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The Love of Rasulullah s.a.w. and the Principle of

Brotherhood

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْمَلِكِ الْحَقِّ الْمُبِينِ الَّذِي أَبَانَ لِعِبَادِهِ مِنْ آيَاتِهِ مَا
بِهِ عِبْرَةٌ لِلْمُعْتَبِرِينَ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ
لَهُ إِلَهَ الْأَوَّلِينَ وَالْآخِرِينَ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدَهُ
وَرَسُولَهُ الْمَبْعُوثُ رَحْمَةً لِّلْعَالَمِينَ. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا
مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ وَسَلِّمْ تَسْلِيمًا كَثِيرًا . أَمَّا بَعْدُ فَيَا
عِبَادَ اللَّهِ اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تَقَاتِهِ وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ.

Blessed Friday jemaah,

Truly, the greatest blessing Allah s.w.t. has bestowed upon us is the blessing of Iman and Islam. Through His guidance, we are thus able to strengthen our iman and takwa in Allah s.w.t. Let us continuously strive to enhance our spiritual life by exemplifying Rasulullah s.a.w. as our role model and gain Allah's pleasure and in this world and the hereafter. Amin.

Beloved jemaah,

Whenever the coming of Rabiulawal nears, we are reminded of the birth of a prominent figure in history; and he is none other than our beloved messenger, Prophet Muhammad s.a.w. who was chosen by Allah s.w.t. as the last Messenger. In honouring his birth, we are called to remember Rasulullah s.a.w. and enliven his memories.

The birth of Prophet Muhammad s.a.w. brings about a million blessings to all, creatures and the cosmos alike. He has entrusted us with an everlasting message that remains relevant throughout different times and places. Even more so was his mercy and love for all. Loving Rasulullah s.a.w. is an act of worship or ibadah. In fact, it is said that one's iman is not complete if he loves himself, his family and friends more than he loves the Prophet s.a.w.

Jemaah, Rasulullah s.a.w. truly loved and empathised with his ummah. His love for us is immeasurable by any means of wealth or prestige. The love of Prophet Muhammad s.a.w. is everlasting. He is often concerned about his ummah.

It was reported by Abdullah bin 'Amr bin 'Ash r.a., that Prophet Muhammad s.a.w. read verse 36 of Surah Ibrahim, regarding the supplication made by Prophet Ibrahim a.s. which meant: *"My Lord, indeed they have led astray many among the people. So whoever follows me - then he is of me; and whoever*

disobeys me - indeed, You are [yet] Forgiving and Merciful.” He s.a.w. then read verse 118 in surah al-Maidah, which was the supplication of Prophet Isa a.s. which meant: *“If You should punish them - indeed they are Your servants; but if You forgive them - indeed it is You who is the Exalted in Might, the Wise.”* Rasulullah s.a.w then raised his hands and prayed: *“Oh Allah, my people, my people,”* with tears falling from his eyes.

Allah s.w.t. then mentioned: *“O Jibril Go to Muhammad (and indeed Your Lord is All-Knowing) and ask him: “What made you weep?”* Jibril a.s. then came to the prophet s.a.w. and asked him (the reason of his weeping) and Rasulullah s.a.w. informed Jibril the cause of his weeping. Upon this Allah s.w.t. mentioned: *“Jibril, go to Muhammad s.a.w and say: “Verily, We will please you with regard to your Ummah and will never displease you”.* [Hadith reported by Imam Muslim]

Jemaah,

Let us live in remembrance of Rasulullah s.a.w. by treasuring his message and his deep sense of love he had for his ummah.

When we are faced with the uncertainties and challenges of the modern world, let us look to the Prophet s.a.w. as the best role model for us to emulate, as our guide towards becoming true believers who consistently spread love and good deeds towards a prosperous and successful life. This is done with the hopes of

achieving the Prophet's love and mercy. Allah says in al-Taubah, verse 128:

لَقَدْ جَاءَكُمْ رَسُولٌ مِّنْ أَنْفُسِكُمْ عَزِيزٌ عَلَيْهِ مَا
عَنِتُّمْ حَرِيصٌ عَلَيْكُمْ بِالْمُؤْمِنِينَ رَءُوفٌ
رَّحِيمٌ

Which means: *“There has certainly come to you a Messenger from among yourselves. Grievous to him is what you suffer; [he is] concerned over you and to the believers is kind and merciful.”*

One of the key lessons from Rasulullah s.a.w. is the principle of brotherhood. He exemplified this when he built bridges of friendship and ties of brotherhood between the people of Makkah (Muhajirin) and the people of Madinah (Ansar). The ties that bound them were rooted on their sincere love for Allah s.w.t. The people of Ansar extended much help and support to the people of Makkah. Whatever they could share with the people of Makkah, they would do so in order to help their friends who were less fortunate and who were not very stable after migrating to Madinah.

In the spirit of upholding the noble teachings of Rasulullah s.a.w., we too should come together and work towards encouraging each other to do more good deeds without

belittling or criticising any group. We each have our merits, so let us all unite and leverage on our strengths to achieve bigger and more profound results in our efforts to better our lives, as well as the lives of others. Allah s.w.t mentions in surah al-Hujurat, verse 10:

إِنَّمَا الْمُؤْمِنُونَ إِخْوَةٌ فَأَصْلِحُوا بَيْنَ أَخَوَيْكُمْ وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ لَعَلَّكُمْ تُرْحَمُونَ

Which means: *“The believers are but brothers, so make settlement between your brothers. And fear Allah that you may receive mercy.”*

Allah s.w.t. will grant us with His mercy, if we, as believers, are genuinely concerned about our fellow brothers and sisters, and are committed in helping them improve their circumstances to the best of our abilities, as done by the people of Ansar to the people of Makkah. This unity must be guarded continuously, and to do so, we should thus avoid any actions that will cause hurt and offend others. For example, we should avoid looking down upon them, making harsh comments, and ripping apart the bonds of Iman and Islam that holds the community together.

We also need to be conscious of our speech and actions in order to better emulate the Prophet s.a.w. by radiating love, mercy and compassion in our personal lives, family, community and country.

Beloved Jemaah,

In our efforts to remember our beloved Prophet Muhammad s.a.w. and keep him alive in our hearts, let us strive to spread his teachings by spreading love and mercy to all of Allah's creations. Through such actions, we sincerely hope to receive the blessed syafaat of Rasulullah s.a.w. in the hereafter.

May Allah s.w.t. grant us taufik and hidayah as we strive towards becoming an ummah that does justice to the Prophet s.a.w., an ummah that is loving and merciful. May Allah s.w.t. purify our hearts and fill it with noble values, may we always receive Allah's protection and guidance in this world and the hereafter. Amin. Ya Rabbal 'Alamin.

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