

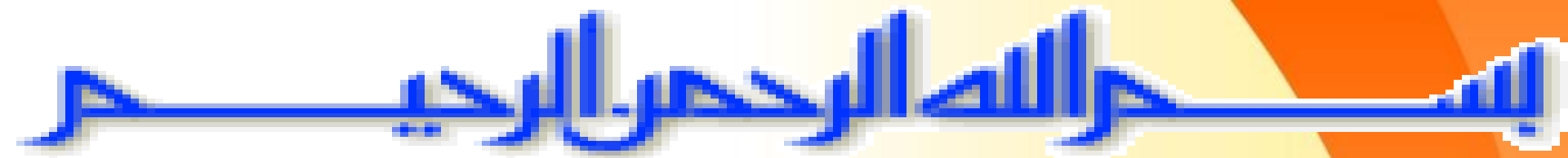


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# ***THE OBLIGATION OF PRAYING IN CONGREGATION***





I remind myself and  
fellow audience to  
strive in increasing our  
*taqwa* of Allah  
*Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*  
by performing all of

**His Commands and  
avoiding all of His  
prohibitions. May we all  
attain success in this  
world and the Hereafter.**

Let us altogether  
internalize upon a  
*khutbah* titled

***“THE OBLIGATION  
OF PRAYING IN  
CONGREGATION.”***

Among the *shi'aar*  
(symbols) of Islam that is  
major and having great  
virtue is praying in  
congregation in the  
mosque, as in the very  
practice of Rasulullah ﷺ.  
In Islam, performing the

*salaah* (prayer) in  
*jamaa'ah* (congregation)  
is a very significant  
matter and has a high  
rank in the Sight of Allah  
*Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala.*  
Therefore, the first thing  
that was done by

Rasulullah ﷺ upon  
arriving in Madeenah was  
to build a masjid for  
performing the *salaah*.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa  
Ta'aala* mentions in verse  
36 of soorah an-Noor:

***“[Such niches are] in mosques which Allah has ordered to be raised and that His name be mentioned therein; exalting Him within them in the morning and the evenings.”***



This *shi'aar* is deemed as petty by many Muslims, due to their pursuit of their own lust, and also those having very little *taqwa* in their hearts, whom are mainly the hypocrites and those that are heedless.

Verily, not performing *salaah* in *jamaa'ah* is truly a great loss, where the vast majority of the society ignores this practice and do not come to the mosques, though they can clearly hear the

حى على , حى على الصلا ح) call  
(الفلا ح), but they would just  
ignore it instead.

Take heed for the severe  
warning from the Prophet  
صلى الله عليه وسلم as narrated by Abu  
Hurayrah *radiyAllaahu 'anh*

where Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم  
had threatened to set  
ablaze the homes of  
those who did not  
perform *salaah* in  
congregation at the  
masjid.

**Verily, the reward of praying in *jamaa'ah* is more than 27 times compared to praying alone. If it is mentioned to mankind that an investment of RM1 in commerce will be**

multiplied 27 times, surely they will compete, and even fight for it, because of their greed for worldly gain that is very trivial. The virtue of praying in *jamaa'ah* as compared to praying alone is very

clear, as it was  
mentioned in the  
*hadeeth* of ‘Abdullah  
ibn ‘Umar *radiyAllaahu*  
*‘anhuma* where

Rasulullah صلى الله  
عليه وسلم

mentioned:

***“The prayer in congregation is twenty seven times superior to the prayer offered by person alone.”***

**(al-Bukhaari)**



Indeed, there are many great virtues promised when we pray in congregation, among them is the *hadeeth* of Abu Hurayrah *radiyAllaahu ‘anh* where Rasulullah ﷺ said:

***“If the people knew what is the reward of making the call (for the prayer) and (of being in) the first row (in the prayer), and if they found no other way to get this privilege except by casting lots, they would certainly cast lots for it. If they knew***

***the reward of the noon prayer, they would race for it, and if they knew the reward of the morning (i.e. Fajr) and 'Ishaa prayers, they would present themselves for the prayer even if they had to crawl to reach there."***

**(al-Bukhaari)**

Aside from that, the virtue of praying in *jamaa'ah* is also mentioned in the *hadeeth* of Anas bin Malik *radiyAllaahu 'anh* where Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم said:

***“Whoever performs Salaah for Allah for forty days in congregation, catching the first Takbeer, two absolutions are written for him: absolution from the Fire and absolution from hypocrisy.”***

**(at-Tirmidhi)**

In addition to that, in the *hadeeth* of Abu Umaamah al-Baahili *radiyAllaahu ‘anh*, Rasulullah ﷺ said:

***“If anyone goes out from his house after***

***performing ablution for saying the prescribed prayer in congregation (in the mosque), his reward will be like that of one who goes for hajj pilgrimage after wearing ihraam.”***

**(Abu Dawood)**

**Through this blessed House of Allah, let us unite, and strengthen our brotherhood ties in collectively aiding our offspring, neighbors, and community members by inviting and persuading**



them to frequent the mosque. Also, let us pray in congregation at the mosque as frequent as possible. How blissful it is when we would stand together praying in the rows behind the *imaam*,

and how delightful when we would sit together while making *dhikr*, supplicating, and shaking each others' hands every time we would meet everyday, in an atmosphere that is filled

with candor and sincerity  
for the sake of Allah  
*Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala.*

The conclusion of the  
*khutbah*, in which lessons  
that can be derived today  
are as follows:

**1. The Muslim *ummah* must have certainty that all commands from Allah and His Messenger must be duly performed with diligence.**

2. It is *waajib* upon the Muslim *ummah* to fulfill the obligatory prayers for they would be the first matter that will be judged by Allah  
*Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala.*

**3. The Muslim *ummah* must place utmost priority upon praying in congregation for its tremendous virtues and great rewards in the Sight of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.**

***“And enjoin prayer upon your family [and people] and be steadfast therein. We ask you not for provision; We provide for you, and the [best] outcome is for [those of] righteousness.”***

**(Ta-Ha 20:132)**



***THE SECOND  
KHUTBAH***







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



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



**increase our *salawaat* and  
*salaam* upon our Prophet  
Muhammad صلى الله  
عليه وسلم . Allah  
*Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*  
mentions:**



***“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.**



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