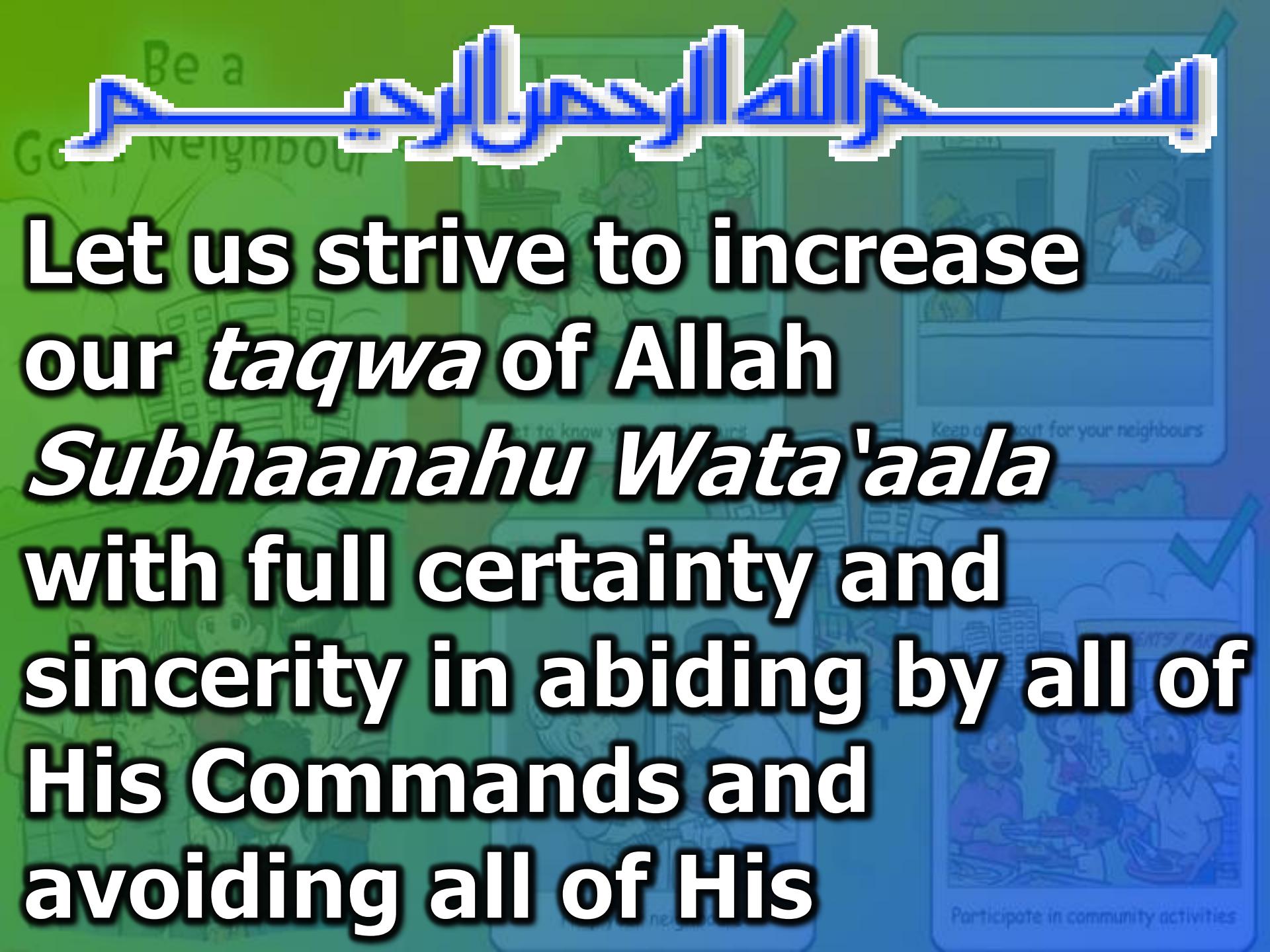




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JABATAN AGAMA ISLAM SELANGOR

How Are Your NEIGHBORS ?



Let us strive to increase
our *taqwa* of Allah
Subhaanahu Wata'aala
with full certainty and
sincerity in abiding by all of
His Commands and
avoiding all of His

prohibitions. May we become an *ummah* that is always bestowed with the Shade and Mercy of Allah in this world, and *maghfirah* (forgiveness) in the Hereafter.

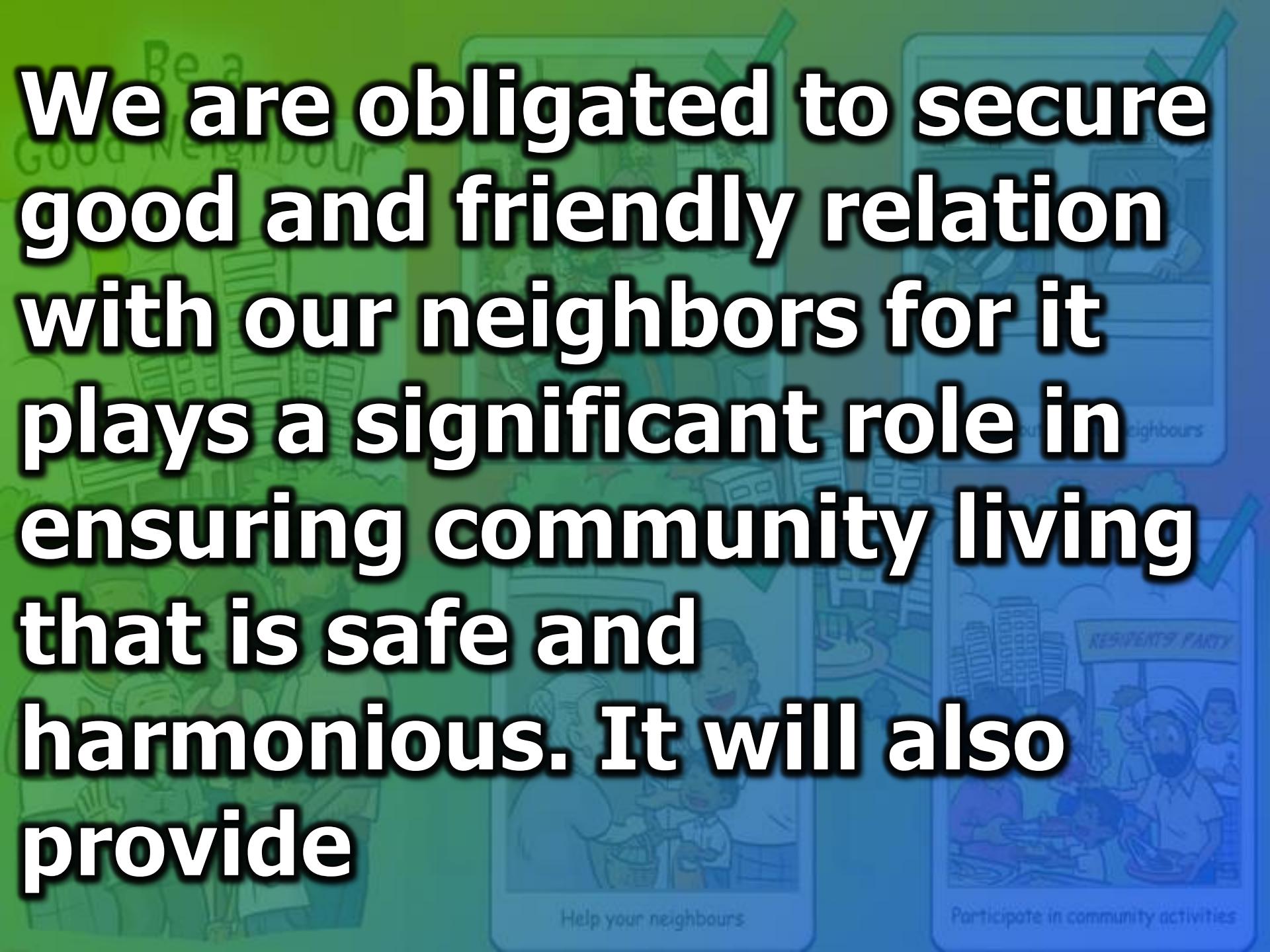
**Islam heavily emphasize
on neighborly relations
for it is part and parcel
of the way of life in
Islam. Hence, let us
internalize upon this
week's *khutbah* entitled:**

“How Are Your Neighbors?”

It is the nature of the human life that they would require mutual aid from each other. Of course, such aid and help

would be expected from those nearest to us. Aside from friends and relatives, those that are closest to us that play significant role in providing assistance are the neighbors.

We are obligated to secure good and friendly relation with our neighbors for it plays a significant role in ensuring community living that is safe and harmonious. It will also provide



facilitation, ease, tranquility, and a way out for any difficulty or problem. Hence, Islam stipulates that the neighbors also have their rights upon us that are to be fulfilled. Our neighbors must

be treated with respect
and politeness just as how
we would love our own
family.

It was narrated from Jaabir
bin 'Abdillaah *radiyAllaahu*
'anh that Rasulullah
said:

صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ

Help your neighbours

Participate in community activities

“Neighbors are of three kinds. Firstly, the neighbor who enjoys only one right (and as far as rights are concerned) he is of the lowest grade. Secondly, the one who enjoys two rights, and thirdly the neighbor who enjoys three rights”

(al-Bazzaar and Abu Nu'aym: da'eef)

The three categories of the neighbors' rights mentioned in the *hadeeth* are:

1. Neighbors entitled to one rights, namely the rights of neighbors only, for the non-Muslims and

non-relatives.

2. Neighbors entitled to two rights, namely the rights of neighbors and the rights of Islam, referring to the Muslims.

3. Neighbors entitled to three rights, namely the rights of neighbors, the rights of Islam, and the rights of kinship.

The role of the neighbors in our lives is truly great and undeniable, especially with the location of our residential area being in the urban area. Our homes that are only separated by the

concrete wall provide a solid argument (proof) that we are to preserve *silaaturrahm* (ties of brotherhood) amongst mankind. In fact, Islam solidifies the status of the neighbors by stipulating

that neighbors are those
40 homes in front of us,
40 homes behind us, and
40 homes on our right
and left, as firmly stated
by Prophet Muhammad

صلى الله
عليه وسلم ▪

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**Having good neighbors
actually begins with us.
We would greet them, aid
each other, inquire about
their well being, sharing
food and provision
whenever we have extra,
and providing**

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assistance when they are afflicted with difficulties.

Abu Hurayrah *radiyAllaahu 'anh* reported: Rasulullah said:

“... Let him who believes in Allah and the Last Day

**be generous to his
neighbor..."**

(Agreed Upon)

**In an atmosphere such as
Malaysia where there is a
diverse society with
different ethnicities and
faith, it is**

very possible that our next-door neighbor is a non-Muslim. Therefore, this is the time for us to manifest the beauty of Islam with tolerance, cooperation, and personal characteristics as a

**Muslim that is always
submissive and obedient
to his religion. Actions
that contradict the *Shara'*
must be avoided so that
the image of Islam will
not be tarnished in their
very eyes.**

Therefore, time and career constraint is not an excuse for us to not exchange greetings in strengthening our brotherhood. Let us throw out our ego and selfishness for our neighbors

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would be the ones that we truly need in times of difficulty. When faced with an emergency situation, unfortunately with the spouse working outstation and the relatives are too far

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away, while needing urgent help, definitely the aid of the neighbors are most welcomed. However, how would this actually happen if we have never even uttered a single word to our next-door

neighbor?

In addition, the rights of respecting the neighbors includes not hurting them emotionally such as making loud noise in the night, including raising the

speakers' volume high that it is blasting out loud outside the mosque area during activities inside the mosque, that it disturbs the neighbors living nearby, except for the *adhaan* (call to prayer).

Moreover, there are also those that are very passionate about karaoke that it becomes deafening to the ears, those cranking up their vehicle with loud exhaust noise, blocking

the pathway with their parked vehicles, leaving their pet animals' defecation to litter around that it suffocates the nose, and dumped waste that would cause diseases.

Narrated Abu Shurayh

radiyAllaahu'anhu:

Rasulullah ﷺ said:

“By Allah, he does not believe! By Allah, he does not believe! By Allah, he does not believe!”

It was said, “Who is that,
O Allah's Messenger?”

He said, “That person
whose neighbor does not
feel safe from his evil”

(al-Bukhaari)

**Caring attitude towards
the neighbors is a highly
admirable culture.**

**Laudable behavior such
as accommodating,
respectful, and pleasant
speech such as greeting
when seeing each**

other are necessary elements in creating harmonious atmosphere amongst neighbors. The cordial relationship established will enable us to further interact with one another that we

become cooperative and open in accepting criticism. Hence, facilities that are to be shared can be utilized in the best manner. However, all these will not happen if we are still engrained with

selfishness and isolating ourselves just like "*kera sumbang*" (secluding oneself from others) or "*enau dalam belukar melepaskan pucuk masing-masing*" (lacking togetherness, everyone busy)

in their own world).

Therefore, let us altogether internalize and exercise open-mindedness, tolerance, understanding, forbearance, exchanging views, focusing on the commonalities, and

**strengthening broken
relationship with full
wisdom and love.**

**In short, the characteristics
of a good neighbor is to
always greet others, visiting
others, lending a hand, and
helping one another. On the
contrary, avoid being**

prejudice, jealousy, envy,
slander, and others that
would only ignite the
flame of hatred and strife.

Narrated Abu Dharr al-
Ghifaari *radiyAllaahu'anhu*:
Rasulullah ﷺ said:

صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ

“...If you buy some meat or cook something in a pot, then increase its broth, and serve some of it to your neighbor”
(at-Tirmidhi: *hasan saheeh*)

In another *hadeeth*, ibn 'Abbaas *radiyAllaahu 'anhu* reported that Rasulullah ﷺ said:

“A man is not a believer who fills his stomach while his neighbor is hungry”

**(al-Bukhaari's al-Adab al-Mufrad:
saheeh)**

As such, the neighbors are so crucial in our lives that it is as if they would inherit from our rights and possession, as mentioned in the *hadeeth* of

*ibn 'Umar radiyAllaahu
'anhu where Rasulullah*

صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ said:

“Jibreel kept on
recommending me about
treating the neighbors in
a kind and polite manner,

so much so that I thought
that he would order (me)
to make them (my) heirs”

(al-Bukhaari and Muslim)

Furthermore, safeguarding
the tongue from
instigating, gossiping, and
slander must

be duly emphasized for it
is feared that they can
severe the relationship
amongst the neighbors
and incurring Allah's
Wrath. The Malay proverb
goes "*Kerana Pulut
Santan Binasa,*

Kerana Mulut Badan Binasa"(because of the sticky rice, the milk is perished; because of the tongue, the body is destroyed). Rasulullah had even given an

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**explanation in this regard
to a man who asked:**

**“O Rasulullah! A certain
woman prays in the night,
fasts in the day, acts, and
gives *sadaqah*, but injures
her neighbors with her**

tongue.” The Messenger of Allah ﷺ said, “There is no good in her. She is one of the people of the Fire”

(ibn Hibbaan, al-Bazzaar, al-Haakim, Ahmad, al-Adab al-Mufrad: saheeh)

As precious gems to be taken and practiced after we complete today's Friday prayer, let us review the conclusion from this *khutbah*, namely:

1. The Muslim *ummah* must strengthen their *silaaturrahm* and expand their brotherhood amongst mankind including their fellow neighbors.

2. The Muslim *ummah* is forbidden from hurting the neighbors' feelings and avoid all negative traits.

3. The Muslim *ummah* must always project themselves and manifest the noble image of Islam to members of other faiths.

Thus, let us solidify the *ukhuwwah* (brotherhood) that has been constructed. Indeed, good neighbors are complement to the blissfulness and harmony that we currently enjoy.

May the good
neighbors continue to
become our neighbors
in Paradise, *aameen.*

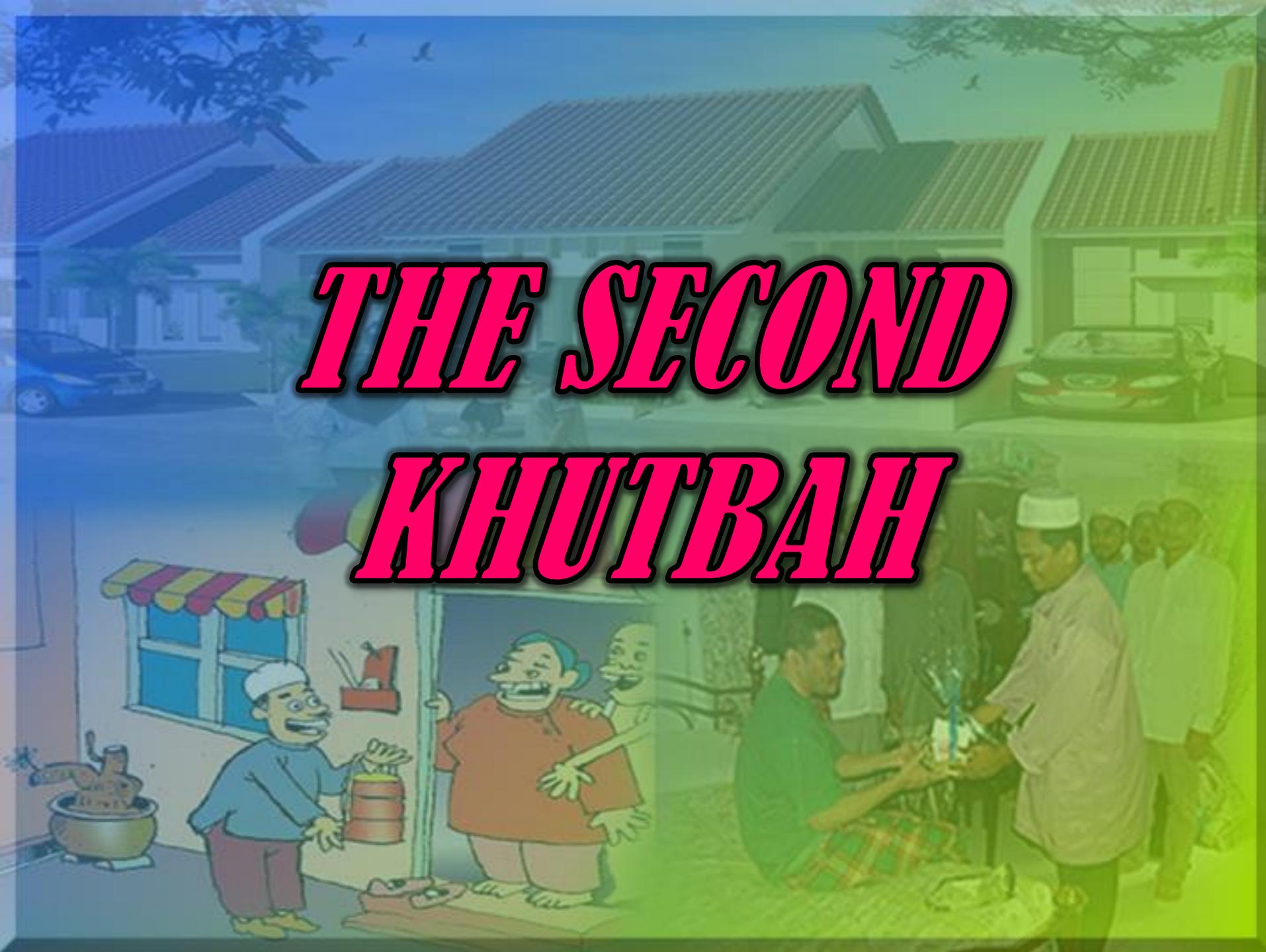


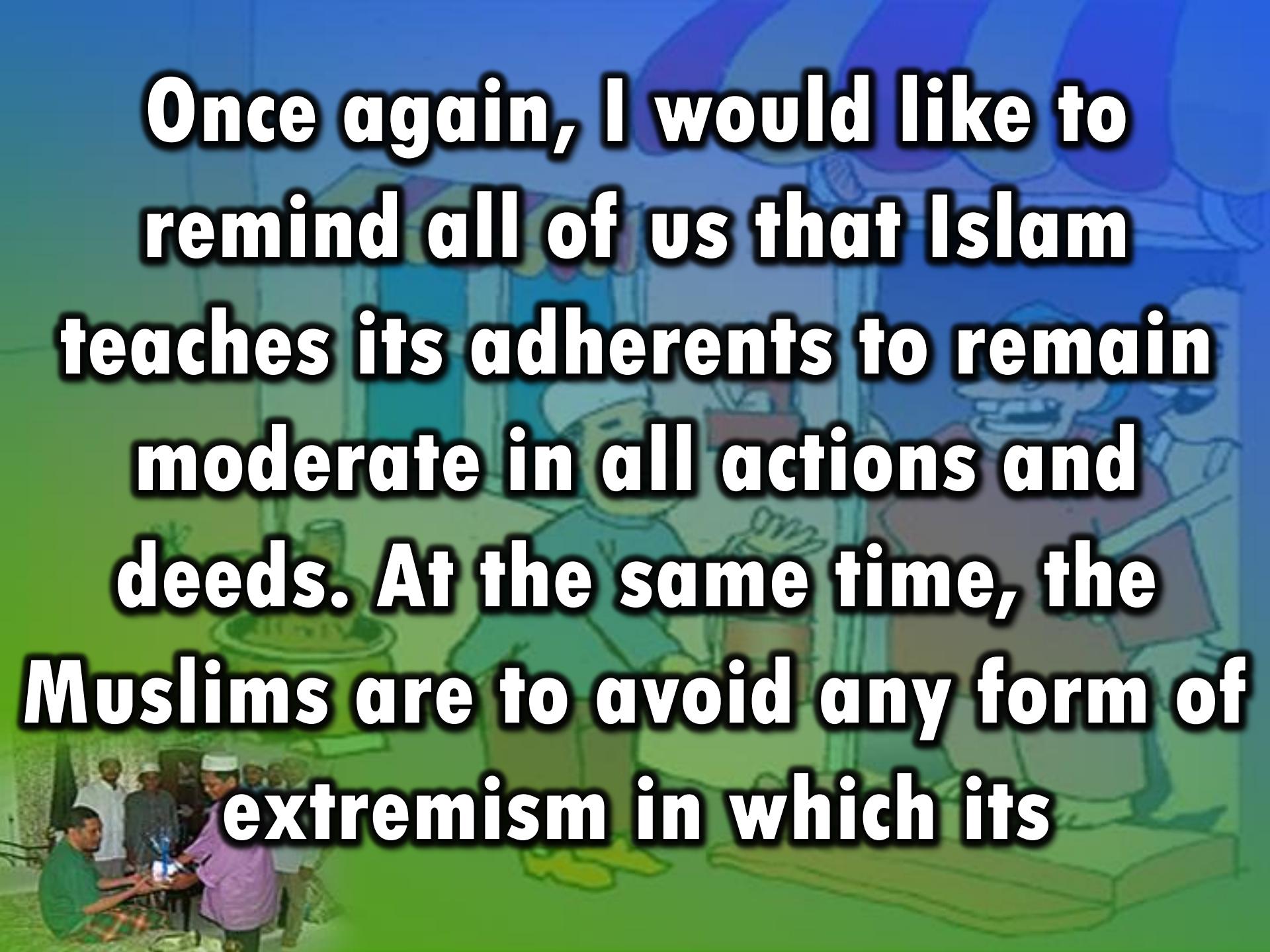
“Worship Allah and associate nothing with Him, and to parents do good, and to relatives, orphans, the needy, the near neighbor, the neighbor farther away, the companion at your side, the traveler, and those whom your right hands possess. Indeed, Allah does not like those who are self-deluding and boastful”

(an-Nisaa' 4:36)

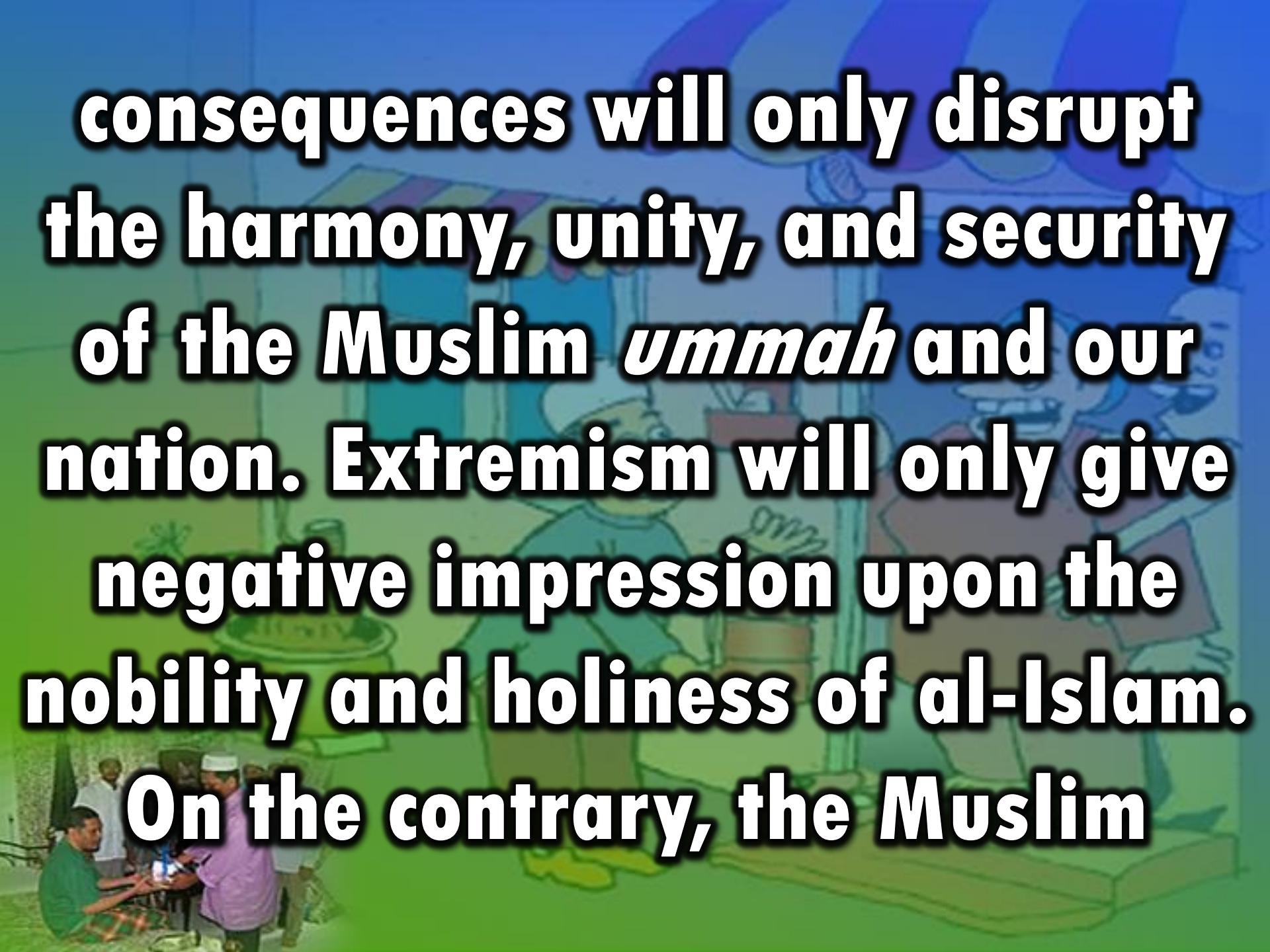
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THE SECOND KHUTBAH





Once again, I would like to remind all of us that Islam teaches its adherents to remain moderate in all actions and deeds. At the same time, the Muslims are to avoid any form of extremism in which its



consequences will only disrupt the harmony, unity, and security of the Muslim *ummah* and our nation. Extremism will only give negative impression upon the nobility and holiness of al-Islam. On the contrary, the Muslim

***ummah* must inculcate noble
akhlaaq, having utmost
personality and attitude as true
Muslims so that the world will
know that Rasulullah ﷺ was
sent down as a messenger, and
Islam that was revealed is mercy**

**for the entire nation and
universe.**



**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**

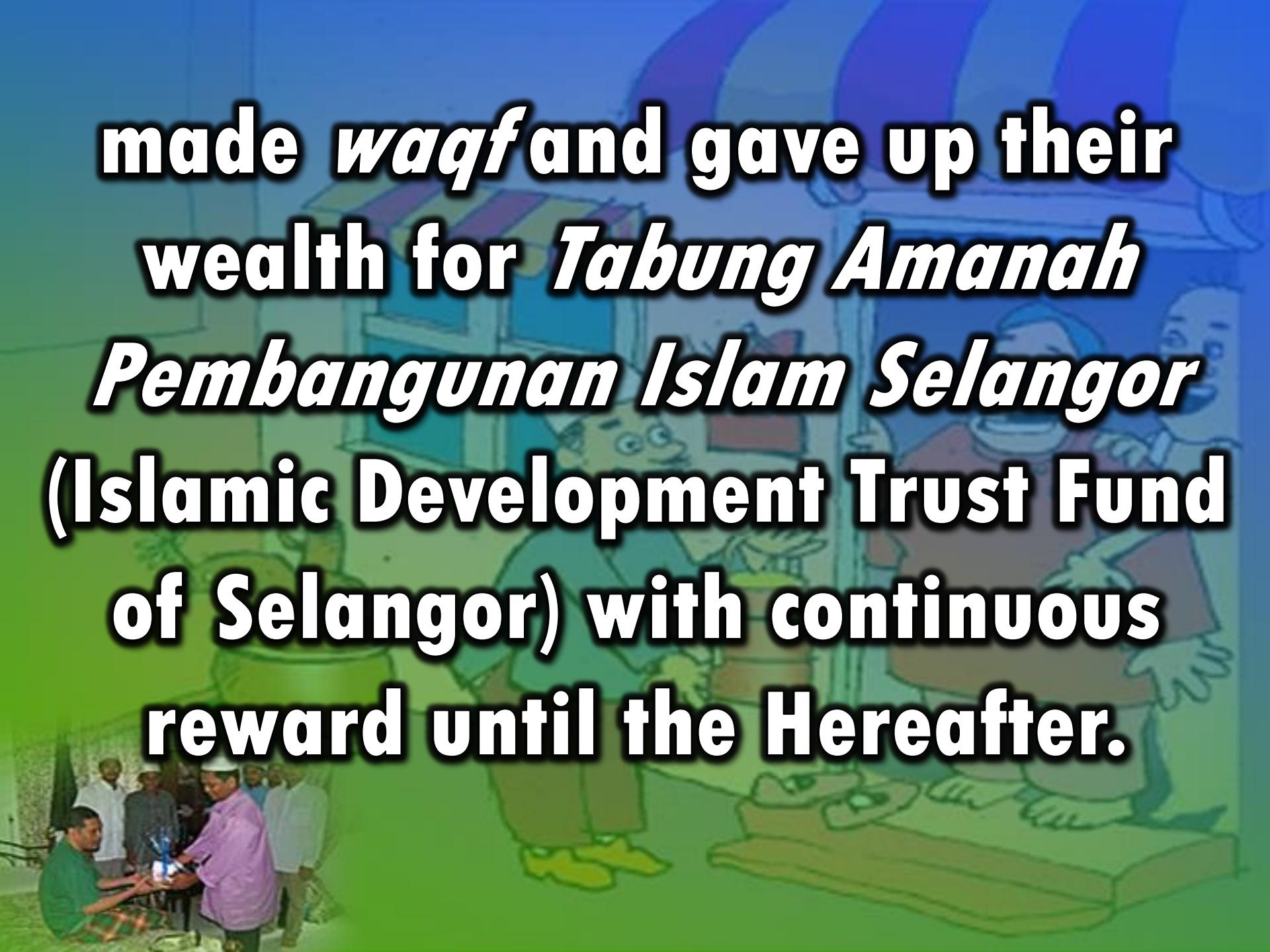
**advanced state, prosperous, and
providing welfare.**

**Hence, we sincerely beseech you,
O Allah, strengthen our *imaan*,
accept our deeds, strengthen our
unity, increase our *rizq*, 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,
so that our nation will become
more peaceful and filled with
blessings.**

**O Allah, we sincerely beseech you,
strengthen our beliefs according to
the creed of *Ahlus Sunnah wal-*
Jamaa'ah, and protect us from
deeds and '*aqeedah* that are
astray such as the extreme
Shee'is, *Qadiyani*, and other
ideologies.**

O Allah, open up our hearts in fulfilling the five daily prayers, performing *zakaat*, and other obligations. Bless those that have fulfilled their *zakaat* and loving the *fuqaraa'* and *masaakeen*, and those that have



made *waqf* and gave up their wealth for *Tabung Amanah Pembangunan Islam Selangor*

(Islamic Development Trust Fund of Selangor) with continuous reward until the Hereafter.

**O Allah, increase and widen
the *rizq* of those that made
waqf from their wealth with
perpetual rewards until the
Last Day.**





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