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I remind myself first and all of us to increase our *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala* by having determination to maintain our *taqwa* during *Ramadaan* into all the other months.

Verily, *Ramadaan* is the training ground in attaining higher level of *taqwa* that is to be internalized and maintained in other months throughout the year.

On this blessed day, let us
contemplate and ponder upon
the *khutbah* titled: “*Ramadaan
Is Month-Long, ‘Eidulfitr Is
One Day, ‘Ibaadah Remains
Every Day.’*”

Yesterday, we had celebrated
the end of a long spiritual
course. That course and training
was not organized by any
organization or association, but
well designed by Allah

Subhaanahu Wata 'aala
Himself, The One that created
us, All-Knowing of our needs.

Let us ponder upon this
hadeeth. Narrated Abu
Hurayrah *radiyAllaahu 'anh*
that Rasulullah

sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam
said:

**“ ... And may a man upon
whom *Ramadaan* enters and
then passes and his sins are
not forgiven, be humiliated...”**

(at-Tirmidhi)

We are familiar with the expression within our society:

“Puasa Sebulan, Raya Pun Sebulan” (Fasting is for a month, *Eid* celebration is also for a month). Unfortunately, this

saying that is normally uttered
in a joking manner has now
become the norm within our
society. Even though we know
that the *'ibaadah* of fasting is
legislated for an entire

month (29 or 30 days), we fail to comprehend the fact that *Eidulfitr* is legislated for only one day. When we look to our brethren in the Middle East, we observe that they would actually celebrate

and enliven their *Ramadaan* as compared to *Shawwaal*. Where *'Eidulfitr* is only celebrated with *takbeer* in the night (eve) of *'Eid* and the morning of *'Eid*. After the *salaah* and *khutbah* of

*‘Eidulfitr, life returns to normal
just like any other days prior to
Ramadaan.*

We may perceive that such
scenario is not a “suitable”
phenomenon with our society
and culture,

but it is best that we observe
and weigh several matters so
that we can balance between the
tarbiyyah (education) of
Ramadaan with the joy of
celebrating *'Eidulfitr*.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala*
has commanded fasting during
the days of *Ramadaan*. And
during its nights, it is highly
recommended to be revived
with *'ibaadah*,

especially with *salaatul fard* in
jama'ah, *taraweeh*, and always
engaging in *tilaawah* of al-
Qur'an. For the *'Eid*, it is from
the *sunnah* for us to make
takbeer that is concluded with
the *salaah*

and *khutbah* of *'Eid*. After that,
we are not required to make
takbeer for the rest of the (*'Eid*)
day or days after. This is
opposite with *'Eiduladha* in
which it is from the *sunnah* to
make

takbeer for longer duration until the days of *Tashreeq*, after the *fard* or *sunnah salawaat*. All these show that festivities and celebrations throughout the entire month of *Shawwaal*

in general are not based upon Islamic teachings. On the contrary, it is only the custom and culture of our society. It is not something necessitated as *'ibaadah* that is specific, though it can be

deemed as within general
'ibaadah. This is because
commendable acts such as
visiting each other and feeding
the guests are from among the
sunnah acts that can be done at
any time

during the year. However, the
yearly celebration in *Shawwaal*
usually becomes the
contributing factor for us to fail
in maintaining and preserving
our stellar devotion and worship
during

Ramadaan. Just look at how the *suraus* and *masaajid* becomes empty after *Ramadaan*. Just observe, how many of us would actually “complete” their six days fasting of *Shawwaal*?

In *Shawwaal*, we must continue to monitor our affairs and relations so that we will continue to be close with Allah. And not getting further away from Allah by indulging in

prohibited matters such as
excessive entertainment,
unrestricted free mixing
between genders, eating and
drinking from *haraam* sources,
having a good time celebrating
that the

salaah is neglected,
or watching TV shows depicting
un-Islamic behaviors or causing
negligence in *'ibaadah*.

Today, I would like to remind
all of us of the necessary
measures to be taken in the
month of *Shawwaal*, among
them:

1- Fasting the six days of
Shawwaal,

where its virtues are mentioned
in the *hadeeth* Abu Ayooob al-
Ansaari *radiyAllaahu 'anh*,
where Rasulullah *sallAllahu*
'alayhi wasallam stated:

**“Whoever fasts *Ramadaan*
and follows it with six days of
Shawwaal, it will be as if he
fasted for a lifetime.”**

(Muslim, Ahmad, Abu Dawood, at-
Tirmidhi, an-Nasaa’i, ibn Maajah)

This fasting can be done in consecutive days or separately (randomly), for as long as they are done in *Shawwaaal*.

However, the best and preferred method is consecutively after

'Eidulfitr, that is beginning from the 2nd of *Shawwaal* until the 7th. This is preferred for it illustrates the manner and attitude of the slave that is eager and hastens in engaging in *'ibaadah*.

Moreover, *'Eidulfitr* is only legislated for the 1st of *Shawwaal*, the day in which the Muslims are prohibited from fasting. This six days fasting of *Shawwaal* can be combined with the *qadaa*'

(missed or make up) or *nazhr*
(vow) fasting. Hence, whoever
has any debt of *Ramadaan*
fasting, especially the
Muslimahs, they can perform
their *qadaa* ' fasting in
Shawwaal.

This is so that they will reap the reward of the six days fasting of *Shawwaal* as well. Let us not delay in performing this *sunnah* fasting for we may miss out on this golden opportunity

that only comes once a year.
However, the best method is to
complete all the missed or make
up fasting first for the amount of
days owed, and only then one
begins the six days fasting of
Shawwaal

(separately). This is based on the *hadeeth* where Rasulullah *sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam* explained the virtue of fasting six days of *Shawwaal*, narrated by Thawbaan *radiyAllaahu*

'anh:

“Fasting *Ramadaan* is like fasting ten months, and fasting six days is like fasting two months. [Together] it is fasting an entire year.”

(Ahmad, an-Nasaa'ie, ibn Hibbaan, ibn Khuzaymah)

This is also based upon other *ahaadeeth* stating that every good deed will be rewarded with 10 rewards. Therefore, the fasting the month of *Ramadaan* is equivalent to 10 months and the six days

of *Shawwaal* would be equivalent to 60 days or two months. In various narrations, *Rasulullah sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam* stated:

**“... And the reward of
good deeds is multiplied
ten times...”**

(al-Bukhaari)

2- We must continue to obligate ourselves to pray the *fard salaah* in *jamaa'ah* whether in the masjid or *surau* for praying in congregation has much greater reward than

praying alone. We have proven
our capability to pray in
jamaa 'ah during *Ramadaan*,
especially in the nights. We
prayed *'Ishaa'*, *taraweeh*, and
witr all in congregation.

On average, we had prayed 15 or 27 *raka'ah* in *jamaa'ah* in the night. So, maintain such trend with at least three *raka'ah* of *Maghrib* and four

raka'ah of *'Ishaa'* in *jamaa'ah*
in the night, and also with the
three other *fard salawaat*.

3- We should continue to perform the night *'ibaadah* with at least two *raka'ah* of *tahajjud* or one *raka'ah* of *witr* prayer. Did we not prove ourselves in *Ramadaan* that we are able

to wake up early everyday for *suhoor*? Then, it is only right for us to continue to strive and have *istiqaamah* in performing *qiyaam al-layl* around the time of *suhoor* for it is an ideal period to

seek forgiveness from Allah
Subhaanahu Wata'aala. Allah
Subhaanahu Wata'aala
mentions in al-Qur'an:

**“And in the hours before
dawn they would ask
forgiveness.”**

(adh-Dhaariyaat 51:18)

4- We shall inculcate the *tilaawah* and study of al-Qur'an as part of our daily affairs. At least, we must read a page a day. Hopefully the meaning of the verses recited and the teachings

from al-Qur'an will provide guidance in our daily lives.

5- We must avoid from excessiveness in fun and amusement. The end of *Ramadaan* does not mark the end of our tireless efforts in

'ibaadah. Similarly, the arrival of *Shawwaal* does not mean that we are now liberated from restrictions. On the contrary, *Ramadaan* provides the fertile ground for us to accustom ourselves

with *'ibaadah* and controlling
our desires.

6- We must avoid ourselves
from excessive eating or
feeding. It is sufficient with
adequate

food that will maintain a healthy
body and enough nourishment
for us to continue performing
'ibaadah to Allah *Subhaanahu*
Wata 'aala.

Allah has reminded us to consume food and drink, but not excessively that we become satiated or wasteful with excessive food. Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala* mentions in al-Qur'an:

**“... and eat and drink, but
be not excessive. Indeed,
He likes not those who
commit excess.”**

(al-A‘raaf 7:31)

What is important is for us to be resolved and determined in celebrating *'Eidulfitr* by attaining nearness to Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala* with various *'ibaadah* including the six days fasting of

Shawwaal. Do not fall behind
and lose out in the race to seize
the bountiful reward offered by
Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala.
Let us remain committed in
making this *Ramadaan* and

Shawwaaal better than the previous ones. Let us not get carried away and drowned in the fun and amusement of the '*Eid* fever for an entire

month that we lose out in
garnering boons for the
aakhirah as our provision and
preparation after our demise. If
not this time around, then when
will we ever begin???

“O you who have believed, do not follow the footsteps of Satan. And whoever follows the footsteps of Satan – indeed, he enjoins immorality and wrongdoing. And if not for

**the favor of Allah upon you
and His mercy, not one of you
would have been pure, ever,
but Allah purifies whom He
wills, and Allah is Hearing
and Knowing.”**

(an-Noor 24:21)

بَارَكَ اللهُ لِيْ وَ لَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيْمِ وَ نَفَعَنِي
وَ اِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيْهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ وَ الذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيْمِ وَ تَقَبَّلْ
مِنِّْيْ وَ مِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتَهُ اِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيْعُ الْعَلِيْمُ. اَقُوْلُ
قَوْلِيْ هَذَا وَ اَسْتَغْفِرُ اللهَ الْعَظِيْمَ لِيْ وَ لَكُمْ وَ لِسَائِرِ
الْمُسْلِمِيْنَ وَ الْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَ الْمُؤْمِنِيْنَ وَ الْمُؤْمِنَاتِ
الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَ الْأَمْوَاتِ فَاسْتَغْفِرُوْهُ
اِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُوْرُ الرَّحِيْمُ

**O Allah, You are the Almighty Lord,
we are grateful unto You for having
bestowed upon us Mercy and
Blessings, nourishing us to strive
to continue in strengthening the
Muslim nation especially the state
of Selangor, as an advanced,
progressive, peaceful, and
benevolent state.**

**We beseech and beg You, Ya Allah,
to strengthen our *imaan*, increase
our good deeds, strengthen our
unity, increase our provision,
enrich us with beneficial
knowledge, nourish our soul with
beautiful *akhlaaq*, guide us to the
Path that is Pleasing to You,**

protect us from Your severe tribulations such as the long drought, severe flooding, disease outbreak, violence and instability, poverty, and others, so that our land will become more peaceful and blessed.

Oh Allah, we ask You to open up the hearts of the Muslim *ummah* especially in Selangor, to fulfill their *zakaat* obligation as You had decreed in al-Qur'an. Bless the lives of those who have fulfilled their *zakaat* obligation, loving and caring for the poor and needy.

**Purify their wealth and soul so that
they will live according to that
which pleases You. Protect the poor
and needy from disbelief and
everlasting poverty. *Allaahummaa
ameen***



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