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JABATAN AGAMA ISLAM SELANGOR

ENJOINING GOOD AND FORBIDDING EVIL



Let us all contemplate on the call for *taqwa* that is repeated every week, by fulfilling all the commandments of Allah with complete *sabr* and avoiding all the prohibited matters especially moral vices and evil.

Today's *khutbah* will discuss the topic of "Duty of *Amr Ma'roof Nahy Munkar*." This is an *amanaah* that must be realized, understood, and carried out by every Muslim, in securing peace of inner-self, within the society, and the entire *ummah*.

In a nutshell, it can be summarized that “*Ma ‘roof*” means goodness and obedience, while “*Munkar*” means evil and vice. Hence, the phrase *Amr Ma ‘roof* and *Nahy Munkar* means “Enjoining Good And Forbidding Evil.”

The duty of implementing *Amr Ma‘roof* and *Nahy Munkar* lies on every Muslim individuals according to the level of responsibility entrusted upon them. This is elucidated in a famous narration from Abu Sa‘eed al-Khudri

radiyAllaahu ‘anh that
Rasulullah *sallAllaahu ‘alayhi
wasallam* said:

"Whoever amongst you sees an
evil, he must change it with his
hand; if he is unable to do so,

then with his tongue; and if he
is unable to do so, then with his
heart; and that is the weakest
form of Faith.“

(Muslim)

This great duty should be done in a group or collectively within the Muslim society. The duty of *Amr Ma ‘roof* and *Nahy Munkar* is *waajib*, as it is clearly stipulated in al-Qur’ān:

“And let there be [arising] from you a nation inviting to [all that is] good, enjoining what is right and forbidding what is wrong, and those will be the successful.”
(Aali-‘Imraan 3:104)

In reality, social vices and immoralities are rampant in our society nowadays. How far are we willing to reproach indecencies occurring at the very front of our eyes? On the contrary, the truth is that the call for *Amr Ma‘roof and*

Nahy Munkar is becoming
more and more neglected.
We are very lenient with the
sins and wickedness
committed around us as if
we are comfortable with
individualistic lifestyle,

with the selfish attitude of
“Who cares about others?

They'll be in their own graves!”
We forget that our heedlessness
and failure in carrying out *Amr
Ma 'roof* and *Nahy Munkar*,

will eventually incur calamity in our lives, incurring the Wrath of Allah who is Severe in His punishment. Let us ponder and take heed from the catastrophes inflicted upon those who have abandoned this very duty.

Among them:

1- The Curse and Wrath of Allah.

Reflect and absorb the invaluable lessons from the stories of Bani Israel whom are cursed by Allah, as mentioned in al-Qur'an:

“Cursed were those who
disbelieved among the Children
of Israel by the tongue of David
and of Jesus, the son of Mary.

That was because they
disobeyed and

[habitually] transgressed. They used not to prevent one another from wrongdoing that they did. How wretched was that which they were doing.”

(al-Maa’idah 5:78-79)

2- Disreputable and
unrecognized as a true Muslim.
In the *hadeeth* of ibn ‘Abbas
radiyAllaahu ‘anhu that
Rasulullah *sallAllaahu ‘alayhi wasallam* said:

“Whoever fails to show mercy
to our children and honor to our
elders is not one of us.”

(at-Tirmidhi: *hasan ghareeb*)

3- Void of blissful life and living under oppressive ruler.
This phenomenon has been witnessed all over the world so we must take lesson from them.

It is imperative that we are in constant reminder so that we will always defend and invite to the truth even when facing tremendous opposition from the society.

In a *hadeeth*, Rasulullah *sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam* said:
"The best *Jihaad* is a speech of truth
in the presence of a tyrant ruler."
(an-Nasaa'i, ibn Maajah,
Ahmad, Abu
Dawood, at-Tirmidhi: *saheeh*)

4- Calamities inflicted and unaccepted *du‘as*

This was mentioned in the *hadeeth* of Hudhayfah bin al-Yaman *radiyAllaahu ‘anh* that Rasulullah *sallAllaahu ‘alayhi wasallam* said:

"By Him in Whose Hand my life is,
you either enjoin good and forbid
evil, or Allah will certainly soon
send His punishment to you. Then
you will make supplication and it
will not be accepted."

(at-Tirmidhi: *hasan*)

The situation in the world today has proved the admonition of Rasulullah *sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam*. Various catastrophes have occurred around us. When there is no longer any effort in inviting towards good and preventing evil,

wickedness and sins will engulf
the lives of the human being.

Hence, no more goodness and
obedience that brings forth

Rahmah and pleasure of Allah
Subhaanahu Wata‘ala.

Such disgraced and lowly status
of the Muslims will only
deserve and incur Allah's
Wrath, The All-Mighty.

Let us return to reviving the call
of *Amr Ma‘roof* and *Nahy Munkar* which has been
abandoned for some time. An example of its negligence is by
allowing immoralities and
indecencies occur in front of our
own eyes without giving advice

or admonition. Abandoning this obligation will only result in grave consequences. Let us not live our lives imprisoned or in a cage, unmoved without any action when witnessing wickedness being committed.

Indeed, we must change our attitude from passiveness and desensitized towards sinful acts, to alertness and sensitivity upon seeing the Rights of Allah and His Religion mocked at. May Allah make us among His servants whom are righteous

and *abraar*. In conclusion, let us all cooperate in preventing the *munkar* according to our level best and within our capacity.

This effort requires the involvement of everyone including Resident Committees,

masjid administrators, officers, teachers, and parents who are involved in Islamic work.

In addition, the responsibility of *da‘wah* should be inculcated within the Muslim *ummah* as an obligated duty upon every Muslim.

“You are the best nation produced [as an example] for mankind. You enjoin what is right and forbid what is wrong and believe in Allah. If only the People of the

Scripture had believed, it would have been better for them.

Among them are believers, but most of them are defiantly disobedient.”

(Aali-‘Imraan 3:110)

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيْمِ وَنَفَعَنِي
وَإِيَّاكم بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْأَيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ وَتَقْبَلَ
مِنِي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتُهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ. أَقُولُ
قَوْلِي هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيْمَ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ
الْمُسْلِمِيْنَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِيْنَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ
الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ
إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّجِيمُ

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

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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