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THE COMPANIONS AS THE GENERATION OF KHAYRU UMMAH



On this blessed day, I would like to remind myself first and foremost, and all of us to strive to increase our *taqwa* of Allah

Subhaanahu Wata 'aala by fulfilling all of His Commands

and abstaining from all of His prohibitions. Indeed, we truly hope that Allah will bestow upon us success in this world and the Hereafter.

Today, we are still celebrating
the day and month of *Mawlid*
(birth) ar-Rasul *sallAllahu*
'alayhi wasallam, a month that
is filled with praises through
narrations, *qaseedah* (poetry)

and lectures, all intended to manifest the greatness of the *risaalah* brought by our beloved Prophet *sallAllahu ‘alayhi wasallam*. Hence, today for the *khutbah* I will be discussing the topic of:

*“The Companions As The
Generation Of Khayru
Ummah.”*

For 23 years, Rasulullah
sallAllahu ‘alayhi wasallam
gave *da‘wah*, invited,
persuaded, pleaded, and called
mankind at that time to the Path
of Allah, which in the end a core
generation of

excellence was successfully produced from Madrasah Muhammadiyyah, attaining the highest stature in the Sight of Allah, that is: *Khayru Ummah* or the eminent *ummah*.

This very nickname or moniker
was mentioned by Allah
Subhaanahu Wata‘aala in al-
Qur'an:

“You are the best nation
produced [as an example] for
mankind.” (Aal-‘Imraan 3:110)

Imaam at-Tabari *rahimahullaah* mentioned in his *tafseer* of the 7th *juz*, referring to the opinion of ad-Dahhaak *rahimahullaah*, who mentioned that the term “you” in this verse actually

refers to the Companions
radiyAllaahu ‘anhum ajma‘een
at the time of Rasulullah
sallAllahu ‘alayhi wasallam.
This high status was declared
by Allah in

al-Qur'an and acknowledged by
the Prophet *sallAllahu 'alayhi
wasallam*, in verses such as:

1- Allah is pleased and praised
the Companions from among
the

Muhaajireen and *Ansaar*, and those who follow in their footsteps, and Allah has promised them *Jannah* that is everlasting. Allah *Subhaanahu Wata ‘aala* mentions in al-Qur’an:

“And the first forerunners [in
the faith] among the
Muhajireen and the *Ansaar*
and those who followed them
with good conduct - Allah is
pleased with them and they
are

pleased with Him, and He has prepared for them gardens beneath which rivers flow, wherein they will abide forever. That is the great attainment.”

(at-Tawbah 9:100)

2- Allah praised the greatness of *imaan* that is unparalleled due to their firmness in fulfilling the commandments of Allah, as mentioned in al-Qur'an:

“You will not find a people

**who believe in Allah and the
Last Day having affection for
those who oppose Allah and
His Messenger, even if they
were their fathers or their
sons or their brothers or**

their kindred. Those - He has decreed within their hearts faith and supported them with spirit from Him. And We will admit them to gardens beneath which rivers flow, wherein they

abide eternally. Allah is pleased with them, and they are pleased with Him - those are the party of Allah.

Unquestionably, the party of Allah - they are the successful.” (al-Mujaadalah 58:22)

In the various *ahaadeeth* of
Prophet Muhammad *sallAllahu
'alayhi wasallam*, there are
many explanations regarding
the virtues and greatness of the
Companions *radiyAllaahu
'anhum*

ajma 'een. Among them:

1- Abu Hurayrah *radiyAllaahu 'anh* reported that Rasulullah *sallAllaahu 'alayhi wasallam* said:

**“The best age of my *ummah* is one
in which I
was sent (by Allah as a Prophet),
then the one next to that...”**

(Muslim)

2- Abu Hurayrah *radiyAllaahu 'anh* reported Allah's Messenger *sallAllaahu 'alayhi wasallam* as saying:
“Do not revile my Companions, do not revile my Companions. By Him

in Whose Hand is my life, if
one amongst you would have
spent as much gold as Uhud it
would not amount to as much
as one *mudd* on behalf of one
of them or half of it.”

(al-Bukhaari and Muslim)

3- In another acknowledgement,
Abu Burdah *radiyAllaahu ‘anh*
reported on the authority of his
father: Rasulullah *sallAllaahu*
‘alayhi wasallam said:

“...The stars are a source of security for the sky and when the stars disappear there comes to the sky, i.e. (it meets the same fate) as it has been promised (it would plunge into

darkness). And I am a source
of safety and security to my
Companions and when I
would go away there would
fall to the lot (of my
Companions) as they have
been promised

with and my Companions are
a source of security for the
ummah and as they would go
there would fall to the lot of
my *ummah* as (its people)
have been promised.”
(Muslim)

Such were the greatness and
stature of the Companions

radiyAllaahu ‘anhum ajma‘een
that was acknowledged by Allah
Subhaanahu Wata‘aala and His
Messenger *sallAllaahu*

'alayhi wasallam. Indeed, their knowledge and sacrifices were second to none (unmatched), their *'aqeedah* and *imaan* that were strongly deep-rooted, lush, and fertile, like those

bright stars in the sky that serve
as the source of accurate
guidance for the populations on
earth.

The discussion regarding the
generation of the Companions
as the chosen

generation is still incomplete.
Verily, we must delve deeper in
comprehending the
characteristics and praiseworthy
traits that qualified them to be at
such

noble degree. Therefore, let us observe and ponder upon the explanation from al-Qur'an and *ahaadeeth* regarding such matter:

1- They were committed in implementing *al-‘Amar bil Ma‘roof Wan-Nahy ‘Anil Munkar*. It means that they were always engaged in the command to spread *da‘wah* to mankind, enjoining

them upon doing good and not remaining silent while feeling comfortable when faced with *munkar* acts committed by anyone and anywhere. This was mentioned in al-Quran:

**“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...”**

(Aal-‘Imraan 3:110)

2- They had unwavering *imaan* unto Allah and His Messenger.

This was clearly expounded by

the same verse in Surah Aal-

‘Imraan and also manifested through the confession of Sa‘d

ibn

‘Ubaadah *radiyAllaahu ‘anh*
during crucial moments before
the battle of Badr, where
Rasulullah *sallAllaahu ‘alayhi
wasallam* had sought the
opinion of the Companions
including Sa‘d

ibn ‘Ubaadah, whether they should continue fighting with Rasulullah or not. Straightaway, Sa‘d replied and gave his oath to Rasulullah *sallAllahu ‘alayhi wasallam* with firmness

without hesitation.

“Messenger of Allah, you want us (to speak). By God in Whose control is my life, if you order us to plunge our horses into the sea, we would do so.

If you order us to goad our
horses to the most distant
place like Bark al-Ghimaad,
we would do so.”

(Muslim)

For our very information, Bark al-Ghimaad is a name of a place that is far away, located in the southern tip of the Arabian Peninsula.

3- The Companions were gentle and caring with one

another, those that are within the fold of Islam. On the contrary, they were firm and harsh against the disbelievers whom are the enemies of Islam. They were a generation of avid

worshippers in ‘ibaadah to Allah. This matter was mentioned by Allah in al-Qur’ān:

“Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah; and those with him are forceful

**against the disbelievers,
merciful among themselves.**

**You see them bowing and
prostrating [in prayer],
seeking bounty from Allah
and**

**[His] pleasure. Their mark is
on their faces from the trace
of prostration..."**

(al-Fath 48:29)

Such are among the merits and praiseworthy characteristics of the Companions *radiyAllaahu 'anhum ajma'een*. In reality, we as part of the later *ummah* also have the

opportunity to attain their lofty status. The *mufassireen* have expounded that “*khayra ummah*” mentioned earlier in the *khutbah* gives a broad and general reference to the entire Muslim *ummah*

that have fulfilled the pre-conditions possessed by the Companions. We need to stop being nostalgic with our glorious past. Instead, we should equip ourselves with praiseworthy traits just like

the Companions were. We must strive to restore the throne and authority that we once had, only then we will attain the success promised.

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promised.

“He that would eat the fruit
must climb the tree.”

“No pain, no gain.”

**“Has the time not come for
those who have believed that
their hearts should become
humbly submissive at the
remembrance of Allah and
what has come down of the
truth?**

And let them not be like those
who were given the Scripture
before, and a long period
passed over them, so their
hearts hardened; and many of
them are defiantly
disobedient.”

(al-Hadeed 57:16)

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ وَنَفَعَنِي
وَإِيَّاكمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْأَيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ وَتَقَبَّلَ
مِنِي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاقُتُهُ 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

**O Allah, You are All-Powerful, we
are truly grateful unto You for
bestowing upon us *rahmah* and
ni‘mah, that we are able to
continue the efforts in**

**strengthening the Muslim nation
especially the state of Selangor,
as an advanced state,
prosperous, and providing
welfare services.**

**Hence, we beseech You, O Allah,
strengthen our *imaan*, accept
our good deeds, solidify our
unity, increase our sustenance,
enrich us with beneficial
knowledge,**

**fill our hearts with noble
characters, guide us to the path
that is pleasing to You, protect
us from all types of calamities
and Your severe tribulations so
that our state will continue to
prosper and remain blessed.**

O Allah, open up our hearts to complete the five daily *salawaat* and ‘ibaadah of zakaat as You have ordained. Bless the lives of those who have fulfilled their *zakaat*

**obligation, loving the poor and
needy. Purify their wealth and
hearts, protect the *fuqaraa'* and
masaakeen from *kufr* and
continuous poverty.**

0 Allah, increase and expand the sustenance of those who made *waqf* from of their wealth, accept their *waqf* with eternal rewards until the Hereafter.



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