

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

1. Background

Islam always teaches its followers to search goodness and keep away from the wrath of God. However, many Muslims are conquered by their bad passions . To prevent such negative things to happen, Muslims are urged to always be reminded through preaching or da'wah. Da'wah calls Moslems to believe and obey God. Da'wah can be performed through many ways among others, khutbah . One of the specific religious obligation to the Muslim man is observing a Friday sermon (Khutbah Jumat). Khutbah in Islam is very important because it is a potential mass communication media for a *Khatib* (Preacher) to propagate the divine truths—and to inform the rights and responsibilities of Moslems. Khutbah is an act of worship practiced by the messenger of Allah and ever since the practice is followed by Muslim. They are mass communication because the target audience is big. It involves all the mosques in a country that preaches Jumaa

Khutbah is included in one of Friday prayer rituals. Based on hadith a man must make ablution and then hears and pays attention to the khutbah. Khutbah requires jamaah (attendees) keep silence and only the preacher can speak during the sermon; anyone else who speaks and those who play around with gravel during khutbah, or even asks another person not to speak, is violating prayer ritual, consequently their Friday prayer is useless. This brief description indicates how a importance of sermon is and the way in which they effectively convey messages to attendees (Albayrak, 2012)..

In some countries preachers are trained in accordance to state policies. This is done in order to filter the sermon content that does not touch on issues of political and cultural communalism or radical issues (Albayrak, 2012)..

The average sermon speech can be finished less than 15 minutes, It is expected that the delivery of the sermon would not distract listeners from the

words presented. Preachers usually spoke their sermons in a formal atmosphere and deliberate monotone. The congregation often have problems to focus on the sermon . As a result, the assembly can not catch the substance of the sermon that was delivered . The crowded congregation does not focus and they are sleepy during the Friday sermon. Consequently, the objective to spread propaganda to the congregation was not fulfilled.

It is assumed that there are some important factors why Friday sermons have not become effective in delivering the message. Firstly, the fluency factor of the speaker will affect the sermon delivery. Secondly, the contents of the sermon (message) are also problematic resulted from the organization of the information, the use of unfamiliar words and too long speech. Furthermore, sometimes the listeners cannot get the good quality sound of the speech.

In common practice, a preacher needs to write his sermon before the presentation. Text body structure plays an important role in conveying easily understood, clear and concise speech . Some books give some guidelines on how to write a sermon text that needs to be followed to ensure the qualities of the sermon text. However, a preacher still needs to improve the writing of the sermon. Although some books are very good to facilitate the writing of the sermon, there are weaknesses in the aspects of structuring the information, namely the contents of the text body. The message needs to be structured so that the preachers are able to provide well organized sermons for audience to understand the speech.

From the text above, the writer have concluded that the sermon is very important for Moslems, because sermon could fulfill their religious obligation and learn more about their religion. Sermon can also give a good inspiration for our lives in the future. Sermons need to be studied in term of information organization in order to help preacher deliver the message effectively. Therefore, the authors will discuss “The Study of Text Structure and Communicative purposes of Friday Sermon in Ath Thuroiqi Mosque”as the title of the final report.

At Ath-thuroiqi mosque, Friday prayers are routine activities performed by students, lecturers, and citizens around the mosque. Friday prayers start from 12.00 until 13.00. The sermons start from 12:00 to 12:30. All the rituals are closed by closing prayers until 13.00.

1.1 Research question

The problem of this study is formulated in the following questions:

1. How are the selected sermon texts organized by the preachers into their schematic structure?
2. What communicative purposes are employed in the Indonesian Friday sermon texts?

1.2 Study Objective

The aim of this study is to examine the Indonesian sermon texts in terms of their organization and purposes. This study will contribute to the understanding of the question of whether the selected sermon messages fulfill the framework proposed by Torino (n.d. cited in Miller 1978)

1.3 Limitation :

This study referred to a sermon as a Friday sermon written in Bahasa Indonesia prepared by the preachers of Ath Thuroiqi mosque in. The written texts are spoken and delivered prior to four Friday prayers. These records were accomplished from 21st of March 2014 until 9th of May 2014.

The writer analyzed the structure and the purposes of four Friday sermons in ath thuroiqi mosque based on Torino's Traditional Structure of a Puritan Sermon Torino (n.d. cited in Miller 1978).

1.4 Benefits :

The first benefit is providing inputs on how to improve public speaking skills. This study is done to improve the structure of sermon texts containing

Islam teachings so that they can be presented effectively to the congregation. Secondly, it is hope to help the congregation so that they can understand, remember and appreciate the message in sermons. Finally, this study will give information for all the students of State Polytechnic of Sriwijaya, especially student of English Department on how to upgrade communication skill.