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LIFE IN THE OLD AGE



Let us increase our *taqwa* of
Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala*
by fulfilling all of His
Commands and avoiding all of
His prohibition.

May we all be among those
that are granted *barakah* in this
world and the Hereafter,
ameen.

The topic of today's *khutbah* is
“Life In The Old Age.”

The 1st of October has been declared annually as the International Day of Older Persons (by the UN). This day is designated to commemorate and recognize the services and sacrifices

made by the senior citizens for their religion, nation, and community. With this Seniors Day, it implicitly reminds us that everyone will indeed reach his or her old age, by the Will of Allah *Subhaanahu Wata‘aala.*

Whether we like it or not,
whether we want it or not, we
must accept the fact and reality
that the young will become old
after reaching a certain stage
that has been decreed by Allah.

Rasulullah *sallAllahu ‘alayhi wasallam* had reminded us and stated that those who do not respect the elders are not from among the Muslims, as it was narrated in a *hadeeth*:

**“He is not one of us who does
not show mercy to our young
ones and respect our old
ones.”**

(at-Tirmidhi, Abu Dawood,
Ahmad: *saheeh*)

This *hadeeth* stipulated as condition that Islam demands its adherents to respect and be kind to the elders, be it their parents, relatives, or anyone in their old age.

Respecting and appreciating the elders means that we are kind to them. It calls for us to obey them, have good conduct (*adaab*) with them, showing love and care with *ikhlaas*, without hurting

their feelings whether directly or not. From the beginning, Islam require Muslim children and the community to be respectful and kind to the elders, so what more with our own parents.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala*
mentions in al-Qur'an:

“And your Lord has decreed
that you not worship except
Him, and to parents, good
treatment.

Whether one or both of them
reach old age [while] with you,
say not to them [so much as],
“uff,” and do not repel them
but speak to them a noble
word.

And lower to them the wing of
humility the wing of humility
out of mercy and say, “My
Lord, have mercy upon them
as they brought me up [when I
was] small.””

(al-Israa' 17:23–24)

From this verse, it is evident to us that good treatment to our parents is actually *waajib*, after full servitude to Allah

Subhaanahu Wata 'aala. This means that children and the youth

can never disregard this very obligation and duty to their respective parents. Also, the heavy emphasis in being kind to the parents encompasses various aspects.

Nowadays, we see clearly the negligence in the responsibility towards the parents, truly manifested and increasing within our society. Many of the elderly are abandoned, neglected,

and some sent packing to charity and welfare homes.

Even saddening are children having no qualm in abusing and injuring their own parents.

Unfortunately, there

have even been cases where parents were murdered by their own children due to greed for money and wealth. According to the statistics from the Department of Social Welfare,

there were a total of 1436 senior citizens that were registered into welfare homes in 2010. This number had increased to 1804 persons in 2011.

Between January to July 2012,
a total of **2020** elderly people
were placed into various welfare
homes affiliated with the
Department of Social Welfare.
From them, **982** are Malay
Muslims.

From the overall figures, 19% are due to cases of negligence or abandonment by their own family. 26% of cases are due to problems with care or custody,

and 3% are due to abuse.

These numbers are truly staggering and worrisome.

More disheartening is the fact that some of the residents of these senior

homes have children having high positions and status, but yet willing to send their own parents to senior homes? Take heed, O Muslims! That the parents' love for their children will remain

throughout their entire lives, their sacrifices throughout day and night, without expecting any return, knowing that it is their own offspring that they carried for nine months. In one *hadeeth*, Rasulullah *sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam* said:

“There are three kinds of people that are cursed by Allah: the one that hates his parents, the one that separates between the husband and wife and

then marries the wife,
and the one that
incites hatred and
causes envy between
Muslims.”

(ad-Daylami)

Remember O Muslims, that the possessions that we have today, the wealth, occupation, status, comfort, and family, are all products of our parents' sacrifice. Without them, we will not

even experience this world. And without their advice and sacrifices, we will not own all these possessions. Therefore, it behooves us as the progeny to respect, obey, and be dutiful to our parents.

This is to serve as high
recognition and honor from the
offspring, and to recompense or
repay the favors of the parents.
Let us all manifest our feelings
of love and care for our parents
at all times.

Loving them is not limited to buying them gifts only, but to give our heart and soul to them.

Make them happy, seek their pleasure, and always make *du'a* seeking forgiveness for them.

Inculcate the culture of honoring and respecting the parents throughout our entire lives, not restricted to only certain times. We must realize that when parents are

not pleased with their children's vile behavior, then it will only incur the Wrath of Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala.* For as long as we are not pleasing to the parents,

we will continue to live in transgression and angering Allah *Subhaanahu Wata‘aala*. So, take this full opportunity and occasion to love our parents while they are still breathing in this world.

“And lower to them the wing of humility out of mercy and say, “My Lord, have mercy upon them as they brought me up [when I was] small.”

(al-Israa’ 17:24)

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيْمِ وَنَفَعَنِي
وَإِيَّاکُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْأَيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ وَتَفَبَّلَ
مِنِي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاقُتُهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ. أَقُولُ
قَوْلِيْ هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيْمَ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ
الْمُسْلِمِيْنَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِيْنَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ
الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ
بِإِنَّهُ 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. *Allaahumma ameen***



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