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SEEKING THE BLESSINGS OF TIME

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

Let us altogether strive to increase our *taqwa* of Allah by performing all of His Commands and avoiding all of His prohibitions. May we

become among His
servants that attain
rahmah (mercy) and
love, as well as the
protection of Allah
Subhaanahu *Wa*
Ta'aala.

On the very occasion of this glorious day, let us altogether..
ponder upon a *khutbah* titled



***SEEKING
THE BLESSINGS
OF TIME***

Time and the journey of
time are from among
the marvels of the
creation of Allah
Subhaanahu Wa
Ta'aala, as He
Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala

mentions in verses 1-3 of soorah al-‘Asr that was recited in the beginning of the *khutbah*, what means:

***“By time, Indeed,
mankind is in loss,
Except for those who
have believed and done
righteous deeds and
advised each other to
truth and advised each
other to patience.”***

In those verses, Allah asserted that mankind living in this world are all in loss. What can save them is that when they fulfill those characteristics mentioned; namely

imaan (belief), *'amal saalih* (righteous deeds), and advising one another to the truth and patience (*sabr*). This means that this life remains imperfect if one merely believe and practice, but

that it necessitate
striving for *'imaan* and
'amal by giving reminder,
engaging in *da'wah*
(calling to Islam) effort,
inviting people to the
truth while exerting full
patience. Truth refers to

**everything that was
taught by Allah and His
Messenger, and one
must remain patient in
wading through the
struggle in upholding
that truth.**

Rasulullah ﷺ was an individual that was truly concerned about the importance of time management in life. He ﷺ had reminded us to make full benefit of our time in the best possible manner.

In the *hadeeth* of
'Abdullah ibn 'Abbaas
radiyAllaahu 'anhuma,
Rasulullah ﷺ said:

***“Take advantage of five
before five:***

your youth before your old age, your health before your sickness, your wealth before your poverty, your free time before you are preoccupied, and your life before your death.”

(al-Haakim)

Based on this *hadeeth*, it clearly gives an idea to all of us that every second that had passed in our lives is truly precious. Therefore, a Muslim must give serious attention towards his or her time

**and utilize them as
beneficial as possible in
attaining the ambition
and goal of a blissful
life in this world and the
Hereafter.**

There are many factors causing mankind to become negligent and heedless in managing their time. Among the factors for our failure in managing time the best way possible are:

1. Not understanding the actual purpose of life in this world.

This is the very main factor for mankind's failure in managing their time in the best manner.

They lack the right understanding, more so they do not even comprehend the actual purpose for their creation and objective on the face of earth. Such matter may be due to

**their shallowness in
religious understanding,
further added with
heedlessness in chasing
after worldly gain and
rewards alone that they
become blind from
religious values.**

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 56 of soorah adh-Dhaariyaat:

وَمَا خَلَقْتُ الْجِنَّ وَالْإِنْسَ إِلَّا لِيَعْبُدُونِ

***“And I did not create
the jinn and mankind
except to worship
Me.”***

2. Laziness and lackadaisical attitude.

Such attitude are truly blameworthy in Islam. Individuals possessing these attitudes will not progress and advance in

life. The Prophet ﷺ had taught us a *du'aa* (supplication) so that we are spared from dispraised attitudes, mentioned in the *hadeeth* of Anas bin Maalik *radiyAllaahu 'anh*, where Rasulullah ﷺ would supplicate:

اللَّهُمَّ
اللَّهُمَّ
وَالكَمَسَلِ،
وَضَمَعِ
الرَّجَالِ
اللَّهُمَّ
وَالْحَزِينَ،
وَالجُبِينِ
الدَّيْنِ،
اللَّهُمَّ
وَالعَجَزِ
وَالبُخْلِ،
وَعَلْبَةِ
بِكَ مِنْ

“O Allah! I seek refuge with You from worry and grief, from incapacity and laziness, from cowardice and miserliness, from being heavily in debt and from being overpowered by (other) men.”

(al-Bukhaari)

**3. The habit of
procrastinating and
wasting time.**

**Such habit is also
despised and rebuked
by our beloved**

Prophet ﷺ, as
'Abdullah bin 'Umar
radiyAllaahu
'anhuma narrated
that he ﷺ said:

“When you survive till the evening do not expect to live until the morning; and when you survive till the morning do not expect to live until the evening.”

(al-Bukhaari)

All of these bad habits
are to be faced with
solid *mujaahadah*
(striving) in fighting
against our own desire.
Those having
mujaahadah will not

allow themselves from becoming enslaved by their own desire, while on the contrary, it is they who would suppress their carnal desire.

Mankind would always
supplicate to Allah
beseeching for a long life.
However, death is *qadaa'*
mubram (inevitable fate)
that has been pre-
determined by Allah
Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala

and will not change. What is meant by a long life is life that is full of *barakah*, followed by acts of devotions and granted *barakah* upon the increased age bestowed by Allah.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 96 of soorah al-A'raaf:

“And if only the people of the cities had believed and feared Allah,

We would have opened upon them blessings from the heaven and the earth; but they denied [the messengers], so We seized them for what they were earning.”

This verse touched upon the matter regarding *barakah*. *Barakah* means increasing or expanding. Hence, *barakah* is the increase or continuance in goodness or Allah's Grace upon something.

If Allah blesses our time, then it means that there has been an increase and goodness. Hence, one hour with *barakah* is definitely different than one hour that is void of *barakah*. A year that is

**blessed is definitely
different than a year that
is not blessed.**

**Therefore, we find
individuals whom
rendered service for the
betterment of humanity,**

Allah had blessed their lives. The outcomes that they have achieved and service rendered, many a times would not be attainable by others even if they are granted with double the amount of time.

In ending the *khutbah*
today, let it be known
that time is our age.
Therefore:

1. The Muslim *ummah* must appreciate time as much as possible, for once it has passed, it will never return again, not even once.

2. The Muslim *ummah* must fill its time with beneficial deeds and do not let them go in vain.

3. The Muslim *ummah* must manage time in the best possible way for time is like a sword. If you do not cut it, it will cut you.


“And say, “Do [as you will], for Allah will see your deeds, and [so, will] His Messenger and the believers. And you will be returned to the Knower of the

***unseen and the
witnessed, and He
will inform you of
what you used to
do.””***


(Soorah at-Tawbah 9:105)




**THE SECOND
KHUTBAH**



Once more, I would like to remind all of us to always have the *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* by guarding ourselves and our families from abominable deeds and disobedience against



Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. At the same time, we will continue to pray so that our country will always remain blessed and protected from all forms of threat, as well as contagions from the Covid-19 pandemic.



O Allah, grant us guidance in performing the five obligatory prayers in congregation, fulfilling *zakaat* through Selangor *Zakaat* Board (LZS), making endowment (*waqf*)



through *Perbadanan Wakaf Selangor* (Selangor Endowment Corporation) and giving away our wealth (*infaaq*) through *Tabung Infak Jariah Umat Islam Selangor* (TIJARI, Selangor Continuous Charity for Muslims Fund),



**and to the orphans through
Darul Ehsan Islamic
Foundation (YIDE).**



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