

Friday Sermon

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Faith, The Source for An Excellent Ummah

- An excellent ummah is an ummah that practices the values and actions according to the true meaning of faith whereby all our activities are based on our taqwa and fear for Allah s.w.t only.
- Do realise that Islam is a religion based on faith or sincere conviction in Allah s.w.t, in the angels, in the prophets, in the Holy Scriptures, in the day of the Hereafter, and in Qada' and Qadar as deemed by Allah s.w.t.
- As a Muslim, in our busy lives as students or as workers, we should not forget our role in strengthening our own faith. As parents, we must educate our children to know Allah and to strive towards ensuring a strong faith in our children besides prioritising other kinds of knowledge
- in improving the quality of the ummah, we must first strengthen the faith of the ummah based on true conviction. If the conviction is strong, the faith will also be strong. Whereas the habit of not prioritizing faith will only lead man to a state of faith decadence and ignoring all that Allah commands and forbids.
- To strengthen the faith, one must learn matters pertaining to the oneness of Allah and about faith itself, beginning from knowing Allah to the belief in the Hereafter and qada' and qadar. One must do the obligatory ibadah such as prayers, giving alms, fasting and performing hajj if we can afford.
- Not only that, a person who wants to strengthen his faith must also know the things which are forbidden by Allah and His Prophet, so he can abstain himself from committing illegal acts, drinking, gambling, incurring his parents' wrath, ignoring responsibilities, spreading rumours and so on.