



BUILDING A FAITHFUL FAMILY



Let us increase our *taqwa* of Allah
Subhaanahu Wata'aala by
fulfilling His Commandments and
avoiding His prohibitions. We
sincerely hope that indeed this will
benefit us in this world and the
Hereafter.

Islam has positioned the family as a support system for mankind for care, security, tranquility, and happiness in life. It is a bounty that is bestowed by Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala* unto mankind. This is as it has been mentioned in al-Qur'an:

**“And Allah has made for you
from yourselves mates and has
made for you from your mates
sons and grandchildren and has
provided for you from the good
things. Then in falsehood do they
believe and in the favor of Allah
they disbelieve?”**

(an-Nahl 16:72)

Family is indeed an *amaanah*
from Allah *Subhaanahu*
Wata 'aala that must be
safeguarded and nurtured
carefully. Our offspring is an
amanaah from Allah
Subhaanahu Wata 'aala and the
husband or father is the one

responsible for the upbringing
of the family in attaining a
blissful life in this world and the
Hereafter.

The authentic knowledge of the
deen within us serves as a
fortress that is capable of
deflecting any challenges while

we wade through our lives nowadays. It also provides a guideline for us so we would not deviate from reaching the ultimate objective of this life.

Without authentic Islamic knowledge, we would definitely become lost and hopeless,

without the right aim and objective. Thus, the main responsibility of the husband and wife as parents in building a faithful family is providing adequate Islamic knowledge based on authentic sources. This Islamic education and

upbringing must emphasize on
these aspects:

1- Emphasis on Qur'anic
studies, for it is one miracle that
can soften and develop the
imaan of the faithful. Allah
Subhaanahu Wata'aala
mentions in al-Qur'an:

“The believers are only those who, when Allah is mentioned, their hearts become fearful, and when His verses are recited to them, it increases them in faith; and upon their Lord they rely.”

(al-Anfaal 8:2)

2- Emphasis on the *sunnah* of
Rasulullah *sallAllahu ‘alayhi
wasallam* for each of his *sunnah*
is upon the *Sharee‘ah* of Allah
Subhaanahu Wata‘aala, as
mentioned in al-Qur‘an:

“... And whatever the Messenger has given you – take; and what he has forbidden you – refrain from. And fear Allah; indeed, Allah is severe in penalty.”

(al-Hashr 59:7)

3- Emphasis on knowledge pertaining to '*aqeedah* and *akhlaaq*, which elaborates the affairs in the lives of the Muslims.

4- Emphasis on the knowledge of *fiqh* (jurisprudence) whether in *'ibaadah*, *mu'ammalah*, or *siyaasah* (politics). With sound understanding of *fiqh*, the Muslim will be able to identify and distinguish between the truth and falsehood,

furthermore avoiding from
falling into ignorance, error,
immoralities, and disobedience
to Allah *Subhaanahu
Wata'aala*. In a *hadeeth*
narrated by Mu'awiyah
radiyAllaahu 'anh:

**I heard Allah's Messenger
sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam
saying, "If Allah wants to do
good to a person, He makes
him comprehend the religion,**

**(understanding of al-Qur'an
and *as-Sunnah*). I am just a
distributor, but the grant is
from Allah '*azza wajall...*'**

(al-Bukhaari)

Raising a faithful family is not an affair to last for one or two days only, but instead to last for the entire lifetime. Hence, one will definitely encounter trials and tribulations. Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala* mentions in al-Qur'an:

**“And know that your
properties and your children
are but a trial and that Allah
has with Him a great reward.”
(al-Anfaal 8:28)**

The success of the parents in raising a family of believers will set the tone for their children in following their parents' footsteps as they will one day build their own family, *insha Allah*. Therefore, parents must provide excellent exemplary

at all times in raising their children. This is crucial as it has direct influence on the lifestyle of the generation that succeeds them, and more to come. In addition, the moral decadence that we witness nowadays will surely escalate,

having significant impact on the corrupted *akhlaaq* of the next generation. It is unfortunate today that we find some parents are negligent and have failed miserably in becoming good role models for the youth.

As a result, their progenies had to pay the price for their heedlessness. This is akin to the adult crab that teaches its young to walk straightforward while they themselves walk sideways, as the Malay adage goes.

The modern lifestyle of today has further made the role and responsibility of the parents in building a faithful family even more difficult and challenging.

Today's generation has been exposed to tremendous amount of foreign culture and influence,

which are mostly negative (un-Islamic) by nature. They can be easily accessed in the market, malls, on television, and on the Internet. As a consequence, these youthful souls whom are not instilled with *imaan* in their hearts are deprived of guidance

and further deviated from the correct Islamic teachings. When the guidance is gone, then it becomes easy to resort to criminal behaviors such as murder, foundling, and many others.

All these vices would not have appeared if the youthful souls are nurtured and embedded with strong *imaan* towards Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala* from the beginning. So, let us provide excellent exemplary to our children so as to build a happy

family with strong imaan
towards Allah *Subhaanahu*
Wata'aala. Among the steps that
can be taken:

1- The parents must manifest
good self-discipline in front of
their children especially in
matters pertaining to *'ibaadah*

such as *salaah*. Indeed, the parents' influence plays a crucial role in the effort to discipline the children.

2- The parents must treat each of the family members with good morals and manners. This approach will further attract the

children, making it easy for them to emulate their parents. In reality, good mannerism is a valuable asset to be instilled in oneself and the children.

3- The parents must display great level of responsibility and commitment to the children.

Parents with high tendency to neglect their responsibilities toward their children and family will only cause their progeny to distance themselves from their parents.

In conclusion, it is the very duty and responsibility of the parents to continuously monitor their children's lives at all times, hoping that they will not succumb to the devil's deceptions and evil whispers of the desire that always lead to

mischief. Indeed, such responsibility is not only for this world for it will surely be questioned by Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala* in the Hereafter.

**“O you who have believed,
protect yourselves and your
families from a Fire whose
fuel is people and stones, over
which are [appointed] angels,**

**harsh and severe; they do not
disobey Allah in what He
commands them but do what
they are commanded.”**

(at-Tahreem 66:6)

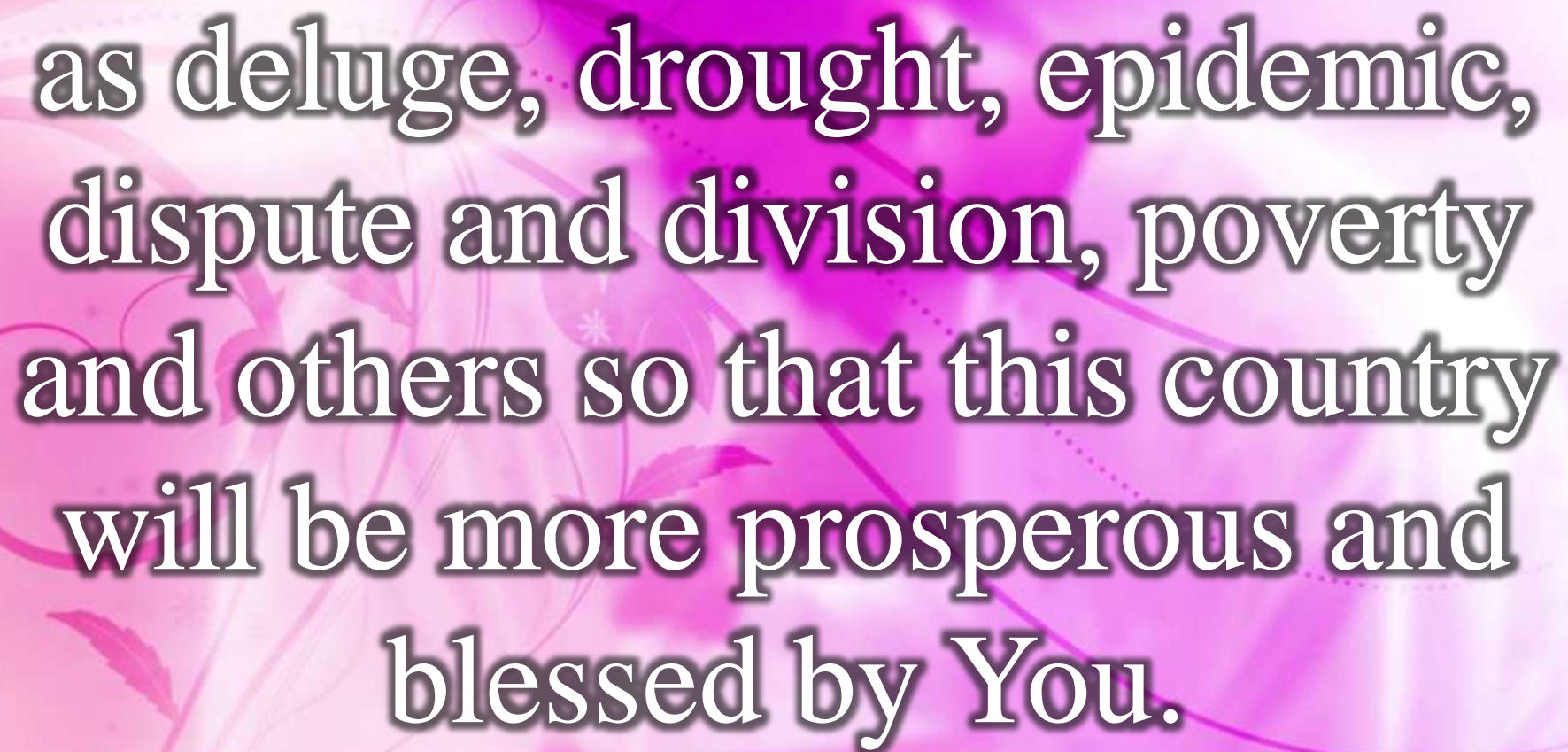
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إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ

O Allah,

The Most Merciful, we thank
You for all Your Mercy and
Pleasure that enable us to
enhance and strengthen our
Islamic states, especially
Selangor, as a developed and
peaceful state.

O Allah,

We beg you to increase our good practice, strengthen our unity, grant us prosperous life, enrich us with beneficial knowledge, flourish our souls with noble character, return our youngsters to the right path, save us from Your biggest test such

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as deluge, drought, epidemic,
dispute and division, poverty
and others so that this country
will be more prosperous and
blessed by You.



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JABATAN AGAMA ISLAM SELANGOR

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