

Summarised Friday Sermon

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ISLAM LEADS TO MODERATION

- As Muslims, it is compulsory that we perform our prayers wherever we are and this is a principle that cannot be compromised but be smart when executing the obligation.
- If we are really short of time, perform only the pre-conditions and requirements of prayer with concentration and humility towards Allah s.w.t.
- Do not use the time given for prayer by our employer to do something else and waste it. Remember the importance of being honest it is also an important principle that we need to hold on to.
- This is the way of life that is balanced and moderate; the kind which is encouraged by Islam. With the presence of moderation, the community will be more inclusive, more open and accepting the differences in views and opinions and it will refrain our community from the two extremes.
- The first extreme is by being too strict, intolerable and not open to differences in opinion among Muslim scholars. The second one is by taking religious matters lightly not differentiating between what is fixed fundamentals that cannot be changed and what is flexible according to time and space.
- It is then very important for us to have balance and moderation in religion. To make moderation part of our life, we need two qualities: First, we must be inclusive, Secondly, we must make Islam as our guide which gives us alternatives and ways to get through life in our present day.
- Hopefully, with these qualities we are able to practice moderation in our religion. Hence, we are able to forge and develop an identity for the Muslim community in Singapore a community that is principally profound, and is a blessing to all.



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