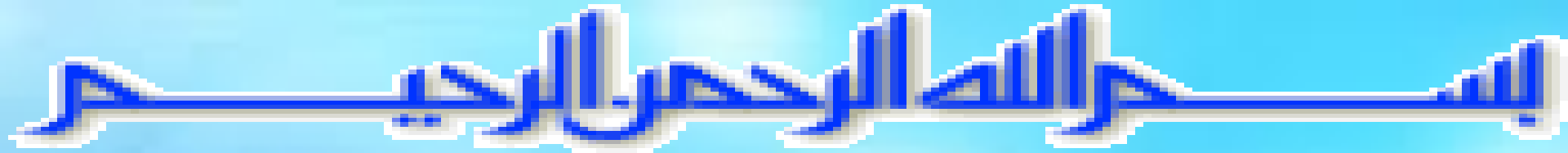




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***THE FINAL SPRINT
FOR RAMADAAAN***



I remind myself and
respected audience to
strive our utmost in
increasing our *imaan* and
taqwa of Allah by
adhering to all of His
Commands and avoiding

**all of His prohibitions.
May this Ramadaan aid
us in becoming among
the successful ones in
this world and the
Hereafter.**

The topic of today's
khutbah is



***THE FINAL SPRINT
FOR RAMADAAN.***

Alhamdulillah, it is now only a few days left as our last chance to reap as much virtues and rewards that are exclusively offered in the holy month of Ramadaan. In these final moments, there is

one night that is known as *Laylat al-Qadr* (Night of Decree). The reward for *'ibaadah* (worship) during this night is equal to the reward of *'ibaadah* of a thousand

months. The virtue of such night was mentioned by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* in the verses of soorah al-Qadr:

“Indeed, We sent the Qur’an down during the Night of Decree. And what can make you know what is the Night of Decree? The Night of Decree is better than a thousand months.

The angels and the Spirit descend therein by permission of their Lord for every matter. Peace it is until the emergence of dawn.”

There are several opinions from the scholars stating that Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* has awarded *Laylat al-Qadr* upon the *ummah* (nation) of Prophet Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم.

According to Imaam
Maalik, Rasulullah ﷺ
noticed that the lifespan
of his *ummah* is not as
long as the previous
nations, so he supplicated
to Allah *Subhaanahu Wa
Ta'aala* to bestow the

opportunity for his *ummah* to perform righteous deeds with its rewards equivalent to the righteous deeds of the previous *ummah*. That is why Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* had offered

the night of *al-Qadr* that is worth a thousand months of rewards.

In the last ten nights, Rasulullah ﷺ would seek for the virtue of *Laylat al-Qadr* by staying up in the

night, as mentioned in the *hadeeth* of Sayyidatina ‘A’ishah *radiy*Allaahu ‘anha:

“With the start of the last ten days of Ramadaan, the Prophet (ﷺ) used to

***tighten his waist belt
(i.e. keep away from his
wives) and used to pray
all the night, and used
to keep his family awake
for the prayers.”***

(al-Bukhaari)

Let us earnestly seize the very opportunity in attaining the bountiful reward of *Laylat al-Qadr* by intensifying our righteous deeds such as *qiyaam al-layl* (night prayer), *i'tikaf* in the

mosques, reciting and reflecting upon the verses of al-Qur'an, increasing our *adhkaar* (remembrance of Allah), attending *majaalis 'ilm* (Islamic classes) or Ramadaan *tadhkeerah*

(brief reminders).

We are also told to increase our supplications, as in the *hadeeth* narrated by Sayyidatina ‘A’ishah *radiyAllaahu ‘anha:*

“I said: “O Messenger of Allah, what is your view if I know when the Night of al-Qadr is, then what should I say in it?” He said: “Say: “O Allah, indeed

***You are Pardoning,
[Generous,] You love
pardon, so pardon
me.”””***

(at-Tirmidhi)

In reaping rewards
towards the end of
Ramadaan, let us not
delay or forget to fulfill
the *zakaat* that is
obligated and increase
our *sadaqah* (charity)
upon the poor and needy,

the orphans, or anyone
that is in need of aid.

Islam legislates *zakaat al-
fitr* so that every fasting
person can truly
internalize the real
character of an individual

that truly wants to return to *fitrah* (natural disposition). When fasting, the Muslims are trained to ponder upon the meaning of difficulties, hunger, and become remorseful upon

the reality of this life.

It is *waajib* to fulfill
Ramadaan by sharing a
bit of wealth possessed
to the poor, whom in
reality are always
inflicted with the trials of

life. That is why, those
that truly fast
wholeheartedly, will truly
comprehend the
obligation of *zakaat al-fitr*
and will hasten to fulfill it,
so as to attain
tremendous reward from

**Allah *Subhaanahu Wa
Ta'aala.***

**Therefore, let us
altogether rise with our
family members in
performing *i'tikaf* in the
mosques and perform**

qiyaam al-layl. Let us
increase our recitation of
al-Qur'an, reciting with
our spouse and children.
Let us perform these
righteous deeds as if it is
our last and final
Ramadaan. Let us

intensify with more deeds
in the final nights of
Ramadaan with full regret
and *muhaasabah* (self-
evaluate) ourselves upon
the deeds that have been
performed all these while
that will serve as our

provision in the Hereafter.

I would like to urge every mosque and *surau* to rejuvenate and intensify its programs in reviving the final nights of Ramadaan. I would like to

**advise the parents to
bring their children to
the mosque in
conjunction with the
ongoing school holiday.**

**May we endure this
madrasah of Ramadaan
with success, attaining
forgiveness and
freedom from the
Hellfire.**

To end the *khutbah* today, let us altogether step into the final sprint for Ramadaan by performing the following:

1. The Muslim *ummah* must have certainty upon all of the rewards promised by Allah to His slaves that are believers and performs righteous deeds.

**2. The Muslim *ummah* is advised to not remain negligent by getting preoccupied with the preparation for *'Eid*, hence forgetting to increase righteous deeds as provision in meeting Allah
*Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala.***

3. It is *waajib* upon the Muslim *ummah* to fulfill *zakaat al-fitr* and continue to give charity, in attaining a plethora of rewards from Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.

May the Ramadaan that we experience this year serve as the turning point in our lives, making us individuals having *taqwa* and pleasing to Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* in this world and the Hereafter.

***“And when My servants
ask you, [O
Muhammad],
concerning Me - indeed
I am near. I respond to
the invocation of the
supplicant when he***

calls upon Me. So let them respond to Me [by obedience] and believe in Me that they may be [rightly] guided.”

(al-Baqarah 2:186)



***THE SECOND
KHUTBAH***



Once again, I would like to remind all of us to always have the *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* and realize that Islam teaches us to remain moderate in every actions and



deeds. As Muslims, we are to manifest noble *akhlaaq*, having utmost personality and attitude for Rasulullah ﷺ was sent to perfect *akhlaaq* and as mercy for the entire mankind and the worlds. Therefore, let us



**always increase our *salawaat*
and *salaam* upon our Prophet
Muhammad صلى الله
عليه وسلم . Allah
Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala
mentions:**



“Indeed, Allah confers blessing upon the Prophet, and His angels [ask Him to do so]. O you who have believed, ask [Allah to confer] blessing upon him and ask [Allah to grant him] peace.” (al-Ahzaab 33:56)



O Allah, You are the Lord that is All Mighty, we are grateful to You for having bestowed upon us *rahmah* and *ni'mah*, that we are able to continue the effort in empowering the Muslim *ummah*, as an advanced state,



prosperous and providing welfare, under the auspices and leadership of our Ruler as the Head of Islamic affairs in this state.



**Hence, we sincerely beseech
You, O Allah, strengthen our
imaan and creed according to
that of *Ahl as-Sunnah wal-
Jamaa'ah*, accept our righteous
deeds, cultivate our soul with
good mannerisms, unite our**



hearts, bestow upon us *rizq* with blessings, enrich us with beneficial knowledge, protect us from disasters and save us from teachings that are outside the fold of Islam such as *Qadiyaani*, deviant teachings such as



***Shee'ah*, and other teachings deemed as deviating from Islamic teachings or contradicting the creed of *Ahl as-Sunnah wal-Jamaa'ah*. 0 Allah, open up our hearts in performing the five daily**



**prayers, fulfilling *zakaat*
through the Selangor *Zakaat*
Board, making *waqf* and *infaaq*
of our wealth to Selangor *Waqf*
Corporation and Islamic
Development Trust Fund of
Selangor.**



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