



**Majlis Ugama Islam Singapura**

**Friday Sermon**

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**Appreciating Allah S.W.T's Name - Al-Mujib**

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْخَبِيرِ الْحَكِيمِ ، أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ الْوَاحِدُ  
الْقَوِيُّ الْمَتِينُ ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ صَادِقُ  
الْوَعْدِ الْأَمِينِ ، اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ  
وَأَصْحَابِهِ وَمَنْ اتَّبَعَهُ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ .  
أَمَّا بَعْدُ ، فَيَا أَيُّهَا الْمُسْلِمُونَ ، أُوصِيكُمْ وَنَفْسِي بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ ، فَقَدْ  
فَازَ مَنْ اتَّقَى وَخَابَ مَنْ عَصَى .

**Blessed Friday Congregation,**

Let us together increase our taqwa in Allah s.w.t., by performing all His commands and refraining ourselves from all that is forbidden. Let us increase our determination in making this religion as a reference and guidance, in facing the challenges of our temporal lives.

## **My beloved Friday congregation,**

Our Prophet Muhammad s.a.w. was narrated by Imam Al Bukhari and Muslim, to have mentioned in an authentic hadith:

**إِنَّ لِلَّهِ تِسْعَةً وَتِسْعِينَ اسْمًا، مِائَةً إِلَّا وَاحِدًا، مَنْ أَحْصَاهَا دَخَلَ الْجَنَّةَ**

Which means: *“Verily, Allah s.w.t. has ninety-nine names; one less than a hundred. Whoever preserves (memorises) it will enter the Paradise.”*

Al-Imam Ibn Hajar Al-Asqalani in his book Fathul Baari, views that the Arabic term *“Al-Ihsa”* means to memorise and not to count or merely repeat Allah’s names; but for us to reflect, internalise and operationalise its meanings. And the biggest objective in knowing Allah’s characteristics and names is for us to take lessons from its meanings.

## **My blessed brothers,**

Amongst the names of Allah s.w.t. that we will ponder together on this blessed day, is His magnificent name *Al-Mujib*, which means *“The One who answers the supplications of His servants”*.

Allah s.w.t. mentioned in the Quran, in reference to His Glorious Self:

وَإِذَا سَأَلَكَ عِبَادِي عَنِّي فَإِنِّي قَرِيبٌ أُجِيبُ دَعْوَةَ الدَّاعِ إِذَا دَعَانِ فَلْيَسْتَجِيبُوا لِي وَلْيُؤْمِنُوا بِي لَعَلَّهُمْ يَرْشُدُونَ ﴿١٨٦﴾

Which means: *“And when My servants ask you, [O Muhammad], concerning Me – indeed I am near. I respond to the invocation of the supplicant when he calls upon Me. So let them respond to Me [by obedience] and believe in Me that they may be [rightly] guided.”* [Surah Al-Baqarah, verse 186]

Besides highlighting to us concerning the importance of supplicating and imploring to Allah s.w.t. for His bounties, this beautiful verse shows us that Allah s.w.t. will never decline or reject His servants’ pleas, so long that the servants are asking for what is good and carries no bad intentions.

Hence, it is never a surprise for us to find our Prophet Muhammad’s character, mirroring the meaning of Allah s.w.t. name, Al-Mujib. In a hadith that was narrated by Imam Al-Bukhari and Muslim, from Jabir r.a. who said: *“Rasulullah s.a.w. will not decline anyone who would ask or request anything from him. He would strive in fulfilling the requests and needs of humankind”*.

## **My brothers,**

It is important for us to understand that in becoming good Muslims, we are expected to do more than just frequenting the mosques and performing worships in them. In fact, it is pertinent for Muslims to offer various forms of help, be it productive thinking, physical and even financial assistance, to various social-support entities in joining their effort in helping the less fortunate and in uplifting their living standards. Al-Imam At-Tabrani narrated that Rasulullah s.a.w. has mentioned:

لَأَنْ أَمْشِيَ مَعَ أَخٍ فِي حَاجَةٍ، أَحَبُّ إِلَيَّ مِنْ أَنْ أَعْتَكِفَ فِي هَذَا الْمَسْجِدِ  
شَهْرًا

Which means: *“Walking with my fellow brother, in fulfilling his needs is dearer to me than to keep vigil (iktikaf) in my mosque for a month”*.

Let us reflect on this my beloved brothers, of how the Prophet s.a.w pictured volunteerism and the act of helping others, to be better than keeping vigil (or *iktikaf*) in his blessed mosque. This is despite the fact that a prayer in the Prophet’s mosque is equivalent to a thousand prayers in other ordinary mosques.

This is also the spirit that the Salafussoleh were documented to have displayed. One of them is a tabi'in, who is also a grandchild of Sayyidina Ali as well as the son of Sayyidina Husin, who was called Zainul Abidin. It is said that every night he would carry breads on his shoulders, to be given away to the poor within the city of Madinah. This is a charitable act that he endeavoured till the end of his life. May Allah s.w.t. accept and reward him for his actions.

### **My brothers,**

If we were to assess the situations around us, it would be apparent to us that our current community is facing tremendous challenges economically, socially, health-wise and many more. By reflecting on Allah's name – Al-Mujib – Muslims will find themselves motivated and driven to inculcate the spirit of generosity and volunteerism within ourselves.

Hence, as faithful Muslims who endeavour to practise the religion in our daily lives, we have to strive to the best of our capabilities in helping the less-fortunate, as well as in supporting commendable social initiatives of various social entities and associations that are well-established in our country.

And as we answer the calls of our fellow brothers and sisters, may Allah s.w.t. too answer our calls to Him.

بَارَكَ اللهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ، وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ  
الآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ، وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتَهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ  
الْعَلِيمُ، أَقُولُ قَوْلِي هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللهَ الْعَظِيمَ لِي وَلَكُمْ، وَلِسَائِرِ  
الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ، وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ، فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ فَيَا  
فَوْزَ الْمُسْتَغْفِرِينَ وَيَا نَجَاةَ التَّائِبِينَ.