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EMULATING THE LIVES OF THE COMPANIONS OF THE MESSENGER

(صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ)



I would like to remind myself
and blessed congregation, to
always strive in increasing
our *taqwa* of Allah

Subhaanahu Wata 'aala by
fulfilling all of

His Commands and avoiding
all of His prohibitions.

Indeed, the most noble ones
in the Sight of Allah

Subhaanahu Wata ‘aala are
those having utmost *taqwa*
for it is the peak of servitude

that will cause one to attain
favorable judgment from
Allah *Subhaanahu Wata ‘aala.*
Today’s *khutbah* invites all of
us in: “*Emulating The Lives
Of The Companions Of The
Messenger (صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم)*.”

Let us together scrutinize the main characteristics of the *akhlaaq* of the Companions *radiyAllaahu 'anhum ajma 'een* especially those that were promised Paradise while they were still alive.

Let us examine from the aspects of obedience, adherence, and priorities of the Companions towards Rasulullah (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) in any situation, for the sake of upholding the teachings of

Islam. Indeed, the Companions had done all sorts of sacrifices and utmost efforts while aiding Rasulullah ﷺ in actualizing the teachings of Islam.

Those who were deemed as the *Sahaabah* (Companions) of Rasulullah (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) are those that lived in the same time with Rasulullah (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ), having met him, heard his voice, knows him personally,

having *imaan* and becoming his colleagues in the spread of Islam, and died in the state of Islam. The Companions are the best of generations. This is because they were blessed with the

opportunity to take knowledge directly, giving *da‘wah*, and performing *jihaad* along with

Rasulullah ﷺ (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) in

spreading the teachings of Islam. They were loved by

Rasulullah

صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ (عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) and Allah Subhaanahu Wata‘aala had chosen them as the Companions of the Messenger (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ).

The Companions of Rasulullah (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) whom were many were also comprised

of various ages. Their numbers according to the famous and generally mentioned account in books or narrations is in the range of 70 individuals. The list according to seniority

(priority) amongst the Companions of the Messenger ﷺ (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) was arranged based on their involvement in various aspects, among them military expeditions such as Badr and Uhud, or

their participation in various treatises such as the Hudaybiyah and Bay‘ah ar-Ridwaan.

What are the main characteristics within the personality of the

Companions of Rasulullah ﷺ that had made them excellent, distinct, eminent, and highly respected that they are to be emulated and followed? Among the positive and good traits of

the Companions of Rasulullah
(صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم) were *ikhlaas*
(sincerity), purely hoping for
the pleasure of Allah,
adherence and obedience to
the Commands of Allah and
His Messenger, always ready

to sacrifice, placing high priority for *jihad*, ready to seek martyrdom in the battlefield, having good thoughts about Allah and His Messenger and others, having *yaqeen* (certainty),

taqwa, devotion, honesty,
trustworthy, patience, firm,
taa 'ah (obedience), forgiving,
forbearing, hardworking,
helpful, always calling
towards good and forbidding
evil, always

accepting and referring to al-Qur'an, performing supererogatory fasting, having *istiqqaamah* with every deed including the *sunnah* acts and many more.

Most of the Companions of Rasulullah (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) possess noble personalities of utmost quality. Furthermore, some had went on to become the *khaleefah*, governor, *wazeer*, military chief, community

leader, officials and regular officers, however they would still emphasize on the importance of giving one's best effort when serving the community. Indeed, with such deed, the society will

feel that Islam is a religion that is *ummah*-friendly, with all of its ordainments being easy to be fulfilled and less burdening.

Amongst the Companions, the most important ones among them according to the *hadeeth* narrated by Jaabir bin ‘Abdullah *radiyAllaahu ‘anh* where Rasulullah (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) said:

**“Allah chose my
Companions over
everything else in
existence except for the
Prophets and the
Messengers. He chose**

four of them for me; Abu Bakr, ‘Umar, ‘Uthmaan and ‘Ali. He made them my best Companions, and all of my Companions are good.”

(al-Bazzaar and ad-Daylami)

The Companions of Rasulullah (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) manifested how they truly loved, cared, and always prioritized upon the commands or requests from Rasulullah (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ), all for the sake of Islam.

In simple terms, the Companions *radiyAllaahu 'anhum ajma 'een* were always keen and prepared to do anything mentioned by Rasulullah (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ), for the sake of Islam.

These noble traits will be displayed and manifested by any of the Companions of Rasulullah (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ), especially the ten that were given the glad tidings of Paradise and also other great Companions.

This in itself was acknowledged by Rasulullah ﷺ (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) and mentioned explicitly by Allah Subhaanahu Wata ‘aala in al-Qur’an.

Allah Subhaanahu Wata ‘aala mentions in

al-Qur'an:

“And the first forerunners
[in the faith] among the
Muhajireen and the *Ansaar*
and those who followed them
with good conduct - Allah is
pleased with them

and they are pleased with
Him, and He has prepared for
them gardens beneath which
rivers flow, wherein they will
abide forever. That is the
great attainment.”

(at-Tawbah 9:100)

From the sincerity of the outer
and inner deeds of the
Companions of Rasulullah
(صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم), it is also radiated
through their utterances which
reflect their high level of
imaan and *taqwa*.

Let us ponder upon some of those words of wisdom from the four Companions. Based on the words of wisdom that history has recorded, it evidently showed their solid certainty upon the lives in

the Hereafter that is everlasting. Moreover, with the realization of such *amaanah* that is to be fulfilled with full responsibility, they would hasten to fulfill them.

Even though the Companions
had the opportunity to reap all
the fortune, rank, and status,
all of those things did not
cause them to become
negligent upon their very role
and

responsibility as the slaves and
vicegerents of Allah

Subhaanahu Wata ‘aala on this
earth.

Among the words of wisdom
from these four important
Companions are:

1. Abu Bakr as-Siddeeq
radiyAllaahu ‘anh: “*If I am
upon the right path, then
assist me, but if I deviate,*

*then admonish me!
Truthfulness is an amaanah
(trust), while falsehood is
khiyaanah (treason)! ”*

2. ‘Umar ibn al-Khattaab
*radiyAllaahu ‘anh: “In
fulfilling my duty, the Holy*

*al-Qur'an is my guidance
and I will follow the footsteps
of Rasulullah (صلی اللہ علیہ وسّلہ) and Abu
Bakr radiyAllaahu 'anh.
Therefore, I will need help
from all of you.”*

3. ‘Uthmaan ibn ‘Affaan
radiyAllaahu ‘anh: “*In the
Hereafter, there will be severe
torment for those that
transgressed against Allah
and forgiveness with Allah’s
Pleasure for those*

*that obeyed Allah's
Commands, so what is so
great about this worldly life
other than mere fake
pleasure."*

4. ‘Ali radiyAllaahu ‘anh:
“The true Muslim is one who utilizes his tongue and limbs to uphold the truth, not making the blood of Muslims halaal except for those that Sharee‘ah has

*prescribed, and compete
with each other in
performing good deeds.”*

We have been taught not to
curse or abuse the

Companions of Rasulullah

(صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم) because they were very

noble and honest in
performing good deeds.

Indeed, Rasulullah (صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم) had

forbid us from cursing his
Companions

*radiyAllaahu ‘anhum
ajma‘een.* Therefore, let us not
ever insult any of the
Companions of Rasulullah
(صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) in any way or form for
it

is not our place to dispute their credibility and solid belief.

On the authority of Abu Hurayrah *radiyAllaahu 'anh*,
Rasulullah (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) said:

**“Do not abuse my
companions for if any one of
you spent gold equal to
Uhud (in Allah's Cause) it
would not be equal to a
Mudd or even**

a half *Mudd* spent by one of
them.”

(al-Bukhaari, Muslim, at-
Tirmidhi, Abu Dawood, ibn
Maajah)

Indeed, the Companions had done all their might and anything they could in defending the honor and nobility of al-Islam.

From the *hadeeth* of al-Baraa' bin 'Aazib

radiyAllaahu ‘anh, Rasulullah

(صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) said:

“None loves the *Ansaar* but a
believer, and none hates
them but a hypocrite. So
Allah will

**love him who loves them,
and He will hate him who
hates them.”**

(al-Bukhaari and Muslim)

Let us derive important
lessons from the history of the
lives of the Companions of
Rasulullah (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ), among
them:

1- The Muslim *ummah* must
emulate and practice the

noble values that were embedded in the lives of the Companions, which were truly manifested while Rasulullah ﷺ (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) was still living among them.

2- The Muslim *ummah* must possess virtuous traits and characteristics like the Companions, with a high level quality of self-confidence that drove them to do anything whether in

their energy, resources, time, wealth, and life, fighting for the cause of Islam. The nobility, sincerity, and *mujaahadah* (steadfastness) that they displayed was truly amazing.

3- The Muslim *ummah* must strive to learn and practice the ways of the lives of the Companions in their *da‘wah* efforts to spread the *risaalah* of al-Islam.

4- The Muslim *ummah* should never, not even once, to abuse or insult any of the Companions of Rasulullah *ridwaanullaahu ‘alayhim ajma‘een.*

“And [also for] those who
were settled in al-Madinah
and [adopted] the faith
before them. They love those
who emigrated to them and
find not any want in their
breasts of

what the emigrants were given but give [them] preference over themselves, even though they are in privation. And whoever is protected from the stinginess of his soul

**it is those who will be the
successful.”**

(al-Hashr 59:9)

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ وَنَفَعَنِي
وَإِيَّاكمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْأَيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ
وَتَبَّقَّلَ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتُهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ
الْعَلِيمُ. أَقُولُ قَوْلِيْ هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ
لِيْ وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ
وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ الْأَجَيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ
وَالْأَمْوَاتِ فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ
إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ

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 the *Tabung Amanah Pembangunan Islam Selangor* (Islamic Development Trust Fund of Selangor) with continuous reward until the Day of Judgment.



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