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I would like to remind myself and fellow audience to constantly be grateful to Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala for the ni'mah of Islam and imaan bestowed upon

US.

It is with this very ni mah that we are living a striving for prosperity in this world and the Hereafter. Let us increase our tagwa by strengthening our 'ageedah and imaan unto Allah, by increasing our knowledge of Him and

putting them into practice. The very foundation or roots of Islam is in the sound comprehension of tawheed that is to be inculcated in every Muslim soul.

In becoming successful or victorious, every actions and behavior must be built upon sound 'ageedah and tawheed. Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala mentions in al-Qur'an:

"Allah witnesses that there is no deity except Him, and [so do] the angels and those of knowledge – [that He is] maintaining [creation] in justice. There is no deity except Him, the Exalted in Might, the Wise." (Aali-'Imraan 3:18)

It is waajib upon Muslims to firmly believe with certainty in the heart that he has a Rabb, which is Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala, and that there is nothing like unto Him. He is the Creator, the Most Merciful, the Best of Provider,

the One that gives and takes away life, and All-Controlling of affairs of the Afterlife. It is only and purely for Allah's sake that every intentions and actions are

made for in our lives. It is obligatory upon us to have shukr upon all the bounties that He has bestowed and to give full servitude unto Him.

All the Messengers, from Adam 'alayhissalam to Muhammad sallAllaahu 'alayhi wasallam, had accepted the responsibility in conveying the message of pure tawheed, calling mankind to abstain from committing acts that nullifies or deviates from the authentic 'aqeedah. Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala mentions in al-Qur'an: "And We certainly sent into every nation a messenger, [saying],

"Worship Allah and avoid 'Taaghoot.'' And among them were those whom Allah guided, and among them were those upon whom error was [deservedly] decreed." (an-Nahl 16:36)

Ageedah refers to the strong knot that is solid, neat, and tidy, firmly believing that there is no deity worthy of worship but Allah. This is the path that will free mankind from all types of

enslavement to other than Allah, unto the servitude to Allah Alone.

When we firmly believe with certainty that Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala is the Lord to be worshipped, it means that we firmly accept Allah Alone as

our Rabb, the One that sent down Legislations, Laws, and Rulings that are waajib upon us to adhere and practice with. Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala mentions in al-Qur'an:

"Say, "Indeed, I am on clear evidence from my Lord, and you have denied it. I do not have that for which you are impatient. The decision is only for Allah. He relates the truth, and He is the best of deciders." (al-An'aam 6:57)

Sayyid Qutb rahimahullah had explained in his tafseer, Fee Zhilaal al-Qur'an, that our worship to Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala is rendered invalid if we are not willing to reject all forms of man-made beliefs, regulations, and laws.

It is only the lifestyle and struggle that is in accordance to Islam that will prevail and remains istigaamah while wading through the challenges and tribulations of life, as evident in the struggle of the Messenger sallAllaahu 'alayhi

wasallam that we are now reaping the fruits of Islam and imaan today. Rasulullah sallAllaahu 'alayhi wasallam struggled for 13 years while in Makkah, solely to uphold the pure message of tawheed.

During that time, all efforts were initially focused solely on explaining the meaning and comprehension of tawheed, then planting them into the hearts of the early Muslims,

producing strong believers with the likes of 'Ammar ibn Yasir and Bilal bin Rabah radiyAllaahu 'anhum. Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala/ mentions in al-Qur'an:

"Among the believers are men true to what they promised Allah. Among them is he who has fulfilled his vow to the death],

and among them is he who awaits [his chance]. And they did not alter [the terms of their commitment] by any alteration."

(al-Ahzaab 33:23)

Then, Rasulullah sallAllaahu 'alayhi wasallam continued his mission to focus on defending the tawheed of Allah, along with his Companions, even though they had to leave their homes and made hijrah to Madeenah.

What is important for the Muslim ummah to ponder upon is how the 'ageedah has been preserved all these while, furthermore protected and spreading until today.

After the death of Rasulullah sallAllaahu 'alayhi wasallam, the mission was inherited and carried on by the Caliphs and later to the entire Muslim ummah.

It is to uphold pure tawheed so that the 'ageedah of the Muslims will stay strong even if it demands great sacrifice and costing lives. Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala mentions in al-Qur'an:

"The believers are only the ones who have believed in Allah and His Messenger and then doubt not but strive with their properties and their lives in the cause of Allah. It is those who are the truthful." (al-Hujuraat 15:49)

Such is the mightiness of Islam with pure 'aqeedah in firm tawheed of Allah, the One and only Ilaah deserving of worship. As Muslims having true understanding of 'aqeedah,

let us manifest this firm belief by making a serious collective effort in upholding Islam, seeking and spreading authentic Islamic knowledge, sincere practice of Islam in strengthening our faith in Allah, enhancing efforts of da'wah

Islamiyyah, performing jihaad in protecting Islam and the Muslims, constant practice of "enjoining good and forbidding evil", enliven the Islamic tarbiyyah atmosphere that calls for living and growing in Islam. Verily, it is sincerely hoped that all of our efforts and jihaad will be rewarded with the blessings and pleasure of Allah in this world and the Hereafter.

"So let those fight in the cause of Allah who sell the life of this world for the Hereafter. And he who fights in the cause of Allah and is killed or achieves victory - We will bestow upon him a great reward."

(an-Nisaa' 4:74)

بَارَكَ اللهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيْمِ وَانْفَعْنِي وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيْمِ وَانْفَعْنِي وَ اللهُ وَاللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ مِنَ الأَبَاتِ وَالذَّكْرِ الْحَكِيْمِ وَتَقَبَّلَ وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيْهِ مِنَ الأَبَاتِ وَالذَّكْرِ الْحَكِيْمِ وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنْي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلاوَتُهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ. أَقُولُ قُوْلِيْ هَذَا وَأُسْتَغْفِرُ اللهَ الْعَظِيْمَ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِيْنَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ الأحباء منهم والأموات فاستغوروه إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْعَفُورُ الرَّحِيْمُ

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. Allaahummaa ameen



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