

Summarised Friday Sermon

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A Good Muslim is a Good Citizen

- Those who have taqwa will accept and love what Allah has decreed upon them as Allah only wants what is good for His servants and this conviction can only arise from deep understanding of tauhid and from strong Iman.
- The love will be extended to their parents, families, friends, country and nation. All these come from that intense and devotional love to Allah
- To love one's country is the effect from the devotional love towards Allah. It is a manifestation of our belief and Iman to Allah.
- Another method for us to show our love to our country, as directed by our religion is to abstain, and to call upon others to refrain, from pre-marital or extra-marital sexual intercourse, or what we commonly called as *Zina*
- To love is not a sin. But to indulge in *nafs*, wrongful desires, is a sin. Every moment spent in controlling our wrongful desires is considered as an *ibadah*. A devotion to Allah and infact, a pure love, is one that is not tainted with sins
- Our body and soul belongs to Allah as He has given them to us in this world as a trust. Do not betray that trust and do not abuse that body that Allah has given us in this world to do things that He has forbidden.
- Do not ever shy away or feel embarrassed from having such discussions with our youths as for today's youths are not like the yesteryears' youths. They are more open, more comfortable to talk about sexual matters. We engage them in a friendly manner, and logical discussions, and try to avoid being too preachy. Instill in them the spirit of being a Muslims, and remind them what it entails being a Muslim.
- A Muslim majority country should be an example of a peaceful and harmonious nation. with certainty that the believers will contribute to the well-being of their country, strengthen it, making it more stable, by practising all that Islam teaches us



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