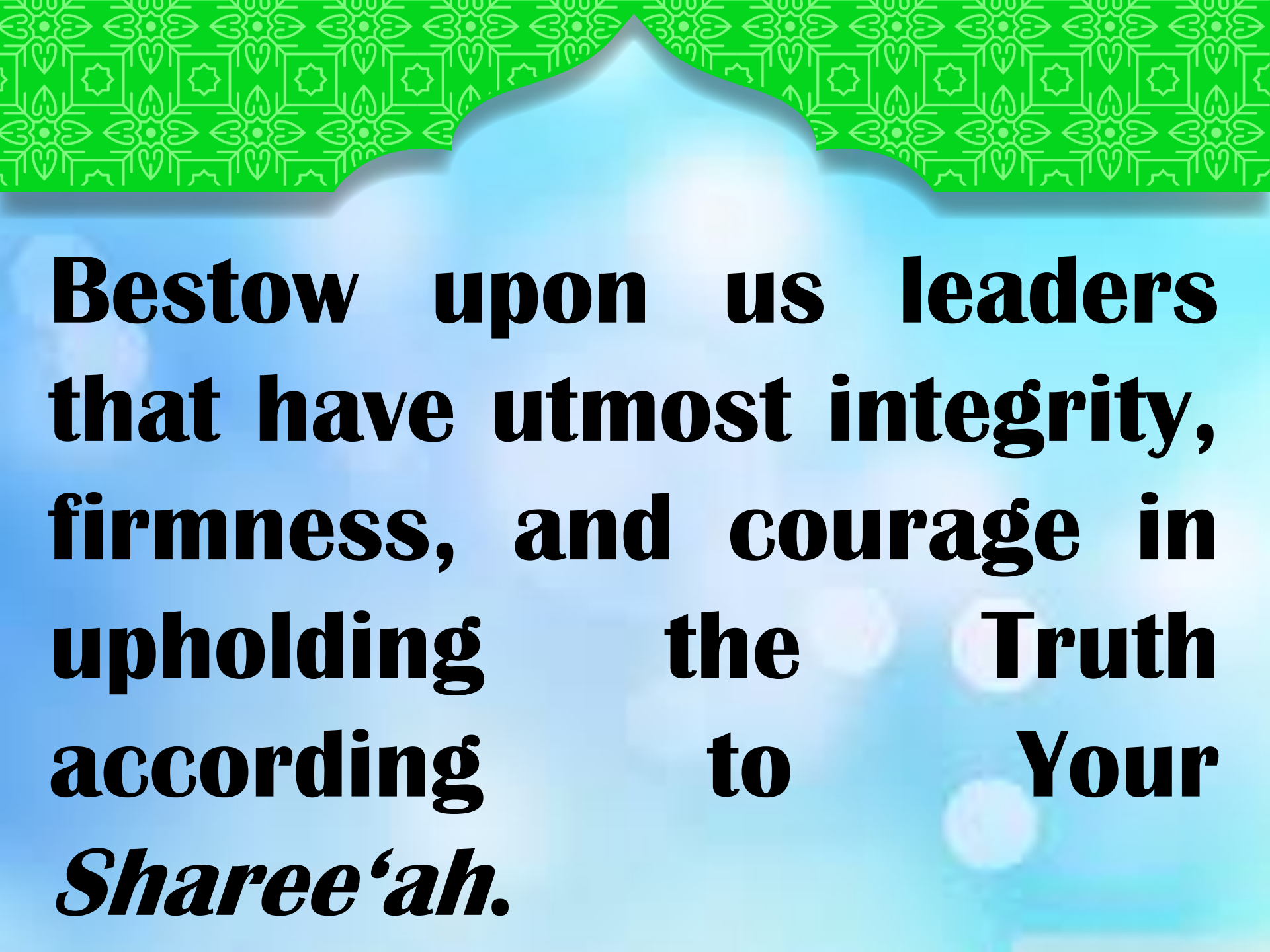
**Spare us from all forms
of bribery and abuse of
power, as well as
misguidance and
extremism, and protect**



**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.**



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DISEDIAKAN OLEH**

**unit khutbah
bahagian pengurusan masjid**