

avoiding all of His prohibitions. For indeed, the truly successful ones in the Hereafter are those having utmost taqwa of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala.

The 10th of Dhul-Hijjah will soon dawn upon ustallisha only a few days left before we will be celebrating 'Eid al-Adha that is full of blessings. On that day, the Muslim ummah is

commanded to exalt the shi'aar (signs) of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala. For the Muslims that are in Makkah al-Mukarramah, they will be busy performing the 'ibaadah of hajj,

the fifth pillar of Islam. Therefore, today I would like to invite fellow congregation to internalize upon a khutbah titled:



Qurbaani (or Ud-hiyyah) is an 'ibaadah that is performed on 'Eid al-Adha. 'Eid al-Adha also means to sacrifice livestock animals such as sheep, cow, camel, and its like with certain

conditions with the intent of tagarrub (attaining nearness) to Allah. Slaughtering the qurbaan is a practice that is greatly loved by Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala, that is to be

fulfilled on the day of 'Eid al-Adha and on the days of Tashreeq. Imaam at-Tirmidhi reported the narration of Sayyidatina 'A'ishah radiyAllaahu 'anha where Rasulullah صلى الله said:

"A human does no action from the actions on the Day of Nahr (Sacrifice) more beloved to Allah than spilling blood. On the Day of Judgment, it will appear with its horns, and hairs,

and hooves, and indeed the blood will be deliberate accepted by Allah from where it is received before it even falls upon earth, so let your heart delight in it."

Therefore, whoever is capable should perform the 'ibaadah of qurbaani, at least one portion for each family. The ruling for this practice is sunnah mu'akkadah, which is a

sunnah that is strongly emphasized in Islam. The Prophet عليه وسلم had given reminders to those that are able to partake in such 'ibaadah. Imaam Ahmad reported a hadeeth narrated

by Abu Hurayrah *radiyAllaahu* '*anh* where the Prophet عليه وسلم said:

"Whoever can afford to offer a sacrifice but does not do so, let him not approach our place of prayer."

(Ahmad: saheeh)

Whoever has made intention to perform the 'ibaadah of qurbaani for this year, the sunnah is for them to not cut any hair and nails from the 1st of Dhul-Hijjah until their animal has been sacrificed, and it is recommended that they perform the slaughtering themselves or witness it. Imaam Muslim reported a hadeeth narrated by Umm Salamah radiyAllaahu 'anha

where the Prophet عليه وسلم الله said:

"When you see the new moon of Dhul-Hijjah and any one of you wants to offer a sacrifice, let him refrain (from cutting) his hair and nails."

The 'ibaadah of qurbaani also teaches us that deeds that are accepted by Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala are deeds that conforms to the teachings of Prophet Muhammad عليه وسلم . For the

sacrifice, there are ways or provisions that are to be adhered to. The animal to be slaughtered must be healthy, having no defects, and has reached its required age. Regarding the time of

slaughtering, it is to be done after the 'Eid al-Adha prayer has been completed. Imaam al-Bukhaari reported a hadeeth narrated by al-Baraa' bin 'Aazib radiyAllaahu 'anhuma:

The Prophet عليه وسلم delivered the khutbah after offering the 'Eid prayer on the Day of Nahrand said: "Whoever offers the prayer like us and slaughters like us then his

Nusuk (sacrifice) will be accepted by Allah. And whoever slaughters his sacrifice before the 'Eid prayer then he has not done the sacrifice."

Similar with the distribution of the Allanda slaughtering, its meat must be distributed free of charge from the uncooked meat. Even the hide (skin) cannot be sold or given as wage to the butchers or

workers. If these provisions are violated, then the sacrifice is no longer deemed as the 'ibaadah of qurbaani prescribed. After the slaughtering is completed, a third (1/3) can be taken by the one offering the sacrifice except if it is done for nadhr (vow). A third (1/3) can be given to the poor and needy, and the remaining third (1/3) can be distributed to the neighbors.

as charity or gift so that everyone can enjoy and become grateful upon the blessings bestowed by Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala.

Verily, there are many benefits and lessons that can be derived and internalized by the Muslim ummah in the ordainment of the 'ibaadah of qurbaani. Among them, this 'ibaadah teaches us on

the importance of ikhlaas (sincerity) in our deeds. With true ikhlaas and taqwa, the Pleasure of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala can be attained. The slaughtering and the distribution of its

meat alone are not the ultimate goal, but instead it is the heartfelt sincerity during the sacrifice that is required by Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala. Allah Subhaanahu Wa

Ta'aala mentions in al-Qur'an (translation of the meaning):

"Their meat will not reach Allah, nor will their blood, but what reaches Him is piety from you..."

(al-Hajj 22:37)

Another lesson that can be contemplated upon from the 'ibaadah of qurbaani is the nurturing of selfsacrifice and giving off (infaaq) one's beloved possession solely for the sake of Allah

Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala. In the 'ibaadah of gurbaani, we are commanded to slaughter the best and well-loved livestock. In addition, its meat cannot be sold, but instead it is to be distributed

for free as charity (infaaq) in the Path of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala. This will truly test our imaan, for it is from the human instinct to love their wealth and possession.

Remember, for the wealth that is spent in the path of righteousness and obedience, the more they are given, the more it increases in its blessings. That is why we find that no one who gave up

their wealth for the 'ibaadah of qurbaani, their lives becomes poor and destitute. Remember upon the promises of Allah in the verse of al-Qur'an:

"... and whatsoever you spend of anything (in Allah's Cause), He will replace it. And He is the Best of providers."

(Sabaa' 34:39)

In ending today's *khutbah*, let us give due attention upon the following matters:

1. The Muslim *ummah* must internalize and have full certainty upon the sacrifices

of Prophet Ibraaheem and Prophet Isma'eel 'alayhimassalaam as a great example of a purely sincere sacrifice in glorifying the tawheed (Oneness) of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala.

2. The Muslim ummah is urged to perform the slaughtering in upholding the shi'aar (signs) and Sharee'ah of Islam in their daily lives.

3. The Muslim ummah must always remain 11.1. sincere in fulfilling the Commands of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala in order to attain the reward and Pleasure of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala.

4. Muslims that are capable are highly and highly required to perform the 'ibaadah of qurbaani as a sign of gratefulness upon the bounties bestowed by Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala.

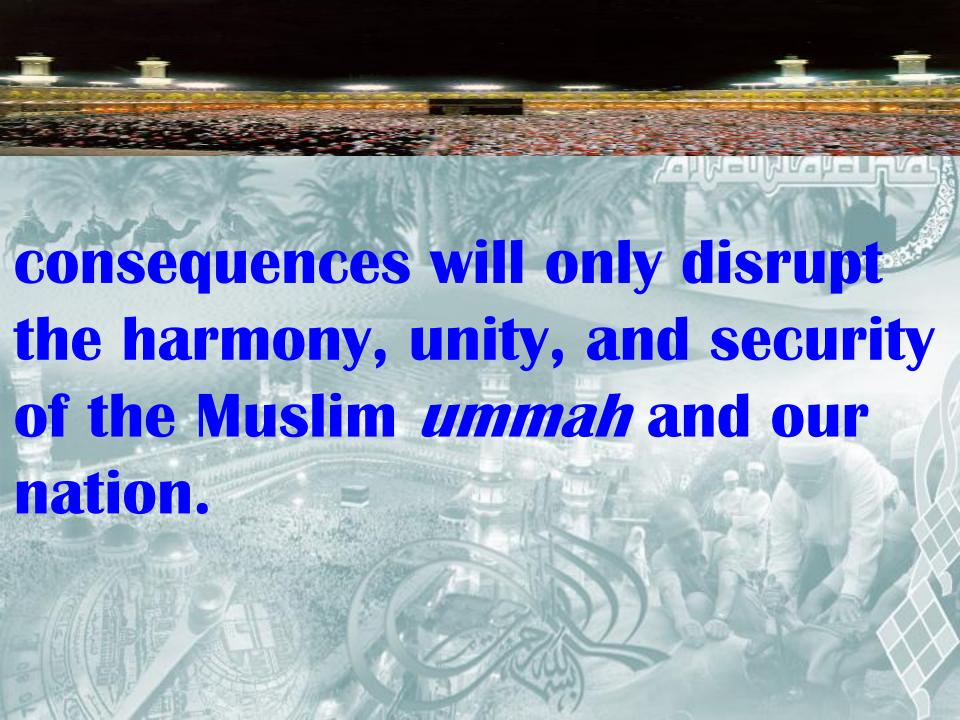
"Indeed, We have granted you, [O Muhammad], al-Kawthar. So pray to your Lord and sacrifice [to Him alone]. Indeed, your enemy is the one cut off."

(al-Kawthar 108:1-3)

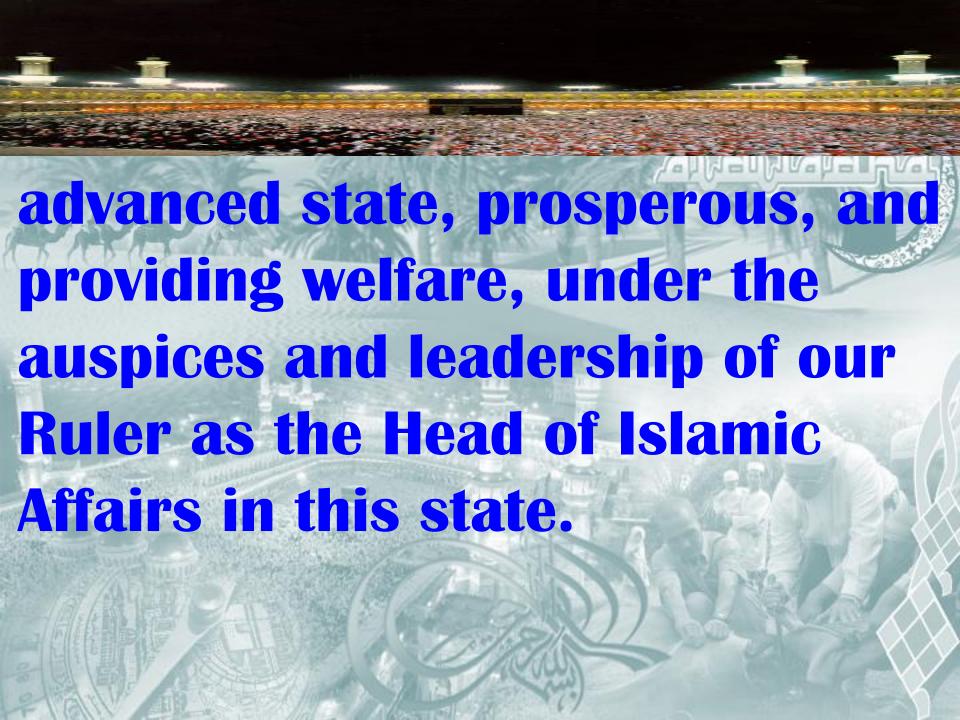


Once again, I would like to remind all of us that Islam teaches its adherents to remain moderate in every actions and deeds. As Muslims, we are to manifest noble akhlaaq, having utmost personality and attitude

for Rasulullah عليه وسلم was sent to perfect akhlaaq and as mercy for the entire mankind and the worlds. At the same time, the Muslims are to avoid any form of deviant ideologies and extremism in which its



O Allah, You are the Lord that is All Mighty, we are grateful to You for having bestowed upon us rahmah and ni'mah, that we are able to continue the effort in empowering the Muslim ummah especially in Selangor, as an



Hence, we sincerely beseech You, O Allah, strengthen our imaan, accept our deeds, strengthen our unity, increase our rizg, enrich us with beneficial knowledge, cultivate our soul with good mannerisms,

return us to the path that You are pleased with, protect us from disasters and Your severe trials especially the plagues of Zika and Dengue, so that our state will become more peaceful and blessed.

O Allah, we sincerely beseech You, strengthen our beliefs according to the creed of Ahl as-Sunnah wal Jamaa'ah, and protect us from the practices and 'ageedah that are astray such as Shee'ah, Qadiyaani, and other ideologies.

O Allah, open up our hearts in fulfilling the five daily prayers, performing zakaat, and other obligations, as well as making wagf and infaag of our wealth especially to Perbadanan Wakaf Negeri Selangor (Selangor Waqf





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