

#### THE IMPACT OF RAMADAAN THROUGHOUT THE YEAR



Let us strive to strengthen our taqwa of Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala by fulfilling all of His Commands and leaving out all of His prohibitions.

May the 'ibaadah of fasting and righteous deeds that we perfected in Ramadaan remain continuous throughout year, leaving deep rooted impact within us from the internalization of

those 'ibaadah. Today's khutbah intends to motivate us unto becoming individuals that realizes "The Impact Of Ramadaan Throughout The Year."

All of our actions have been pre-determined by Allah and have its consequences, whether good or bad. If we plant a seed, then the result is its own harvest, which we consume and also sell to earn

our livelihood. Whether we work as a physician, engineer, educator, or architect, we will be compensated for our rendered service. The earning or income that we

earned is based upon our diligent work, provided that we had worked diligently. On the contrary, if we worked diligently without effectiveness, then the employer will not pay our

wage or salary.

Such is the significance of the impact or effect of deeds that Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala created in administering all living things.

The plants will only become fertile with the effect of water sprinkled on it. Our stomach becomes full from the sustenance that we consumed. We feel healthy and healed from illness as

direct effect from the medicine that we took. That is the mercy and bounty bestowed by Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala, numerous and countless upon us.

But all these manifestations are physical, whether clearly seen or felt. Moreover, the human consists of two important elements, namely physical and spiritual, or external and internal.

Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala, The Most Merciful, has prepared Ramadaan as a month for accumulating 'ibaadah for the Muslims, where its rewards are multiplied

manifold, with the sins forgiven, mercy amply bestowed, and inhabitants of Hellfire released. These are all the effect and result from deep internalization of fasting along with ikhlaas for

### the sake of Allah *Subhaanahu Wata 'aala*.

In the hadeeth of Salmaan al-Faarisi radiy Allaahu 'anh who said: Rasulullah (عليه وسلم) had addressed us on the last day of Sha'baan and said:

"O People, there has come to you a great and blessed month... Its beginning is a mercy, the middle of it is forgiveness, and the end of it is freedom from the fire..." (al-Bayhaqi: da'eef)

Ramadaan has left us, filled with many deeds aside from the obligatory fasting. Additional deeds such as praying taraweeh, suhoor, tilaawah al-Qur'aan, fulfilling zakaah,

giving charity, praying tahajjud, engaging in dhikr, providing iftaar, praying in jamaa 'ah at the masjid, strengthening the silaaturrahm, shaking hands, aiding others, kindness to

spouses, children, and neighbors, and many more, are all rewarded multifold by Allah as compared to other months. Hence, every deed that is performed will have its effect and virtue upon its

doer. Abu Hurayrah radiy Allaahu 'anh reported that Rasulullah (عليه وسلم) said: "Who fasted among you today?" Abu Bakr (radiyAllaahu 'anh) replied: "I did." He (the

Prophet again) said: "Who among you followed a bier today?" Abu Bakr (radiyAllaahu 'anh) replied: "I did." He (the Prophet again) said: "Who among you fed a poor man

today?" Abu Bakr (radiyAllaahu 'anh) replied: "I did." He (again) said: "Who among you visited an invalid [sick person] today?" Abu Bakr (radiyAllaahu 'anh) said:

"I did." Upon this the Messenger of Allah (عليه وسلم) said: "Anyone in whom (these good deeds) are combined will certainly enter paradise." (Muslim)

This hadeeth manifests to us on the greatness in value and effect for those that accumulate their deeds while fasting. Fasting whether obligatory or recommended will produce utmost sabr.

## In one *hadeeth*, a man from Banu Sulaym,

Rasulullah (عليه وسلم) said:

"... and fasting is half of patience."

(at-Tirmidhi, ibn Maajah, al-Bayhaqi, Ahmad: *hasan*) Verily, fasting trains the soul to become submissive to Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala. It is capable of perfecting a solid imaan unto Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala, whether in times

of ease or difficulty, whether healthy or sick.

For those that strove to wake up at night in performing the night 'ibaadah, it will bear the good effect of leadership and accountability with

Allah. That was the training that was obligated upon Rasulullah (صلى الله ) before he was elevated as the Messenger of Allah, a path that must be undertaken by every Muslim leader.

Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala mentions in al-Qur'an: "Indeed, the hours of the night are more effective for concurrence [of heart and tongue] and more suitable for words." (al-Muzzammil 73:6)

ibn Hajar rahimahullaah mentioned in his list regarding the effects of fasting that one will abide by the sunnah of Rasulullah (عليه وسلم), appearing differently than the People of the Book,

and having increased ikhlaas in 'ibaadah. Fasting and suhoor can extinguish anger especially for those with a hot temper. How wonderful it is for the hottempered ones to wake up for suhoor

throughout Ramadaan, for it is a sound therapy for them. The organized suhoor and iftaar at the masjid or surau provides a great opportunity for the Muslims to strengthen the silaaturrahm in the long

run, pray taraweeh in jamaa 'ah, collective cleanup, donating their wealth, giving charity, and fulfilling their zakaat. Hence, every righteous deed will leave a great impact upon every

individual soul within the society. This will proliferate, building the essence of accountability and concern within those engaging in righteous deeds all year round.

Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala mentions in al-Qur'an: "...And cooperate in righteousness and piety, but do not cooperate in sin and aggression.

# And fear Allah; indeed, Allah is severe in penalty." (al-Maa'idah 5:2)



#### Narrated Hudhayfah bin al-Yaman *radiyAllaahu 'anh*: I heard Rasulullah (عليه وسلم) as saying:

"... The *fitnah* of a man with regard to his family, his wealth, his own self,

his children and his neighbors are expiated by his prayers, fasts, charity and enjoining what is good and forbidding what is evil..."

(Muslim, at-Tirmidhi, ibn Maajah)

Imaam al-Munawi rahimahullaah while explaining this hadeeth in his book Fayd al-Qadeer Sharh al-Jaami' as-Sagheer stated that, "the fitnah for the man with his family is

misguidance, disobedience, and his wicked acts involving his own family causing him to forget his obligations and negligence in the good treatment of his family with kind words.

The fitnah for the man with his wealth is that they were attained in an impermissible way and spent upon the haraam or kept pre-occupied with the wealth that he became negligent in

performing good deeds. The fitnah for the man upon himself is inclining to his lust and its like. The fitnah for the man with his offspring is that he becomes too overjoyed that he forgets

the obligations of the Shara'. And the fitnah for a man with his neighbor is the evil feeling of envy, arrogance, hastiness, hoarding, and breaking his promise. Hence, with all these fitnah, it can

be atoned with fruits from the effect of fasting, sadaqah, and amr bil ma 'roof wan nahy 'anil munkar during fasting." Therefore, glad tidings upon those that performed all

those deeds this past Ramadaan, namely fasting, giving sadaqah, and amr bil ma'roof wan nahy 'anil munkar.



In reality, fasting leaves a great impact upon a person to continue in obedience and garnering as many rewards possible. Sultaan al-'Ulamaa' 'Izzuddeen bin Abdussalaam rahimahullaah

once mentioned, "it is the reason for one to increase his obedience, for through fasting he will taste the agony of hunger for not having food, and feel the torment of the people of

Hellfire for their disobedience and defiance to Allah. Hence, its effect will drive one to increase their righteousness unto Allah in saving themselves from the punishment of the Fire."

Therefore, they would become among those that are always giving charity and aiding those in need.

In concluding this khutbah, as Muslims that recently completed the 'ibaadah of fasting, let us reflect upon the virtue of all the righteous deeds that we had performed this past Ramadaan.

1- Let us preserve the increased taqwa that we attained throughout Ramadaan, for successfully abstaining from disobedience and sins, attaining forgiveness from

Allah, granted mercy from Allah, and becoming slaves that are always obedient to Allah. 2- Let us continue with the sunnah fasting, waking up at night for 'ibaadah, and

giving sadaqah, for they will groom us into becoming leaders that are excellent and compassionate towards the poor and those in difficulty.

3- Let us continue the virtuous act of aiding others, those in need, and linking *silaaturrahm* among the Muslims.

"As for those who believed and did righteous deeds, for them will be the Gardens of Refuge as accommodation for what they used to do." (as-Sajdah 32:19)

بَارَكَ اللهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيْمِ وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيْهِ مِنَ الأَيَاتِ وَالذَّكْرِ الْحَكِيْمِ وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلاوَتُهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيْمُ. أَقُوْلُ قَوْلِيْ هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللهَ الْعَظِيْمَ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِر الْمُسْلِمِيْنَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِيْنَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ الأُحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالأُمْوَاتِ فَاسْتَغْفِرُوْهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ 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.

O Allah, we implore upon you, keep us steadfast upon the methodology of Ahlus Sunnah wal Jamaa'ah, and protect us from 'ageedah and practices that are misguided and deviated such as extreme Shee'ism, Qaadiyani, and others.

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.

and also those that have given away and endowed (waqf) their wealth to the Selangor Islamic Development Trust Fund (Tabung Amanah Pembangunan Islam Selangor) with eternal rewards until the Hereafter.

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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