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***OUR FAMILIES
IN THE MONTH
OF RAMADAN***





Let us altogether strive
to increase our *imaan*
and *taqwa* of Allah
Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala
by abiding all of His
Commands and

avoiding all of His prohibitions. This year, once more, Allah has blessed us with the golden opportunity to experience the month of Ramadaan that is full of

**blessings. Let us
diligently increase
our *'ibaadah*
(worship) with our
families in this noble
month.**

The title of today's

khutbah is:

***“OUR FAMILIES
IN THE MONTH
OF RAMADAN.”***



Allah has established the total amount of months to be 12, where Allah had chosen the month of Ramadaan as the chief of all months. Then Allah chose the month of Ramadaan as the month

in which al-Qur'an was revealed, and as the month that hosts the special night of *Layt al-Qadr* (Night of Power). This is a bit of depiction regarding the glory of this month.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if the entire family wakes up early in invigorating the days of Ramadaan with various *'ibaadah* unto Allah? During the day, everyone would fast. In the night, everyone

would revive the night
with *qiyaam al-layl* (night
prayers).

Performing righteous
deeds can be quite
difficult. There are
multitudes of obstacles,

whether internally or due to surroundings.

However, if it is performed in *jamaa'ah* (congregation), then it becomes easier. Our families are small *jamaa'ah*. If one family as

a unit agrees to indulge in good deeds, then such deed becomes easier because there is mutual aid in helping and strengthening one another. Allah

Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala

**commands His slaves
to cooperate in
righteousness. Allah
mentions in verse 2 of
soorah al-Maa'idah:**

“...And cooperate in righteousness and piety, but do not cooperate in sin and aggression. And fear Allah; indeed, Allah is severe in penalty.”

**Let us altogether revive
our souls and the vigor of
Ramadaan in our homes,
so that as a family we will
reap the magnanimous
offering by Allah in the
form of manifold rewards
that are greatly multiplied**

**in Ramadaan, so that
we will be able to wade
through the days and
nights of Ramadaan
with success and
excellence.**

**This is in line with the
promises of Allah
*Subhaanahu Wa
Ta'aala* mentioned in
verse 21 of soorah at-
Toor:**

***“And those who
believed and whose
descendants followed
them in faith - We will
join with them their
descendants, and We***

***will not deprive them
of anything of their
deeds. Every person,
for what he earned, is
retained.”***

There are several matters that can be pursued by our families in the month of Ramadaan. Among them:

1. Creating an environment that is filled with *imaan* and *taqwa* with the family, where there is mutual concern and reminding amongst family

members that this noble month of Ramadaan is a gift from Allah, providing the golden opportunity for us to increase our *'ibaadah*.

2. Let us plan our *'ibaadah* or any good deeds that can be performed together with the family throughout Ramadaan. For example, breaking

the fast together with
the family, then off to
the masjid together for
the congregational and
taraweeh prayers in the
night.

3. Encourage the young children to fast according to the best of their ability. Let them also feel and embrace the presence of Ramadaan. One female Companion, ar-Rubayyi' binti Mu'awwidh

radiyAllaahu ‘anha, had
said:

*“We henceforth observed
fast on it (on the day of
‘Ashoora) and, God
willing, made our children
observe that. We went to
the mosque and made*

toys out of wool for them and when anyone felt hungry and wept for food we gave them these toys till it was the time to break the fast.”

(al-Bukhaari and Muslim)

4. Reviving the atmosphere of reciting al-Qur'an at home. Let the living room resonate with the sounds of Qur'anic recitations. Inculcate the practice of reciting al-Qur'an (*tadarrus*)

together with the family.
In addition, read the
translation of the
meaning or *tafseer* of al-
Qur'an so as to
internalize and *tadabbur*
(reflect) upon the verses
of Allah.

5. Allocate some time, even if short, to sit together with the family to read and have *muzaakarah* (discussion) regarding the *'ibaadah* of fasting,

**such as the conditions
for fasting, matters that
invalidates fasting, the
virtues of fasting, and
many others.**

6. Decorating the home, just as how we would decorate it during *Hari Raya* ('*Eid al-Fitr*) as a sign of our joyfulness in embracing Ramadaan.

7. Strengthening the *silaaturrahm* (ties of kinship) and love between family members, parents, in-laws, and fellow neighbors by exchanging gifts or giving charity.

These good deeds, if they are practiced in *jamaa'ah* within the family, definitely it will bring about strength, zeal, and *istiqamah* (steadfastness) in the efforts to increase

righteous deeds in
Ramadaan. Therefore, let
us invite our family
members to altogether
plan *'ibaadah* activities
that can be performed
together. For example,
going to the masjid for the

congregational and
taraweeh prayers
throughout Ramadaan,
as well as enlivening the
last ten nights of
Ramadaan.

To end today's
khutbah, let us
altogether internalize
upon the following
matters:

1. The Muslim *ummah* must embrace Ramadaan as a *madrasah* (school) in educating the soul and Muslim families so as to attain nearness to Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.

2. The Muslim *ummah* must remain diligent in seizing all opportunities prepared by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* in the month of Ramadaan.

3. The Muslim *ummah* must avoid from falling into becoming wasteful, for indeed the wasteful are brothers of the devils.

4. The Muslim *ummah* should not waste its time in Ramadaan by idling around and getting preoccupied with the social media. Instead, it should be

filled with *dhikr*
(remembrance of
Allah), Qur'anic
recitations, and its
like.

“O you who have believed, decreed upon you is fasting as it was decreed upon those before you that you may become righteous.”

(al-Baqarah 2:183)



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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