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SALAH: THE PILLAR OF RELIGION



Let us be grateful to Allah
Subhaanahu Wata'aala
for all the bounties that
He had bestowed upon us
by increasing our *taqwa*
of Allah, by fulfilling all of
His

**Commands and
avoiding all of His
prohibitions. May we
become among the
successful ones in this
world and the
Hereafter.**

In these blessed moments, let us render full attention and internalize upon a *khutbah* entitled “*Salaah: The Pillar Of Religion*”

Salaah (prayer) is waajib (obligatory) upon every Muslim individual. It is an obligation that was commanded by Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala almost 1500 years ago.

It was legislated five years before the Hijrah.

***Salaah* is a major obligation in Islam. It was due to the great importance of *salaah* that Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala* had raised up**

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Prophet Muhammad during the night of *Mi'raaj* to decree the legislation Himself without the intermediation of an angel just like in other 'ibaadaat. The obligation of *salaah*

remains and it is not removed from anyone who is a *mukallaf* (accountable for religious duties) for as long as he or she is still breathing and sane.

Salaah was originally

legislated during the *Israa'* and *Mi'raaj* at 50 times a day, but then reduced by Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala* to only five times per day, with its rewards maintained being equivalent

to 50 prayers.

Anas ibn Maalik
radiyAllaahu'an

narrated:

“On the Night of *Israa'*,
fifty prayers were made
obligatory upon the
Prophet (صلی الله علیہ وسلم). Then it
was

decreased until it was made five. Then it was called out: ‘O Muhammad! Indeed My Word does not change; these five prayers will be recorded for you as fifty’”

(hadeeth Qudsi collected by at-Tirmidhi: saheeh)

**The obligation of five daily
prayers was repeatedly
mentioned in al-Qur'an.**

Among them is this verse:

**“And establish prayer
and give zakaah and
bow with those who bow
[in worship**

**and obedience]"
(al-Baqarah 2:43)**

**Take heed, for the one
who abandons *salaah*
will be inflicted with
severe punishment or
torment from Allah
*Subhaanahu***

Wata'aala even in this world, at the time of death, in the grave, and in the Hereafter. The punishment in this world is that Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala will remove blessings from such

person's provision and signs of righteousness will be removed from the face. The torment when the soul is taken out of the body is the extreme feeling of thirst and pain. In the torment of the

grave, one would not be able to answer the questionings by the angels Munkar and Nakeer, hence the grave becomes narrow and dark. In the punishment of the Hereafter, the bad deeds will

**outweigh the good
deeds, incurring the
Wrath of Allah**

Subhaanahu Wata'aala
**and such person will be
sent to the Hellfire. Allah**
Subhaanahu Wata'aala
mentions in al-Qur'an:

**“[And asking them],
“What put you into
Saqar?” They will
say, “We were not of
those who prayed””**

(al-Muddaththir 74:42-43)

Take heed, for *salaah* is one of the five pillars of Islam. Hence one's Islam will not be complete unless all of its pillars are fulfilled, especially the *shahaadah* (testimony) and *salaah*.

As mentioned in the
hadeeth of 'Abdullah ibn
'Umar
radiyAllaahu'anhu
whom reported:
I heard the Messenger of
Allah (ﷺ) say,
“Islam has been built
on five [pillars]:

testifying that there is no deity worthy of worship except Allah and that Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah, establishing the *salaah* (prayer), paying the *zakaat*

(obligatory charity),
making the hajj
(pilgrimage) to the
House, and fasting
in Ramadaan”

(al-Bukhaari and Muslim)

Know that the legislated
five daily prayers
decreed by Allah

Subhaanahu Wata'aala
is an obligation that
must be fulfilled by
every Muslim individual,
for *salaah* is the pillar or

**foundation of Islam.
Which means that Islam
can only be upheld
within a person by
performing the '*ibaadah*
of *salaah* and one's
Islam vanishes when
salaah is abandoned.**

In addition, it must be known and internalized that *salaah* is a very significant '*ibaadah*' in a Muslim's daily life.

Hence, fortunate and secured are those that performed their *salaah* with

khushoo' (full devotion) and perfection. What a loss for those who abandoned their *salaah* for it is the first deed that will be judged by Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala* in the Hereafter and it will be

the crucial determinant
for the perfection and
acceptance of other
deeds.

Abu Hurayrah
*radiyAllaahu'an*h
reported: Rasulullah
said:

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**“The first matter that
the slave will be
brought to account for
on the Day of
Judgment is the
prayer. If it is sound,
then the rest of his
deeds will be sound.**

**And if it is
incomplete, then
the rest of his deeds
will be incomplete”**

**(*at-Tirmidhi, an-Nasaa'i,
at-Tabaraani: saheeh*)**

**Verily, the 'ibaadah of
salaah that was
obligated by Allah
Subhaanahu Wata'aala
upon us is solely for our
own good. Allah
Subhaanahu Wata'aala
will not gain from the
salaah that**

we perform, or will
**Allah Subhaanahu
Wata'aala** lose when
Muslims abandon them.
It is only mankind
themselves that would
lose out when
neglecting their *salaah*.

Therefore, *salaah* that is performed with sincerity, *khushoo'*, perfection, and purely seeking the pleasure of Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala*, it will produce wisdom to its doer. Among

the *hikmah* are:

1. The '*ibaadah* of *salaah* will remind the slave and take him closer to his Creator, Rabb al-Jaleel. Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala* mentions in

al-Qur'an:

“Indeed, I am Allah.

**There is no deity
except Me, so worship
Me and establish
prayer for My
remembrance”**

(Ta-Ha 20:14)

2- The five daily *salawaat* will expiate the minor sins. Abu Hurayrah *radiyAllaahu'anhu* reported: Rasulullah ﷺ

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“Five prayers and from one Friday prayer to (the

**next) Friday prayer is
an expiation (of the
sins committed in
between their
intervals) if major sins
are not committed”
*(Muslim)***

3- Salaah prevents evil and wicked deeds.

Through *salaah*, one will feel the greatness, grandeur, and glory of Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala*, as well as fearing and terrified from His Wrath,

which serves as deterrent from committing evil and wickedness. As Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala* mentions in al-Qur'an:

“...and establish prayer. Indeed, prayer prohibits

**immorality and
wrongdoing...”**

(al-'Ankaboot 29:45)

4- *Salaah* calms the soul. Those performing *salaah*, their hearts will feel the tranquil and calmness. Thus, they will be able to regulate their level of stress and depression.

**It is as Allah Subhaanahu
Wata'aala has explained
in al-Qur'an:**

**“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)**

5- *Salaah* will bring success, blessings, and blissfulness in life. Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala* mentions in al-Qur'an:

“Certainly will the believers have succeeded:

“Certainly will the
believers have
succeeded: They
who are during their
prayer humbly
submissive”
(al-Mu’minoon 23:1-2)

The lessons and contemplations that we can gain from today's *khutbah* are:

**1- The Muslim
ummah must place
great
importance to
perform their *salaah*
without any excuse.**

**2- We must
always ensure that
our *salaah* are
performed with
perfection and
khushoo'.**

3- We must always ensure that our family members are obedient and observant in performing their *salaah* on time.

**4- The Muslims
should not abandon
their *salaah* for it
will only incur the
Wrath of Allah and
severely punished in
the Hellfire of Saqar.**

“Maintain with care
the [obligatory]
prayers and [in
particular] the middle
prayer and stand
before Allah, devoutly
obedient”

(al-Baqarah 2:238)

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ وَنَفَعَنِي
وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ
وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتُهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ
الْعَلِيمُ. أَقُولُ قَوْلِيْ هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ
لِيْ وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ
وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ
وَالْأَمْوَاتِ فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ
إِنَّهُ 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 which its**

consequences will only disrupt the harmony, unity, and security of the Muslim ummah and our nation.

Extremism will only give negative impression upon the nobility and holiness of al-Islam. On the contrary, the Muslim

ummah must inculcate noble akhlaaq, having utmost personality and attitude as true Muslims so that the world will know that Rasulullah (صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم) was sent down as a messenger, and Islam that was revealed is mercy

**for the entire nation
and 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.**

○ 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*

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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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