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JABATAN AGAMA ISLAM SELANGOR

DHIKRULLAAH

NURTURES

AKHLAAQ AND

REFORM LIVES



I remind myself and my
beloved audience to strive to
increase our *taqwa* of Allah

Subhaanahu Wata 'aala by
fulfilling all of His Commands
and avoiding all

of His prohibitions. Indeed, the noble ones in the Sight of Allah *Subhaanahu Wata ‘aala* are those having utmost *taqwa*, for *taqwa* is the apex of humanity that will elevate one in attaining

favorable and absolute
judgment from Allah

Subhaanahu Wata ‘aala. Taqwa
will cause the Muslim to be
ennobled by Allah *Subhaanahu*
Wata ‘aala always.

Let us have *istiqaamah* in
fulfilling the *Sharee'ah* that
was decreed by Allah

Subhaanahu Wata'aala, for the
sake of attaining the pleasure
of Allah *Subhaanahu*
Wata'aala

so that we will always attain
barakah and success in this
world and the Hereafter,
inshaa Allaah. The title of
today's *khutbah* is:
“*Dhikrullaah Nurtures
Akhlaaq And Reform Lives.*”

Dhikrullaah is the remembrance of Allah upon the tongue and through actions, whether *zhaahir* (external) or *baatin* (internal). By having the *dhikr* of Allah, we will

always maintain that connection with Allah *Subhaanahu Wata‘aala.*

Indeed, this is from among the characteristic of those having *taqwa*. Truly, *dhikr* has a very wide scope,

which encompasses all actions,
whether external or internal,
for as long as it alludes to the
remembrance of Allah. This
includes when we utter the
word Allah *Subhaanahu
Wata'aala*

specifically, performing the obligatory and supererogatory *salaah* especially during the last third of the night, fasting, fulfilling *zakaah*, reciting al-Qur'an, seeking knowledge

that are *fard al-‘ayn* and *fard al-kifaayah*, making *du‘aa*,
avoiding acts of disobedience,
seeking *halaal* provision,
pondering and reflecting upon
the creations of Allah

Subhaanahu

Wata ‘aala, while glorifying and exalting Him at the same time. Allah *Subhaanahu Wata ‘aala* mentions in al-Qur'an:

“Who remember Allah while standing or sitting or

[lying] on their sides and give thought to the creation of the heavens and the earth,
[saying], “Our Lord, You did not create this aimlessly;
exalted are You [above such a thing]; then

**protect us from the
punishment of the Fire.””**

(Aal-‘Imraan 3:191)

Making *dhikr* has its *adaab* that must be observed. Among them is to pronounce phrases such as “*Laa ilaaha illAllaah*” in its proper way, making *dhikr* while the heart and emotions are in the state

of purity and cleansed. While making *dhikr*, we can feel the greatness and mightiness of Allah *Subhaanahu Wata ‘aala*. Furthermore, the *dhikr* should be done with a low

voice, sufficient to be heard by the doer alone. We are to make *dhikr* with utterances that are authentically reported from al-Qur'an and *as-Sunnah*. These *adaab* must be adhered to so that

we can manifest the noble
akhlaaq and remain disciplined
while making *dhikr*, so as to
attain perfection in *dhikr*, in
accordance to the *sunnah* of
Rasulullah (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ).

With that, *inshaa Allaah* our dhikr will be accepted by Allah
Subhaanahu Wata ‘aala.

How is it that dhikr can nurture *akhlaaq*? The answer is very simple. Is it not the case that the one making *dhikr* is in the remembrance of Allah? If he remembers Allah, then it also means that

he is fully cognizant of the commands and *Sharee'ah* ordained by Allah. The *akhlaaq* and behavior of one that is vigilant and fearful of disobeying Allah definitely will be unwilling to resort to

anything contradicting His Commands. This was the practice of Rasulullah (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ), his Companions *rādiyAllaahu ‘anhu ajma‘een*, and also those that truly love Allah and Islam.

We will find such phenomenon
when we truly study the lives
of Rasulullah (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ), his
Companions, and the
muttaqoon.

When one is in the constant remembrance of Allah *Subhaanahu Wata ‘aala*, he will have certainty with all decree determined by Allah *Subhaanahu Wata ‘aala*. This will make him honest,

trustworthy, responsible,
disciplined, and always
upholding noble values in his
interactions with the society
such as having patience,
compassion, and loving
towards everyone and

all creatures existing on earth.

Hence, the one in constant *dhikr* will truly taste and enjoy tranquility that will enable them to fulfill their responsibility as a slave that is always seeking the

pleasure of Allah *Subhaanahu Wata ‘aala*. Therefore, definitely the noble *akhlaaq* will be nurtured. If one is always making *dhikr* but at the same time commit acts of

disobedience, then definitely something is not right with such person. Hence, something is to be done such as *muhaasabah* or self-evaluation in seeking the root cause.

When virtuous *akhlaaq* is cemented, then *inshaa Allaah* life will transform for the better, in accordance with the *Sharee'ah*. Such is because among the effects of those in constant *dhikr* is that

Allah *Subhaanahu Wata 'aala*
will protect them from matters
that He hates. They will be
able to control their *hawaa*
(desire) to always performing
good deeds only.

Moreover, they will be able to control themselves from temptations of *iblees* and *shayaateen*. Those in constant *dhikr* will be able to revive their hearts and, *inshaa Allaah*,

spared from negligence and heedlessness, for their hearts will always remain pleased, *qanaa'ah* (satisfied), and satiated with whatever provision and *qadr* (decree) bestowed by Allah

Subhaanahu Wata ‘aala. Dhikr
can be done in various forms
except for the prohibited areas
such as in the toilet. The one
making *dhikr* does not need to
relinquish his daily affairs,

thus affecting his source of income for his livelihood.

Furthermore, one can still remain in *dhikr* while engaging in daily affairs. This is the misunderstanding that must be corrected so that

the life of a Muslim will
always remain in the
remembrance of Allah, for the
sake of attaining His Pleasure
Subhaanahu Wata'aala.

As an overview of today's
khutbah, the Muslims are
recommended to:

1- Always remain in the
remembrance of Allah, so that
Allah will always remember
us, so remember

Him always.

- 2- Perform daily *adhkaar* (plural of *dhikr*) and incorporating *dhikr* as part of our daily affairs, at all times.
- 3- Seek tranquility through *dhikr* and obedience to Allah

Subhaanahu Wata ‘aala.

“So remember Me; I will
remember you. And be
grateful to Me and do not
deny Me.”

(al-Baqarah 2:152)

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ وَنَفَعَنِي
وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ وَتَقْبَلَ
مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاقَتِهِ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ. أَقُولُ
قَوْلِي هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ لِي وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ
الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ
الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ
بِإِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ

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

**upholding Islam. The Muslim
ummah should become the
exemplary nation that brings
mercy to the entire 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 *masaakin*, 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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