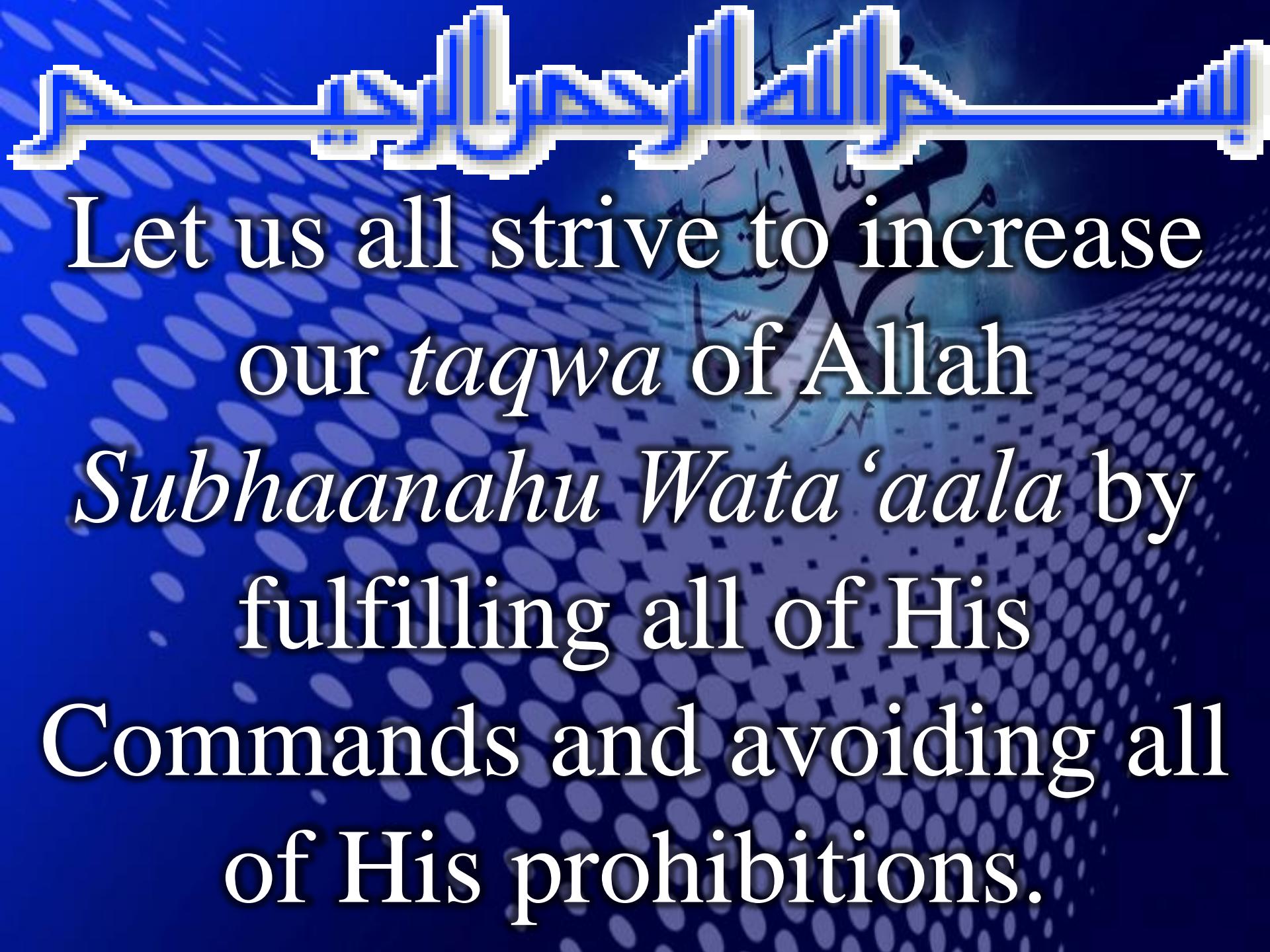




LOVING THE
MESSENGER

SALLALLAHU
‘ALAYHI WASALLAM



Let us all strive to increase
our *taqwa* of Allah
Subhaanahu Wata 'aala by
fulfilling all of His
Commands and avoiding all
of His prohibitions.

The title of today's *khutbah*
is “*Loving The Messenger
sallAllahu ‘alayhi
wasallam.*”

Allah Subhaanahu
Wata ‘aala mentions in al-
Qur'an:

“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.””

(Aali-‘Imraan 3:31)

This verse explains to us the reality of loving Allah and His Messenger. Indeed, anyone claiming that he loves Allah, then it necessitates loving His Messenger,

and with that he will be loved by Allah *Subhaanahu Wata‘aala* and will have his sins forgiven. Love is a word that is often uttered by everyone in his or her daily lives.

The word love manifests the emotion or feeling of deep love towards someone or a thing; whether between the husband and wife, mother and child, between family members, relatives, and others.

Love does not innately
flourish in one's heart;
moreover it is something
or an action that can be
measured through a
person's behavior.

In the context of discussing love and affection, we as Muslim individuals cannot escape from the matter regarding our love and affection to our Creator and His Messenger

Prophet Muhammad
sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam.

Allah Subhaanahu
Wata 'aala has sent down His
Messenger to mankind to
guide them to the True Path
through his teachings and

actions. The question is,
what is the form of love that
we must manifest and prove
to Prophet Muhammad
sallAllahu ‘alayhi wasallam
in our daily lives?

Let's imagine the type of love that Rasulullah *sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam* had for his *ummah*. He *sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam* was blessed by Allah *Subhaanahu Wata 'aala as*

having great love and passion
that is genuine and sincere for
his *ummah*. He *sallAllahu*
'alayhi wasallam had
expressed his love with loving
words that are pure and
original, as in the love of a
father for his son.

The sign of his deep love for
his *ummah* can be internalized
from his deep concerns when
mankind are gathered in the
Mah-shaar, waiting for their
turn to be judged by Allah
Subhaanahu Wata'aala

upon all of their deeds. It is then that Rasulullah *sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam* will start pleading to Allah *Subhaanahu Wata 'aala* so that his *ummah* will be lightened off their load and freed from the torment of the Fire.

How amazing! It is not his spouse, family, relatives, Companions, or wealth that he *sallAllahu ‘alayhi wasallam* had concerns for, but instead his *ummah*.

Going back to original the question, how should we manifest our deep love for

Prophet Muhammad

sallAllahu ‘alayhi wasallam
in our daily lives?

Definitely, among the things
that we should have or prove
in our sincere love for the
Messenger *sallAllahu*
'alayhi wasallam are:

1- Instilling deep love and attachment with utmost *ikhlaas* for the Prophet *sallAllahu ‘alayhi wasallam*. This is to be inculcated and nourished in our hearts above all, at all times.

On the authority of Anas
radiyAllaahu ‘anh, Rasulullah
sallAllaahu ‘alayhi wasallam
said:

“None of you will have faith till he loves me more than his father, his children and all mankind.” (al-Bukhaari and Muslim)

This is the type of love that we should take example and emulate from our pious predecessors, whom loved the

Prophet *sallAllahu ‘alayhi wasallam*, just like the love of the *Ansaar* in Madeenah

while awaiting the arrival of
the Prophet *sallAllahu ‘alayhi
wasallam* during the *Hijrah*.
Take heed, for if the love for
Rasulullah *sallAllahu ‘alayhi
wasallam* is not nourished in
our hearts,

then this will cause us to
spare no effort in learning,
appreciating, and emulating
the life of our beloved
Messenger *sallAllahu
'alayhi wasallam* in our
daily lives.

2- Always willing to defend the honor of Prophet Muhammad *sallAllahu ‘alayhi wasallam* from any slander or defamation, whether physically or verbally. Such was the example of Zayd bin Harithah *radiyAllaahu ‘anh*

who was willing to give his life
in defending the Prophet
sallAllahu ‘alayhi wasallam
from being injured by the
people of Ta’if during their
da‘wah to the people in that
locality.

Let us internalize the love that the Companions had, such as that of Talhah and Abu Dujaanah *radiyAllaahu 'anhum*, whom used their bodies as shields in protecting the Messenger *sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam* from being

struck by the enemy's arrows
during the battle of Uhud.

Let us reflect upon the diligence
of Hassan bin Thabit
radiyAllaahu 'anh in defending
the Prophet *sallAllahu 'alayhi
wasallam* with prominent lines
of poetry and eloquence.

Therefore, are we willing enough to defend the nobility of Rasulullah *sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam* and his teachings, whether physically or with the tongue, as it was courageously done by his Companions *radiyAllaahu 'anhum ajma'een?*

3- Always willing to defend
the *sunnah* of Nabi
Muhammad *sallAllahu*
'alayhi wasallam. The
ummah that loves the
Prophet *sallAllahu 'alayhi*
wasallam will always stand

up to defend his *sunnah*. They will inculcate and emulate his lifestyle as their model and way of life. They are ever willing to champion all of his teachings and strive to curb all of his prohibitions.

Allah Subhaanahu Wata ‘aala
mentions in al-Qur’ān:

*“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.”*

(al-Hashr 59:7)

4- Always sending *salawaat* (blessings) upon the Prophet *sallAllahu ‘alayhi wasallam*.

This is from among the manifestation of our love for him, as mentioned in a *hadeeth*. On the authority of

Abu Hurayrah *radiyAllaahu 'anh*, Rasulullah said *sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam*:
“He who invokes blessings on me once, Allah sends ten blessings upon him.”

(Muslim)

The *ummah* that loves their Prophet *sallAllahu ‘alayhi wasallam* would be willing to sacrifice their wealth and lives in upholding the cause and message brought by their Prophet *sallAllahu ‘alayhi wasallam* that is upholding

the *kalimah* of Allah on this earth. The *ummah* that loves their Prophet *sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam* would always remain obedient to the Commands of Allah and His Messenger,

and also abstaining from
His prohibitions.

However, if we closely
observe the lives of some
of the Muslims nowadays,
they are engrossed

and obsessed in glorifying the celebrities, artists, athletes, and certain personalities as icons and role models. They are willing to spend lots of time and wealth, sacrificing their time

and energy just to imitate the lifestyle of their celebrated icon or superstar. They would express love and affection by diligently searching for itsy bitsy details on the

lives of their favorite icon,
as if that is the lifestyle
that is upon Truth. At the
same time, there are also
Muslims that questions the
nobility and teachings of

the Prophet *sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam*. They would even dispute the status of *ahaadeeth* and some of them would blatantly reject them!

It is high time for us as
Muslim *ummah* to change
our worldview and lifestyle
towards fully emulating the
ways of Prophet
Muhammad *sallAllahu*
'alayhi wasallam.

Let us all take the Prophet
sallAllahu ‘alayhi

wasallamas the best model to
be imitated in our daily lives.

Ingrain and implant in us the
true love for Rasulullah
sallAllahu ‘alayhi wasallam.

Let us all become an *ummah*
that is always proud and
diligent in following the
steps of our beloved
Messenger *sallAllahu*
'alayhi wasallam in every
aspect of our lives.

For example, the way we eat and drink, greeting each other, daily interactions, entering and exiting the toilet, and even the higher administrative matters such economic activities,

governance, and international relations. Take heed for the completeness of one's *imaan* is dependent upon the depth and intensity of the love for Rasulullah *sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam.*

*“Say, [O Muhammad], “If
your fathers, your sons,
your brothers, your wives,
your relatives, wealth
which you have obtained,
commerce wherein you
fear decline,*

*and dwellings with which
you are pleased are more
beloved to you
than Allah and His
Messenger and jihad in
His cause, then wait
until Allah executes*

*His command.
And Allah does not guide
the defiantly disobedient
people.”*

(at-Tawbah 9:24)

Conclusion:

1- *Ummah* that loves their Prophet *sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam* would be willing to sacrifice everything in upholding

the cause and message
brought by their Prophet
*sallAllahu ‘alayhi
wasallam* that is
upholding the *kalimah* of
Allah on this earth.

2- The *ummah* that loves their Prophet *sallAllahu ‘alayhi wasallam* would always remain obedient to the Commands of Allah and His Messenger, and also abstaining from His prohibitions.

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ وَنَفَعَنِي
وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ
وَتَقْبَلَ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتُهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ
الْعَلِيمُ. أَفُوْلُ قَوْلِيْ هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ لِيْ
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وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ
إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ

**O Allah, You are the Almighty
Lord, we are grateful unto You
for having bestowed upon us
Mercy and Blessings, nourishing
us to strive to continue in
strengthening the Muslim nation
especially the state of Selangor,
as an advanced, progressive,
peaceful, and benevolent state.**

We beseech and beg You, Ya
Allah, to strengthen our *imaan*,
increase our good deeds,
strengthen our unity, increase
our provision, enrich us with
beneficial knowledge, nourish
our soul with beautiful *akhlaaq*,
guide us to the Path that is
Pleasing to You,

protect us from Your severe tribulations such as the long drought, severe flooding, disease outbreak, violence and instability, poverty, and others, so that our land will become more peaceful and blessed.

Oh Allah, we ask You to open up the hearts of the Muslim *ummah* especially in Selangor, to fulfill their *zakaat* obligation as You had decreed in al-Qur'an. Bless the lives of those who have fulfilled their *zakaat* obligation, loving and caring for the poor and needy.

Purify their wealth and soul so
that they will live according to
that which pleases You. Protect
the poor and needy from
disbelief and everlasting poverty.

Allaahumma ameen



DI SEDIAKAN OLEH :

BAHAGIAN KHUTBAH,

JABATAN AGAMA ISLAM SELANGOR

ILLUSTRASI OLEH :

UNIT TEKNOLOGI MAKLUMAT,

JABATAN AGAMA ISLAM SELANGOR