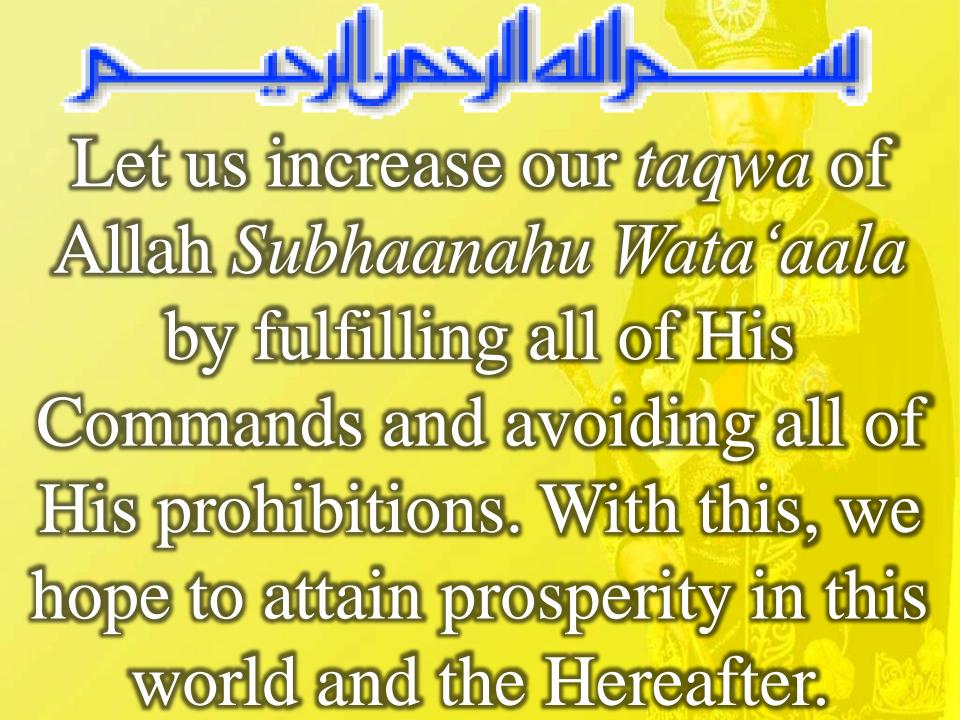




JABATAN AGAMA ISEAM SELANGOR

A SPECIAL SERMON COMMEMORATING THE SPECIAL DAY FOR HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS YANG DI-PERTUAN AGONG



In conjunction with the anniversary of His Royal Highness Yang Di-Pertuan Agong for 2011, as fellow Malaysians, let us pray to Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala for the well-being of His Royal Highness Yang Di-Pertuan Agong.

May Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala always grant His Royal Highness with tawfeeq, 'inaayah, good health, and peace. We ask Allah to bless this beloved nation with peace, stability, and harmony for all time, ameen.

We pray that everyone dwelling in this nation lives in harmony, with happiness and unity. That the leaders will always adhere, surrender,

and obey to the Will of Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala in their effort of nation building, while upholding al-Qur'an and as-Sunnah as the primary reference for all matters.

On this blessed day, let us all together contemplate on our leadership position as the khalifah of Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala on this earth. Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala has made us from different nations and tribes.

Everyone needs each other in fulfilling the daily affairs. Thus, mankind would need one leader in their community so as to administer and supervise the lifestyle according to the laws that has been preordained.

For this, Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala had sent down 313 Messengers to this world, beginning with Prophet Adam 'alayhissalam and concluded by Prophet Muhammad sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam. They came after one another in leading and

guiding mankind as His ummah. The Messengers had genuine leadership characteristics that was required by Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala namely siddeeg (truthful), amanah (trustworthy), tableegh (conveying), and fatonah (wise).

These four characteristics are necessary and crucial for any individual in leadership position or as a Messenger, in becoming a versatile leader to his ummah.

The essential characteristics that are required for every leader according to Islam are: 1- Having imaan and taqwa of Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala, which includes manifesting noble akhlaaq.

- 2- Knowledgeable with outstanding intellect.
- 3- Thorough understanding and comprehension of the very role and responsibility of a leader. Having humility and adherence to religious rulings, including understanding of the cultural

norm of the society. Charismatic leaders are those that deem position as a very challenging and heavy responsibility. The higher the level, the heavier the responsibility shouldered.

It begins by leading one's own self then as the leader of the family, even further, to become the leader of the community, state, nation, and entire world.

Obtaining awesome leadership that is successful and blessed by Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala requires mutual cooperation and understanding between the leader and those being led. The leader must be honest in every

and the people must be obedient to their leader. In this regard, Rasulullah sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam had reminded the leader through the narration of Ma'qil bin Yasaar radiyAllaahu 'anh:

"If Allah appointed anyone ruler over a people and he died while he was still treacherous to his people, Allah would forbid his entry into Paradise."

(Muslim)

To the people, Rasulullah sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam had advised them, as mentioned in the narration of 'Abdullah radiyAllaahu 'anhuma: "A Muslim has to listen to and obey (the order of his ruler) whether he likes it or not,

as long as his orders involve not one in disobedience (to Allah), but if an act of disobedience (to Allah) is imposed one should not listen to it or obey it."

(al-Bukhaari)

The presence of a strong leader having the cooperation and full allegiance of the people will lead to a harmonious, advanced, and successful society, that is blessed by Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala.

How significant it is in having obedience to the authority, as Allah *Subhaanahu Wata 'aala* mentions in al-Qur'an:

"O you who have believed, obey Allah and obey the Messenger and those in authority among you"

According to Tafseer al-Maraghi, this verse explains the need to obey Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala by implementing the teachings of al-Qur'an and conformance to the sunnah of Rasulullah sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam,

for he sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam had provided explanation for mankind regarding every matters that were revealed for them. Obedience to the ulil amri refers to the king, those in authority, the 'ulamaa',

military commanders, all leaders and prominent luminaries that are highly regarded by the society in administering their affairs and public interest. When the leader has made a decision, then it becomes waajib to be obeyed,

under the condition that the leader possess the characteristics of amanah and not opposing Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala and His Messenger sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam.

The ruling in obeying ulil amri is waajib, as it was shown by 'Umar radiyAllaahu 'anh in establishing offices and other needs for the greater benefit of the ummah. These forms of administration and

specialization did not exist during the time of Rasulullah sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam. The opinion of 'Umar radiyAllaahu 'anh was accepted by the Companions and none of them objected at the time.

Sayyid Qutb mentioned that among the contributing factors to the strength of the Muslim ummah of the past was their "Rooh al-Islam" (Islamic spirit),

a source that radiates praise worthy attributes such as purity of heart, tranquility of the soul, courage, selflessness, and eagerness in attaining martyrdom.

Let us reflect and self-evaluate ourselves. Let us rectify our actions and path of life. We still have al-Qur'an and Hadeeth with us. The 'ulamaa' and people of knowledge are still here to lead our course of lives.

The leaders are steadily administering the affairs of this land. Let us commit to do better from today onwards. May we become the exemplary ummah that is successful.

Let us become citizen with obedience and loyalty for they will lead to unity and strength within the *ummah*.

"You are the best nation produced [as an example] for mankind. You enjoin what is right and forbid what is wrong and believe in Allah. If only the People of the Scripture had believed,

it would have been better for them. Among them are believers, but most of them are defiantly disobedient."

(Aali-'Imraan 3:110)

بارك الله لي وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيْمِ وَنَفَعَنِي وَالنَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيْهِ مِنَ الأَيَاتِ وَالذَّكْرِ الْحَكِيْمِ وَتَقَبَّلَ وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيْهِ مِنَ الأَيَاتِ وَالذَّكْرِ الْحَكِيْمِ وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنَّا لَمُ لِي مَا فَيْهِ مِنَ الأَيَاتِ وَالذَّكْرِ الْحَكِيْمِ وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنْ يَا لَمُ لِي مَا فَوْلَ مَنْ عَلَيْهُمْ لِلْاَوَتَهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيْمُ. أَقُولُ مَنْ عَنْ مَا مَا يَا لَمُ لَكُمْ لِللَّوَلَةُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيْمُ. أَقُولُ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيْمُ. قُولِيْ هَذَا وَأُسْتَغُفِرُ اللهَ الْعَظِيْمَ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِيْنَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِيْنَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ الأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالأَمْوَاتَ فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيْمُ

O Allah,

The most merciful god, we thank you for all the mercy and pleasure that you gave so that we can enhance and strengthen our Islamic country especially Selangor as a developed and peaceful country.

O Allah, We beg you to increase our practice, brace up our unity, give us prosperous life, make us rich with good knowledge, flourish our soul with noble character, bring back our youngsters to the right path, save us from your biggest test

as huge flood, drought, epidemic, disputing between ourselves, poorness and anything else so that this country will be more prosperous and blessed.



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