



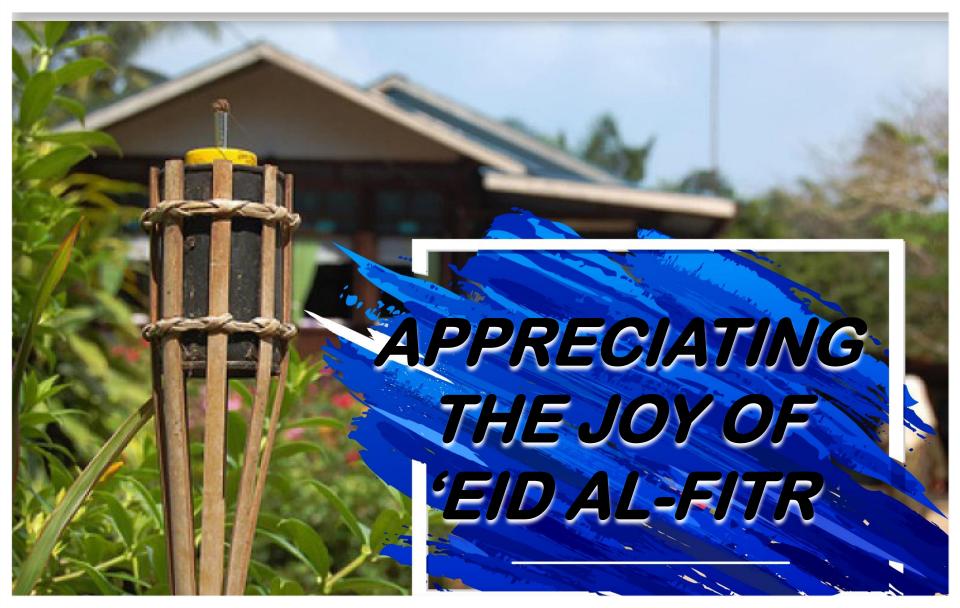
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On the morning of the 1st of Shawwaal that is full of joy and victory, let us altogether strive to increase our

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tagwa of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala, that is by fulfilling all of His **Commands** and avoiding all of His prohibitions.

The title of the 'Eid al-Fitr khutbah this time is



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Today is a day that is long anticipated by the Muslim ummah as a day of joyful celebration. It is the day of joy that has been **bestowed by Allah** Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala for we have successfully

completed the 'ibaadah (worship) of fasting of **Ramadaan** with perfection. The prohibition of fasting today is also from the **bounty of happiness** bestowed by Allah for

the triumph in fasting for an entire month.

The joy of the Muslim ummah is not just regular happiness, but it is jubilation that is preceded by glorifying Allah

through the cry of takbeer that began last night. It is praising and extoling Allah for the success in the obedience of Allah throughout Ramadaan. Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala

mentions in verse 185 of soorah al-Baqarah:

"...and for you to complete the period and to glorify Allah for that [to] which He has guided you; and perhaps you will be grateful."

The joy and excitement of 'Eid al-Fitr were mentioned by Rasulullah صلى الله which is, which is the joy when breaking the fast after fasting for the whole day. In the hadeeth of Abu Hurayrah radiyAllaahu **'anh, Rasulullah صلى الله said:**

"The one who fasts has two (occasions) of joy, one when he breaks the fast he is glad with the breaking of (the fast) and one when he meets his Lord he is glad with his fast." (al-Bukhaari)



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The joy and happiness of 'Eid al-Fitr should be celebrated with the obedience and taqwa of Allah. Let us not taint the celebration of this Day of 'Eid with any form of disobedience. Let us not

wipe away the rewards of our fasting, taraaweeh, and tadarrus in the month of **Ramadaan** with vile and evil acts in the month of Shawwaal.

Instead, the blissfulness of 'Eid al-Fitr should be celebrated and embraced with noble deeds that are promised with the pleasure of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala.

From today's early morning we had began the festivity of 'Eid al-Fitr by practicing the sunnah such as cleaning ourselves, putting on new or

beautiful clothing with nice fragrance, and have a quick bite of food before leaving to perform the sunnah prayer of 'Eid al-Fitr.

Al-Imaam ash-Shaafi'i mentioned: "I prefer someone who wears his best clothing on the days of 'Eid. He should wear clean clothes and put on nice fragrance."

Anas bin Maalik *radiyAllaahu 'anh* narrated:

"
 Messenger (عليه وسلم) Allah's Messenger (عليه وسلم) never proceeded (for the prayer) on the Day of 'Eid al-Fitr unless he had eaten some dates." (al-Bukhaari)

After enjoying a small meal in the morning of 'Eid, we all set out to pray the sunnah prayer of 'Eid al-Fitr regardless whether old or young, male or female. Ibn 'Abbaas radiyAllaahu 'anhuma

narrated that:

"The Prophet (صلى الله) "The Prophet (عليه وسلم) went out and offered a two rak'ah prayer on the Day of 'Eid al-*Fitr..."*

(al-Bukhaari)

It is also the sunnah for us to take a different path when going and returning from the place of the 'Eid prayer so that we will meet as many Muslims possible,

in manifesting the joy and blissfulness of 'Eid al-Fitr. Jaabir bin **'Abdullah** radiyAllaahu 'anh narrated:

"On the Day of 'Eid the Prophet (صلى الله) used to عليه وسلم) Prophet return (after offering the 'Eid prayer) through a way different from that by which he went." (al-Bukhaari)

On this noble day, let us seize the very opportunity to embrace its joyfulness by further strengthening the silaaturrahm (ties of brotherhood) through supplication and greeting. Whenever

fellow Muslims, let us say which means تَقَبَّلَ اللهُ مِنَّا وَ مِنْكَ may Allah accept our deeds and your deeds, as practiced by the **Companions of the Prophet** ridwanullaahu 'alayhim whenever they

would meet each other.

Moreover, to further boost the cheerfulness and strengthen the brotherhood especially the ties of kinship, the Muslim ummahis

encouraged to offer and enjoy the feasts of *'Eid* with gratitude.

In addition, let us cultivate the culture of visiting one another, seeking forgiveness and forgiving one another within the family, amongst colleagues, and neighbors, so as to solidify the silaaturrahm and brotherhood of Islam. Furthermore, it is highly desired for us to visit the

friends of our parents, as it was mentioned in the hadeeth of **'Abdullah ibn 'Umar** radiyAllaahu 'anhuma, صلى الله where Rasulullah عليه وسلم said:

"The finest act of goodness on the part of a son is to treat kindly the loved ones of his father." (Muslim) The excitement that is experienced should be shared with others. Let us not forget those that are inflicted with hardship, disability, sickness, poverty, the orphans, and many others by providing

assistance and contribution in the form of food and financial aid, for they are also entitled to celebrate the Day of 'Eid.



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The blissfulness of 'Eid al-Fitr will be thoroughly cherished by Muslims having ikhlaas (sincerity) in their 'ibaadah, always performing good deeds, endlessly beseeching Allah for forgiveness,

always avoiding evil and wickedness, and truly loves unity and brotherhood.

How can one feel happy on 'Eid al-Fitr if he neglects the obligatory

prayer? How can one feel jubilant on 'Eid al-Fitr if he did not fast in **Ramadaan? How can** one feel joyful on 'Eid al-Fitr if he is undutiful to his parents?

Whilst the Day of 'Eid is truly for those having true taqwa and performs righteous deeds.

Raja Ali Haji once said:

With the father, do not disobey him, So that Allah will not be wrathful, With the mother, she shall be respected, So that the body remains unharmed.

May the *takbeer*, *tasbeeh*, tahmeed, and tahleel uttered and all of the noble deeds practiced manifest as our gratitude to Allah and that its benefits remain until the Hereafter.



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To end the khutbah of 'Eid al-Fitr today, let us derive lessons and examples from this khutbah as guidance for our lives:

1. The Muslim ummah must have certainty that 'Eid al-Fitr is a day of victory and happiness for those having taqwa and granted forgiveness from Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala.

2. The Muslim ummah must embrace 'Eid al-Fitr with full gratitude and obedience upon all of the laws and commands decreed by Allah.

3. The Muslim ummah must strengthen its silaaturrahm through the culture of visiting one another.

4. The Muslim ummah must always safeguard its security from any harm and danger, including the safety of oneself, the family, and property, as well as road safety.

"Say: "In the Bounty of Allah, and in His Mercy (i.e. Islam and the Qur'an) - therein let them rejoice." That is better than what (the wealth) they amass." (Yoonus 10:58)





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While we are celebrating the day of jubilation for the Muslim ummah, we must also give due attention to our surrounding, which in itself is a great bounty from Allah that is truly

precious to the well being of our lives. Among them is to maintain the cleanliness of our environment, avoid the use of disposable plastic bags,

do not litter at all, and recycle, as well as preventing air pollution. May all these measures help to preserve a healthy and safe living environment.

Let us increase our supplication and salawaat upon Prophet صلى الله as عليه وسلم as commanded by Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala.

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