

## حرالته الرحمر الرحيب Let us altogether strive to increase our taqwa of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala by diligently fulfilling all of His Commands and avoid

all of His prohibitions. May Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala bestow upon our lives prosperity and blessings in this world and the Hereafter.



Today I would like to expound on a khutbah titled "The Blessings of Islam."

We are truly grateful to Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala for the blessings of imaan and Islam. Islam came to open up the doors of salvation in this world and the Hereafter. Islam takes mankind from

the depth of darkness into the light of imaan, as Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala mentions in verse 257 of soorah al-Baqarah:

"Allah is the ally of those who believe. He brings them out from darknesses into the light. And those who disbelieve - their allies are Taaghoot. They take

them out of the light into darknesses. Those are the companions of the Fire; they will abide eternally therein."

Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala has bestowed upon the Muslims distinct privileges that becomes the cause for glory, victory, and happiness in this world and the Hereafter. Among them:

First: The virtue that is embedded within the teachings of Islam itself. It is a ni'mah (blessing) that is incomparable with all other favors. Islam is a religion that consists of 'aqeedah, akhlaaq, and Sharee'ah.

Islamic teachings are blessings that will forever remain as compared to other favors that will later ends and expire. This is the proof that Islam is a religion that is accepted by Allah, as compared to other religions. Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse
19 of soorah Aal-'Imraan:

"Indeed, the religion in the sight of Allah is Islam..."

Prophet Muhammad عليه وسلم was successful in spreading the message of Islam to the Arabian society, transforming them from being uncivilized to attaining progress. Changing from

the shackles of illiteracy to possessing knowledge, and from hostility to unity that they were able to dominate a significant portion of the world. However today, there are Muslims that have

forgotten and even neglected the pure unadulterated teachings of Islam. Some are deeply influenced by liberal thoughts that aim to be free from Islamic teachings. Some are

immersed in pluralism that considers all religion as being equal in their lives, and also other thoughts seeping into their lives, supposedly in the pursuit of worldly progress. But instead,

those worldly achievements aspired are not attained, while the Hereafter is gravely jeopardized.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse

## 85 of soorah Aal-'Imraan:

"And whoever desires other than Islam as religion - never will it be accepted from him, and he, in the Hereafter, will be among the losers."

Second: The Muslim ummah is one nation where it is one unified ummah that is bounded by 'aqeedah and ukhuwwah Islaamiyyah (Islamic brotherhood). This bond extends far

beyond geographical boundaries, race, skin color, and lineage, which extend to almost a third of the world population.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse
92 of soorah al-Anbiyaa':

"Indeed this, your religion, is one religion, and I am your Lord, so worship Me."

This verse explains that belief in Allah translates into a strong bond of brotherhood within the Muslim ummah until today. It is this ukhuwwah Islaamiyyah that had united the Muhaajireen

and the Ansaar, as well as reconciling the Arabian tribes whom used to be enemies and at war with each other.

Islam had successfully

eradicated jaahiliyyah (ignorance) that was full of hostility, unto a life of unity and harmony. The bond of brotherhood taught by ا صلى الله had عليه وسلم had produced strength within the ummah, which gave glory to Islam.

However, nowadays, drowning in worldliness, madly chasing after status, wealth, and stature for one's own interest and desire, this bond of ukhuwwah has been forgotten. In result, the Muslim ummah loses its strength and further weakens. Even more unfortunate, the Muslims nowadays are easily toyed around by its enemies.

Third: The Muslim states are blessed with rich natural resources and earth's treasures such as oil, gas, and other minerals that are innumerable.

All of these bounties bestowed by Allah are means for the Muslim ummah to continue in their servitude to Allah as His slaves, and to administer the bounties will full amaanah (trust)

as vicegerents on earth. The Muslim ummah that utilizes the bounties of Allah properly as He has commanded, they will be granted with great rewards from Allah. On the contrary, those that

utilized the bounties of Allah for their own self interest that they would transgress upon Allah's Commands, they will be among those that have committed kufr (disbelief) and promised with the

## severe torment from Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala.

Such warning was mentioned by Rasulullah in the hadeeth of 'Amr عليه وسلم bin 'Awf radiyAllaahu 'anh, where he عليه وسلم said:

"By Allah, I am not afraid of your poverty but I am afraid that you will lead a life of luxury as past nations did, whereupon you will compete with

each other for it, as they competed for it, and it will destroy you as it destroyed them.

(al-Bukhaari)

This hadeeth illustrates the concern of Rasulullah for his ummah that عليه وسلم will be destroyed if they are drowning in the bounties of the world bestowed by Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala.

To end today's khutbah, I would like to call upon the Muslim ummah to the following:

1. The Muslim ummah must firmly cling upon authentic Islamic teachings which covers 'ageedah, Sharee'ah, and akhlaaq.

2. The Muslim umah must always remain grateful upon all of the favors bestowed by Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala.

3. The Muslim ummah must utilize and manage the blessings of Allah in the best manner possible so as to aid and spread the religion of Allah, hence strengthening the unity and ukhuwwah Islaamiyyah.

"And hold firmly to the rope of Allah all together and do not become divided. And remember the favor of Allah upon you - when you were enemies and He brought your hearts together and you

became, by His favor, brothers. And you were on the edge of a pit of the Fire, and He saved you from it. Thus does Allah make clear to you His verses that you may be guided." (Aal-'Imraan 3:103)



## Once again, I would like to remind all of us to always have the tagwa of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala. As Muslims, we are to manifest noble akhlaaq, having

utmost personality and attitude for Rasulullah عليه وسلم was sent to perfect akhlaaq and as mercy for the entire mankind and the worlds. Therefore, let us always



"Indeed, Allah confers blessing upon the Prophet, and His angels [ask Him to do so]. O you who have believed, ask [Allah to confer] blessing upon him and ask [Allah to grant him] peace." (al-Ahzaab 33:56)

## 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 this state has become an advanced

## state, prosperous and providing welfare, under the auspices and leadership of our Ruler as the Head of Islamic affairs in this state.







## THE BLESSINGS OF ISLAM

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