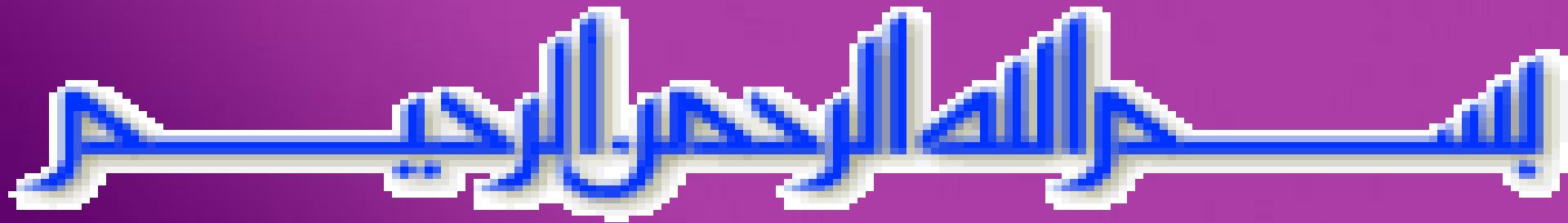




THE IMPORTANCE OF SALAAH IN OUR DAILY LIVES



I implore all of us to strive to
increase our *taqwa* of Allah
Subhaanahu Wata'aala by
fulfilling all of His Commands
and abstaining from all of His
prohibitions.

Let us increase our
remembrance of Allah
Subhaanahu Wata‘aala and
salawaat and *salaam* upon our
beloved Prophet Muhammad
sallAllahu ‘alayhi wasallam.

We should always strive to implement all of his *sunnah* in our daily lives. Indeed, with these efforts we truly hope that we will attain benefit in this world and in the Hereafter.

The topic of today's *khutbah*
is "*The Importance Of
Salaah In Our Daily Lives.*"

Salaah (prayer) is the second pillar of Islam that is *waajib* upon the Muslims, after the *shahaadah* (testimony of faith).

Salaah was legislated during *Israa'* and *Mi'raaj*, a major event that Rasulullah

sallAllahu ‘alayhi wasallam
undertook. The daily obligated
salawaat (pl. of *salaah*) are to
be performed at its prescribed
times, as it was mentioned in al-

Qur'an:

“And when you have
completed the prayer,

remember Allah standing,
sitting, or [lying] on your sides.

But when you become secure,
re-establish [regular] prayer.

Indeed, prayer has been
decreed upon the believers a
decree of specified times.”

(an-Nisaa' 4:103)

The ‘ibaadah of salaah has its own significance and it is closely related with the human lives. From among its importance that can largely influence our daily lives is that salaah helps to develop

noble *akhlaaq* and character. *Salaah* can affect one's soul to have virtuous *akhlaaq*. When *salaah* is performed with *istiqaamah* (steadfastness), then the soul will experience a change from a bad state to the better.

With *salaah*, one will learn about *sabr*, tranquility, politeness, and gentleness while in the state of *salaah*. Indirectly, this deed actually provides *tarbiyyah* for its doer, instilling good moral character and *akhlaaq* in his daily lives.

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

“Indeed, mankind was created
anxious: When evil touches
him, impatient,

**And when good touches him,
withholding [of it], Except the
observers of prayer - Those
who are constant in their
prayer.”**

(al-Ma‘aarij 70:19-23)

The ‘ibaadah of salaah can help safeguard its doer from committing *munkar* and sinful acts, and succumbing to their lustful desire. When salaah is performed with completeness and *khushoo’*,

it can overwhelm the soul to submit and abide by the commands of Allah

Subhaanahu Wata‘aala. At the same time, it can help prevent its doer from immoral conducts and guide

him to the path of righteousness and virtuous character. In this regard, it was narrated that Prophet Shu‘ayb ‘alayhissalam had once commanded his people to perform *salaah*

for it will drive them to do good and prevent *munkar*. Hence, his people responded, as it was mentioned in al-Qur'an: “They said, “O Shu‘ayb, does your prayer command

you that we should leave what our fathers worship or not do with our wealth what we please? Indeed, you are the forbearing, the discerning!""

(Hood 11:87)

From among the importance of *salaah* is that it provides a way out for the believers when faced with hardship or difficulty.

Indeed, it is undeniable that every one of us will be tested in our lives,

whether in wealth, safety,
hunger, and many others.

Therefore, *salaah* is perhaps the
most effective way for the slave
to sought aid and protection
from Allah *Subhaanahu
Wata'aala.*

With *salaah*, the soul of the believer will remain calm and tranquil, that they will wade through the trials and tribulations with resilience and *tawakkul* in Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala*.

When Rasulullah *sallAllahu ‘alayhi wasallam* was overwhelmed with grief and pressure due to the onslaughts of the *mushrikeen*, Allah *Subhaanahu Wata ‘ala* had

commanded for him to establish
salaah and *dhikr*
(remembrance) of Him. This is
as Allah *Subhaanahu Wata ‘aala*
has mentioned in al-Qur’ān:

“And We already know that your breast is constrained by what they say. So exalt [Allah] with praise of your Lord and be of those who prostrate [to Him].”

(al-Hijr 15:97-98)

In addition to that, *salaah* is deemed as an opener or a means that helps to facilitate in attaining our *rizq* (provision).

As His believing slaves, we must accept the fact that all the *rizq*

bestowed upon us all originated from Allah *Subhaanahu Wata‘aala*. Only He Alone has the rights to provide sustenance unto whomever He wills, and only He Alone has the rights

to withhold *rizq* from whomever He wills, as He *Subhaanahu Wata'aala* mentions in al-Qur'an:

“And if only the people of the cities had believed and feared Allah,

We would have opened upon them blessings from the heaven and the earth; but they denied [the messengers], so We seized them for what they were earning.”

(al-A‘raaf 7:96)

Verily, those having their *rizq* withheld, it is solely due to their own wrongdoing, not having fulfilled the rights of Allah *Subhaanahu Wata ‘aala* upon them.

Therefore, for each of one of us
that profess *imaan* unto Him, it
is *waajib* to fulfill the rights of
Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala*
by performing the '*ibaadah* of
salaah and others obligated,

so that the *rizq* that was
ordained by Allah *Subhaanahu
Wata'aala* will be easily
attained and blessed by Him.
Indeed, *salaah* is the rights of
Allah *Subhaanahu*

Wata ‘aala having the utmost importance to be fulfilled by us.

Neglecting *salaah* or abandoning it altogether only means that we have belittled

the rights of Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala*. Those that do so will definitely endure the severe torment and punishment from Him Almighty. Among the ramifications of

neglecting and abandoning
salaah are:

- 1- Considered as having committed *kufr* and becoming *munaafiq*.
- 2- Considered as those opposed by Rasulullah

sallAllahu ‘alayhi wasallam

until they establish their *salaah*.

3- The heart will be darkened
and deprived of the light of
guidance from Allah

Subhaanahu Wata‘aala.

4- Wealth gained will be void of *barakah*, and instead becomes a cause for one's damnation.

Aside from those, the most feared matter when one abandons the '*ibaadah* of

of *salaah* is dying in the state of
soo'ul khaatimah (bad ending).
It was narrated that Rasulullah
sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam
saw a man praying, not
completing his *rukoo'* properly,

and pecking in his *sujood*, so he
sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam said:
“Were this man to die in this
state, he would die on a faith
other than that of
Muhammad...”

(Abu Ya‘laa, al-Aajuri, al-Bayhaaqi, at-Tabaraani, ibn
‘Asaakir, ibn Khuzaymah: *saheeh*)

The conclusion drawn from today's *khutbah* is that the obligation of *salaah* in reality is not a burden upon us all.

Instead, it entails many merits and importance that are beneficial in our

daily lives. Among the benefits and virtues of *salaah* are:

1- It helps us, our families, and our communities to raise a generation having upright character and *akhlaaq*.

2- It helps us to address various issues that can destroy the society such as bribery, murder, theft, adultery, and other social vices.

3- It can help motivate us to remain steadfast in wading through the tribulations and challenges that comes our way.

4- It is primarily the ultimate key in attaining *rizq* that are *halaal* and blessed by Allah
Subhaanahu Wata ‘aala.

Therefore, let us altogether increase the quality of our *salaah* everyday so that our lives will become better and more complete, with blessings from Allah *Subhaanahu Wata ‘aala.*

“Do you not see that Allah is exalted by whomever is within the heavens and the earth and [by] the birds with wings spread [in flight]? ”

Each [of them] has known
his [means of] prayer and
exalting [Him], and Allah is
Knowing of what they do. “

(an-Noor 24:41)

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيْمِ وَنَفَعَنِي
وَإِيَّاكمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْأَيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ وَتَقَبَّلَ
مِنِي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاقُتُهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ. أَقُولُ
فَوْلِيْ هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيْمَ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ
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الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتَ 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. *Allaahummaa
ameen***



بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِيْمِ
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