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SOLAT TARAWIH

BERSEDEKAH

SOLAT TAHAJJUJ

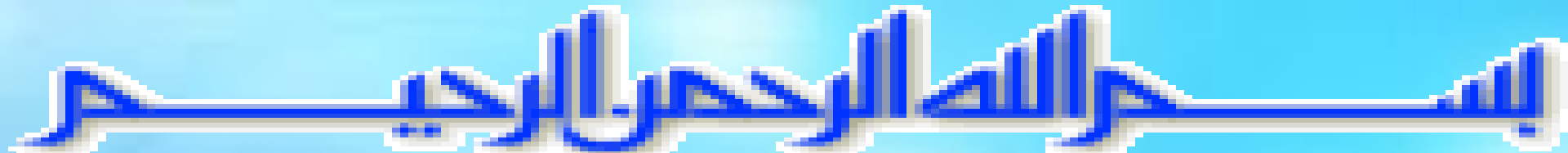
TAFSIRUS AL-QURAN

SOLAT BERJAMAAH

ZIKIRULLAH

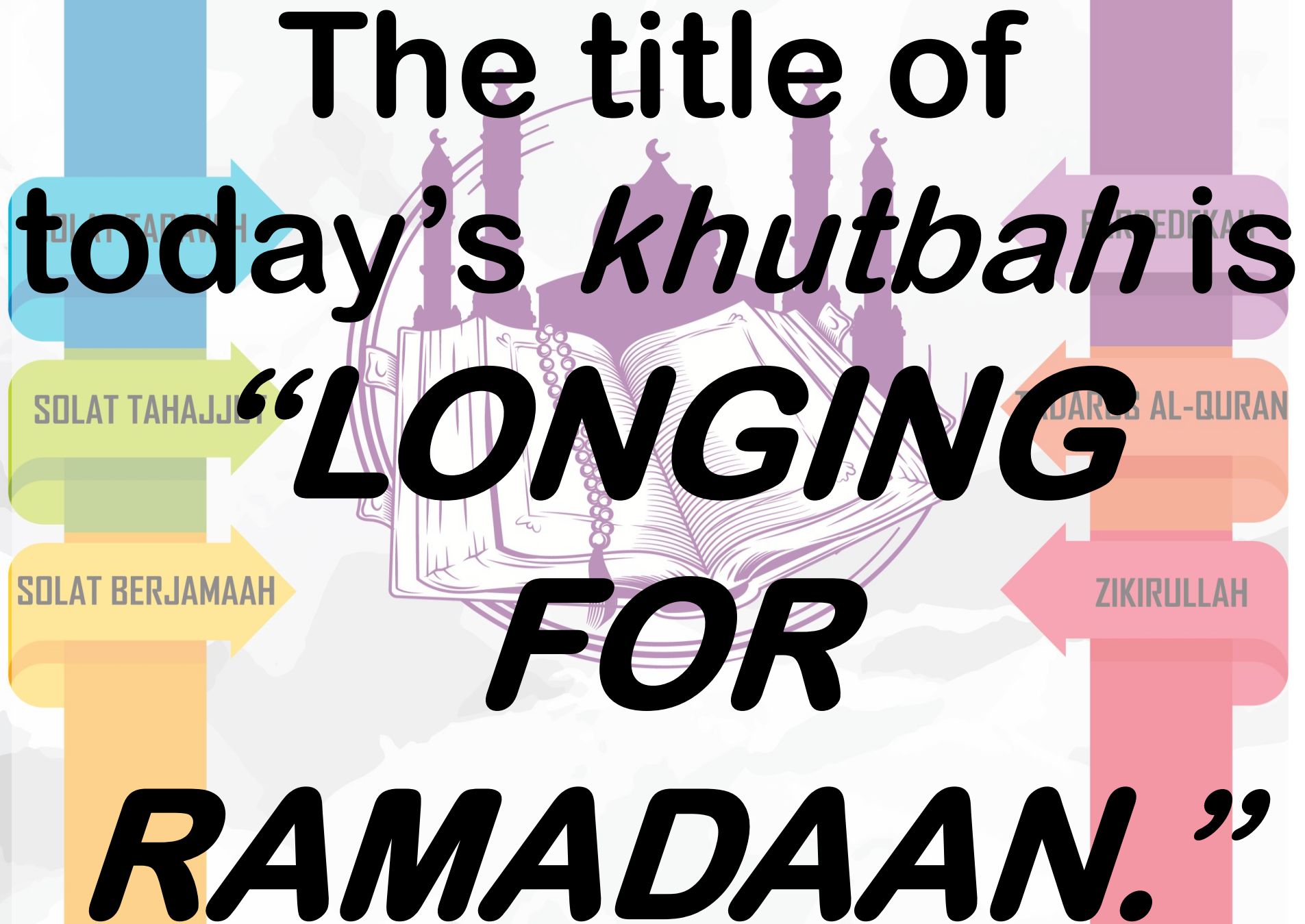
LONGING FOR

RAMADAAAN



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

The title of today's *khutbah* is
“LONGING FOR RAMADAAAN.”



The background features a central illustration of a mosque silhouette, an open book, and prayer beads. Surrounding this are several colorful arrows pointing in various directions, each containing text: a blue arrow pointing right with 'SOLAT TAJAWUZH', a green arrow pointing right with 'SOLAT TAHAJJUD', a yellow arrow pointing right with 'SOLAT BERJAMAAH', a purple arrow pointing left with 'TADARUS AL-QURAN', and a pink arrow pointing left with 'ZIKIRULLAH'. The main text is overlaid on this background.

Alhamdulillah, we have completed our responsibility in electing our leader in the recent General Election. Let us put behind all of the disputes and disagreements, and let us

unite as in the Malay proverb that states, *“After the boat passes through, the duckweed reunites”* (meaning: two disputing parties will reconcile after the firebrand is eliminated).

Let us altogether focus our attention in building harmony and Islamic brotherhood (*ukhuwwah*) within our families and the society. Now we are at the end of Sha'baan, a month that is the closest

**to the noble month of
Ramadaan. This only
means that Ramadaan is
very fast approaching and
will be visiting us soon.
Whether we realize it or
not, whether we
anticipate it or not,**

Ramadaan will surely arrive. So, glad tidings to those that are always yearning for the arrival of this noble month with great passion, and truly a great loss for those that dislike its presence.

In the *hadeeth* of Abu Hurayrah *radiyAllaahu ‘anh*, he mentioned that Rasulullah ﷺ said:

“There has come to you Ramadaan, a blessed month which Allah has

***enjoined you to fast,
during which the gates
of heaven are opened
and the gates of Hell are
closed, and the
rebellious devils are
chained up. In it there is
a night which is better***

***than a thousand
months, and whoever is
deprived of its
goodness is indeed
deprived.”***

(Ahmad)

ibn Rajab al-Hanbali explained this *hadeeth* by stating: In essence, this *hadeeth* congratulates mankind with the arrival of Ramadaan. How can the believers not rejoice with the glad tidings of

**the opening up of the
gates of heavens? And
how can the sinners not
receive the glad tidings
with the closing up of the
gates of Hell? And how
can the people of reason
not receive the glad**

tidings with the devils
being chained up?

The arrival of Ramadaan
is deemed as glad tidings
or *bushra*. Rasullah had
conveyed the good news
to his Companions and

his entire nation.

Salman al-Faarisi

radhiyAllaahu 'anh

narrated: Rasulullah

صلى الله عليه وسلم delivered a sermon

to us on the last day of

Sha'baan:

“O people, there has come to you a great month, a blessed month, a month in which there is a night that is better than a thousand months. Allah has made fasting it obligatory and spending

***its nights in prayer a
voluntary act. Whoever
draws close (to Allah)
during it by doing a good
deed will be like one who
did an obligatory deed in
any other month, and the
one who does an***

***obligatory deed in it will
be like one who did
seventy obligatory deeds
in any other month. It is
the month of patience,
and the reward of
patience is Paradise. It is
the month of helping***

others. It is a month in which the believer's provision is increased. Whoever gives a fasting person food with which to break his fast will have his sins forgiven and he will be ransomed from the

Fire, and he will have a reward like his without it detracting from his reward in the slightest.”
They said: “Not all of us can find something to give to the fasting person with which to break his

fast.” He said: “Allah will give this reward to the one who gives a fasting person a date or a drink of water or a sip of milk. It is a month the beginning of which is

***mercy, the middle of
which is forgiveness
and the end of which is
ransom from the Fire.”***

(ibn Khuzaymah in his Saheeh)

Ramadaan is like the beloved sweetheart whose presence is long awaited for by the believers. The heart truly misses it after having parted for almost a year. Such was the situation

during the time of the *salaaf as-saalih* (pious predecessors; those that lived during the time of the Companions, the *taabi'een*, and *taabi' at-taabi'een*). They would look forward to the arrival

of Ramadaan several months before it arrives. Moreover, all year long they would always be longing for Ramadaan.

al-Ma'laa bin al-Fadl said:
Verily, the *salaaf as-*

saalih would supplicate to Allah for six months prior to Ramadaan so that they will have the opportunity to experience Ramadaan, and they would supplicate for six months after Ramadaan imploring for

their deeds and *'ibaadah* during Ramadaan to be accepted by Allah.

Aside from that, they will attempt to complete all of their worldly affairs before entering the month

of Ramadaan, so that those tasks will not interfere with their *'ibaadah* during Ramadaan. Hence, if a job can be advanced prior to Ramadaan, they will complete it

beforehand. If it can be delayed until after Ramadaan, then they will delay it. That was the top priority embraced by the *salaaf as-saalih* as preparation before entering Ramadaan. Such

was their strong zeal and determination in anticipating the arrival of Ramadaan. The question is: what about us?

It is not enough with joyful hearts rejoicing the

arrival of Ramadaan. The presence of Ramadaan must be anticipated with proper planning, which is to plan all of the righteous deeds and worship throughout Ramadaan. This planning

**must be made before
entering the month of
Ramadaan.**

**Among the preparations
that can be undertaken
are in the aspects of
knowledge, emotional or**

**spiritual, physical, and
wealth or money.**

**First: Purify the heart and
renewal of intention.**

**Before the coming of the
noble month of**

Ramadaan, would it not
be wonderful if we make
istighfaar and *tawbah*,
beseeching the
forgiveness of Allah
Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala
in cleansing our hearts
and soul, so that it would

**be easier to immerse in
obedience and good
deeds. We should also
renew our intention and
resolution so as to not
waste our Ramadaan
this year.**

**Second: Spiritual
preparation.**

**Let us earnestly
supplicate to Allah so that
He will bestow upon us
hearts that are in love
with Ramadaan, yearns**

for its presence, and
always eager to engage in
'ibaadah. Let us have the
determination that we will
be given the chance to
live and experience
Ramadaan, so that every
precious moment and

**opportunity will be spent
in seeking the pleasure of
Allah and rewards that
are multiplied.**

**Third: Physical
preparation.**

Let us remain prepared with good health so that it will not disturb our worship later on. If we are unwell, then take the necessary medication as early preparation for Ramadaan. Seek the

doctor's advice, and any form of preparation that can be undertaken if we are suffering from illnesses such as diabetes, hypertension, heart disease, gastric, and its like.

Fourth: Wealth or financial preparation.

Allocate a portion of our wealth to be given away in charity or *infaaq* to charitable causes during the month of Ramadaan,

such as sponsoring *iftar* whether in the masjid, at orphanages, shelters for the poor and needy, and others. Let us increase our *sadaqah* (donations) in Ramadaan, far greater than other months, for

**Rasulullah was described
as a very generous
person during Ramadaan.**

**If we do not plan our
'ibaadah and charitable
deeds properly and in an
organized fashion, then it**

**is worried that Ramadaan
will come and go just like
that, without us indulging
in multitudes of righteous
deeds. How many of us
have been duped by our
own desire that
Ramadaan would just**

**pass by unnoticed.
Ramadaan only became
the festival month of
delicacies and shopping
sprees.**

**My respected audience is
duly reminded to respect**

the sanctity of the month of Ramadaan by not committing anything that can violate the nobility of this glorious month. The offense of not respecting the month of Ramadaan is stipulated in Section 19,

Sharee'ah Criminal
Offenses Enactment of
Selangor 1995, which
prohibits selling to any
Muslim or purchasing
food or drink or cigarette
or its like, for the purpose
of consumption, whether

drank, eaten, or smoked during that particular time. The same section also prohibits the Muslims to eat, drink, or smoke tobacco or its like in open areas or public places. If those actions are

committed and if convicted, the offender can be fined for not more than RM1000 or sentenced to jail for not more than six months, or both.

To end today's *khutbah*, I implore and remind my fellow congregation:

1. The Muslim *ummah* must have certainty that all of the commands from Allah *Subhaanahu Wa*

***Ta'aala* are *waajib*
(compulsory) to be
implemented.**

**2. The Muslim *ummah* is
obligated to fast and
increase its *'ibaadah*
throughout Ramadaan.**

3. The Muslim *ummah* must equip itself with authentic knowledge related to fasting in Ramadaan.

“So whoever does righteous deeds while he is a believer - no denial will there be for his effort, and indeed We, of it, are recorders.”

(al-Anbiyaa' 21:94)



***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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