

Summarised Friday Sermon

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OPENING A NEW CHAPTER IN THE NEW YEAR

- We will be welcoming the new year of the Islamic Hijrah calendar; year 1428. Let us all not waste any more time and seek forgiveness from Allah s.w.t to start doing more good deeds while refraining from the bad ones.
- The Prophet PBUH described our life here on earth as a temporary stopover. Prophet s.a.w. had say: "I am not longing for worldly pleasures. I am like a traveler, who is taking a short rest under a tree. And in a while, I shall be leaving this place to continue my journey."
- In the midst of all our anxiety and excitement to increase our amal soleh, do not forget that the kind of amal soleh that brings us rewards are not only limited to the rituals, but, what are also considered as amal soleh are also those which are being done for the benefit of others.
- Islam is not a religion which is merely based on rituals alone and also is not a religion of individuality. It is in fact a way of life that is holistic and covers more than just rituals. It has been set by Allah s.w.t. as such so that humans may leave harmoniously together.
- When the Prophet s.a.w. was forced to leave Makkah and had to migrate to Madinah, he did not pray for anything bad to happen for the non-Muslim citizens there. This is an exemplary kind of akhlaq; fighting evil with goodness.
- Hopefully, with the arrival of the New Year, we shall become Muslims with high integrity, with more ibadats being performed, and less transgression.



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