



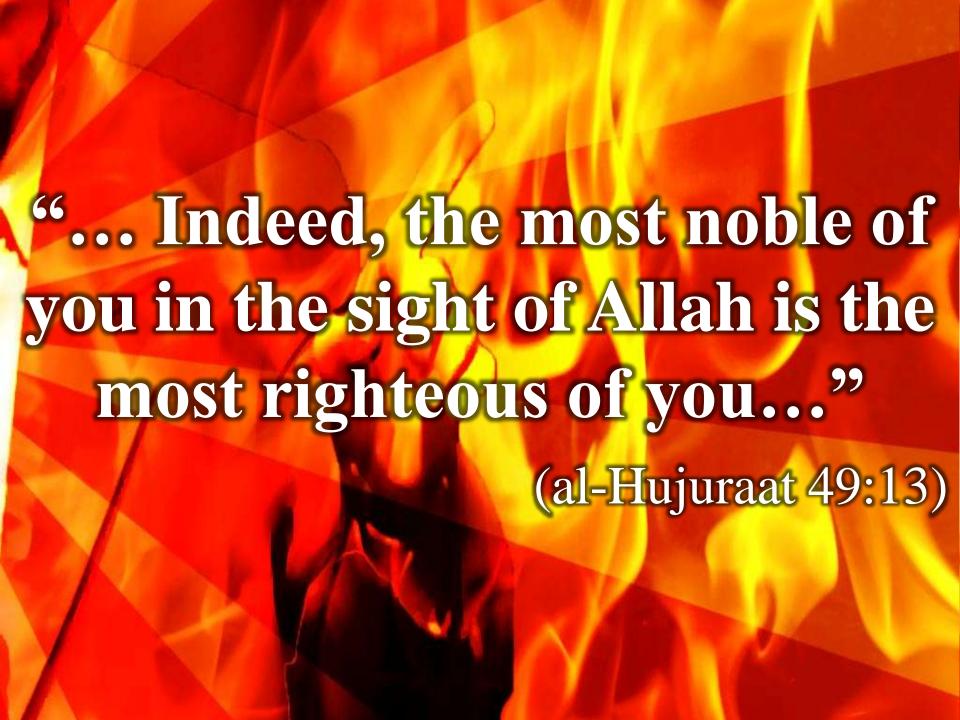
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I remind myself and the blessed congregation to always keep istigaamah in the deen of Islam. Let us have taqwa of Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala by fulfilling all of His Commands and avoiding all of His prohibitions.

Verily, the noblest ones in the Sight of Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala are those with the most taqwa. Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala mentions in al-Qur'an:



Today, we feel obliged to clarify the meaning and effect of fitnah that must be properly understood, as we truly desire happiness and the pleasure of Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala in this world, even more in the Hereafter.

Such is the concern, because there are those within the ummah that haphazardly proclaim statements of fitnah which clearly violates the Sharee 'ah. These irresponsible acts are done by individuals, groups, associations, and others.

Fitnah can be defined as spreading false news or lies about an individual due to enmity with evil motives. Fitnah can lead to division within community, causing disunity within ummah, eroding the akhlaaq, and degrading the

dignity of Islam. Fitnah can also lead to qazaf, which is defined as making accusation of zina or sodomy towards an individual without bringing forth four just and credible witnesses. Hence, the accuser has committed the crime of qazaf and fitnah.

Proving through public oath, which includes mubaahalah (swearing and invoking the curse of Allah upon those lied) or other materials, is completely irrelevant for they do not adhere to Sharee 'ah requirements.

Also included in this category are those that publicly expose others in various forms in accusing others of committing zina. They also have fallen into the crime of qazaf. Furthermore, those who believed and helped spread such fitnah,

have definitely sinned and can be punished for failing to prove their accusation according to the stipulation of the Sharee 'ah. In this regard, let us contemplate on the reminder of Rasulullah sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam:

"Whoever says about his brother that which he doesn't deserve, Allah will block him in hell fire until he proves what he said."

(at-Tabaraani)

Fitnah can quash the dignity of the accused when it is propagated by the mass media, printed or electronic media including the mobile phone. Even worse is when the accuser refuses to accept the truth and denies the mistake committed,

or having enmity and hasad towards the accused. Those spreading fitnah, with or without realizing, has completed the curse of *iblees* who badly desires to destroy the imaan and 'ageedah of the Muslim ummah until the Day of Judgment.

At times, the fitnah is elaborated and exaggerated by certain parties insinuating that the accused is guilty of the sin. Such is the heinous culture of being judgmental and hasad of those without the akhlaaq of

Every individual that partakes in this vicious ordeal, or believes in it, or helps in its spread, will receive the punishment of Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala, as He mentions in al-Qur'an:

"And fear a trial which will not strike those who have wronged among you exclusively, and know that Allah is severe in penalty."

(al-Anfaal 8:25)

Indeed, those who are guilty of the crime of qazaf have greatly committed a haraam deed, which is among the seven types of major sins. Therefore, they are punishable according to the Sharee 'ah:

- 1- Physically, they can be lashed 80 times.
- 2- Morally and socially, their testimony can no longer be accepted in all matters including as a witness for marriage.

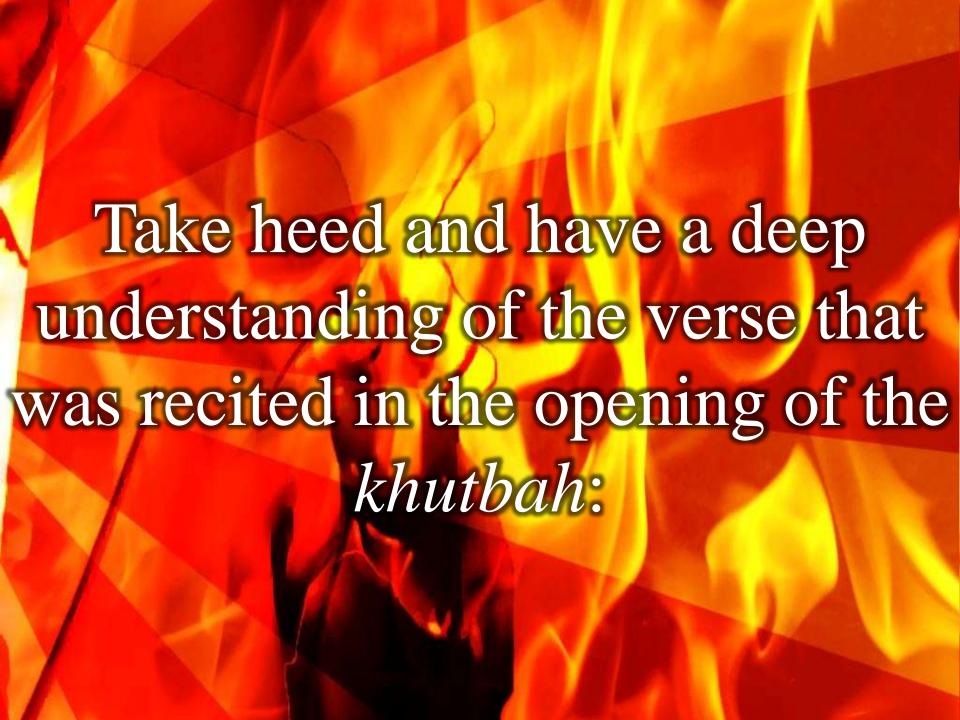


"And those who accuse chaste women and then do not produce four witnesses – lash them with eighty lashes and do not accept from them testimony ever after. And those are the defiantly disobedient." (an-Noor 24:4) In addition, those causing fitnah or intentionally dishonoring others must take heed from the strong message by Rasulullah sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam on the authority of Abu Hurayrah radiyAllaahu 'anh:

"O those who have believed with (only) their tongues, yet faith has not yet entered their hearts! Do not backbite the Muslims. And do not search out their faults. For verily, he who follows the private matters of his Muslim

brother, Allah shall follow his private matters. And whoever has his private matters followed by Allah, Allah shall expose them even if they were (hiding) in the depths of their home."

(Abu Dawood: saheeh)



"Why, when you heard it, did not the believing men and believing women think good of one another and say, "This is an obvious falsehood"?" (an-Noor 24:12)

In educating and preventing the Muslims from committing the crime of *qazaf*, which is directly related to the values, dignity, and harmony of a society, we felt obliged to clarify the ruling, prohibition, and effect of qazaf,

as well as its punishment according to the Sharee 'ah. Let us uphold the prestige of Islamic laws that acknowledges and gives undue rights to the Sharee 'ah court in dealing with Sharee 'ah-related criminal cases involving Muslims.

With this, we can implement a just system of law that is pleasing to Him, and in compliant with the Sharee 'ah. Let us constantly perform muhaasabah by purifying ourselves from detestable characteristics that are

forbidden by Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala. Let us increase our Islamic knowledge and understanding by frequently attending the circles of knowledge and Islamic classes organized at the masjid, surau, and elsewhere.

Therefore, all parties whether governmental, legal institutions, and the society must be diligent and sincere in implementing the Sharee 'ah completely because the opportunity is wide and



"Why did they [who slandered] not produce for it four witnesses? And when they do not produce the witnesses, then it is they, in the sight of Allah, who are the liars." (an-Noor 24:13)

بَارَكَ اللهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيْمِ وَنَفَعَنِي وَ إِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيْهِ مِنَ الأَيَاتِ وَالذَّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلاوَتُهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيْمُ. أَقُولُ قُوْلِيْ هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللهَ الْعَظِيْمَ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِر الْمُسْلِمِيْنَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِيْنَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ الأُحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالأُمُواتِ فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيْمُ

O Allah,

The most merciful god, we thank you for all the mercy and pleasure that you gave so that we can enhance and strengthen our Islamic country especially Selangor as a developed and peaceful country.

O Allah, We beg you to increase our practice, brace up our unity, give us prosperous life, make us rich with good knowledge, flourish our soul with noble character, bring back our youngsters to the right path, save us from your biggest test such

as huge flood, drought, epidemic, disputing between ourselves, poorness and anything else so that this country will be more prosperous and blessed.



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