



## “RAMADAAN THAT IS MUCH AWAITED”

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ: يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا كُتِبَ عَلَيْكُمُ الصِّيَامُ كَمَا كُتِبَ عَلَى  
الَّذِينَ مِن قَبْلِكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَتَّقُونَ<sup>1</sup>  
أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ. اللَّهُمَّ  
صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ. أَمَّا بَعْدُ، فَيَا أَيُّهَا  
الْمُسْلِمُونَ! اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ، أُوصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ. قَالَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى:  
يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تَقَاتِهِ وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ.

Dear blessed Muslims,

Let us strive to increase our *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* by fulfilling all of His Commands and avoiding all of His prohibitions. With that, may we always attain *rahmah* (mercy) and blissfulness in this world, as well as the Hereafter.

Let us altogether ponder upon the *khutbah* today titled **“RAMADAAN THAT IS MUCH AWAITED.”**

Dear blessed Muslims,

When we further scrutinize the lives of *as-salaaf as-saalih* (the pious predecessors), we find that they would prepare for the arrival of Ramadaan as early as six months ahead. Two months prior to Ramadaan, their preparation becomes more apparent with the increase of supplication that they will live to experience Ramadaan. They would make rigorous preparation in getting closer to Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* through various acts of *sunnah* such as increase in charity, reciting al-Qur'an, and many others. How is it with us? Have we made adequate preparation in embracing Ramadaan?

Ramadaan is a very great month. In this month, it was decreed upon the Muslim *ummah* to fast the entire month. As Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 183 of soorah al-Baqarah that was recited earlier in the *khutbah*:

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

In the month of Ramadaan, multitudes of extraordinary rewards are bestowed upon Muslims that performed their fasting and fulfilled all of their obligations. Furthermore, performing acts of *sunnah* will be rewarded manifold. This was mentioned in the *hadeeth*

<sup>1</sup> al-Baqarah 2:183.



of the Prophet ﷺ, as narrated by Abu Hurayrah *radiallahu 'anh* where Rasulullah ﷺ said:

كُلُّ عَمَلِ ابْنِ آدَمَ يُضَاعَفُ، الْحَسَنَةُ عَشْرُ أَمْثَالِهَا إِلَى سَبْعِمِائَةٍ ضِعْفٍ، قَالَ  
اللَّهُ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ: إِلَّا الصَّوْمَ، فَإِنَّهُ لِي، وَأَنَا أَجْزِي بِهِ، يَدَعُ شَهْوَتَهُ وَطَعَامَهُ مِنْ أَجْلِي.

**"Every (good) deed of the son of Adam would be multiplied, a good deed receiving a tenfold to seven hundredfold reward. Allah, the Exalted and Majestic, has said: With the exception of fasting, for it is done for Me and I will give a reward for it, for one abandons his passion and food for My sake."**

(Muslim)

### Respected Muslims,

There are several preparations that are to be made by the Muslim *ummah* in welcoming the arrival of Ramadaan that is much awaited. Among them is preparing the spiritual and physical strength, as well as emotional and knowledge in performing the *'ibaadah* (worship) of fasting. All these are truly important so that we will be able to perform the *'ibaadah* of fasting and others with *ikhlaas* (sincerity) and in accordance with the *Shara'*.

Aside from that, we must equip ourselves with righteous deeds in welcoming Ramadaan, for the gates of Paradise are wide open for mankind to compete in performing good deeds.

In the *hadeeth* of Abu Hurayrah *radiallahu 'anh*, Rasulullah ﷺ said:

إِذَا كَانَ أَوَّلُ لَيْلَةٍ مِنْ شَهْرِ رَمَضَانَ، صُفِّدَتِ الشَّيَاطِينُ وَمَرَدَةُ الْجِنِّ،  
وَعُغِّلَتْ أَبْوَابُ النَّارِ فَلَمْ يُفْتَحْ مِنْهَا بَابٌ، وَفُتِّحَتْ أَبْوَابُ الْجَنَّةِ فَلَمْ يُغْلَقْ مِنْهَا  
بَابٌ، وَيُنَادِي مُنَادٍ يَا بَاغِيَ الْخَيْرِ أَقْبِلْ، وَيَا بَاغِيَ الشَّرِّ أَقْصِرْ، وَلِلَّهِ عِتْقَاءُ مِنَ النَّارِ  
وَذَلِكَ كُلُّ لَيْلَةٍ

**"On the first night of the month of Ramadaan, the Shayaateen are shackled, the jinns are restrained, the gates of the Fires are shut such that no gate among them would be opened. The gates of Paradise are opened such that no gate among them would be closed, and a caller calls: 'O seeker of the good; come near!' and 'O seeker of evil; stop! For there are those whom Allah frees from the Fire.' And that is every night."**

(at-Tirmidhi)



## Dearest beloved audience,

We must always renew our *tawbah* (repentance) especially while waiting for the arrival of Ramadaan. In the *hadeeth* of Anas bin Maalik *radiyAllaahu 'anh*, Rasulullah صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم said:

كُلُّ ابْنِ آدَمَ خَطَّاءٌ وَخَيْرُ الْخَطَّائِينَ التَّوَّابُونَ

**"Every son of Adam sins, and the best of the sinners are the repentant."**

(at-Tirmidhi)

After repenting to Allah *Ta'aala*, only then we can accept the coming of Ramadaan with a heart that is clean and pure, hence able to perform *'ibaadah* with perfection and *istiqamah* (steadfastness). Let us ensure that our *'ibaadah* remain continuous from the beginning until the end of Ramadaan. That it is not just a spurt of excitement in the first of week of Ramadaan.

Let us perform our *'ibaadah* earnestly, filled with solid *imaan*. In the *hadeeth* of Abu Hurayrah *radiyAllaahu 'anh*, Rasulullah صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم said:

مَنْ قَامَ رَمَضَانَ إِيمَانًا وَاحْتِسَابًا غُفِرَ لَهُ مَا تَقَدَّمَ مِنْ ذَنْبِهِ

**"Whoever prays during the night in Ramadaan out of sincere faith and seeking its reward from Allah, will have all of his previous sins forgiven."**

(al-Bukhaari and Muslim)

## Blessed audience,

Let us altogether give our full attention upon the questions that would frequently surface so that we can fulfill our *'ibaadah* of fasting with *yaqeen* (certainty) and perfection. Among them:

1. Can a person make the intention to fast in Ramadaan as one intention for the entire month? The answer is yes, which is according to the Maaliki *Madhhab*, with the condition that the *niyyah* (intention) is made only on the first night of Ramadaan, as a precaution in the event that one forgets to make the *niyyah* in the other nights. However, making the intention for fasting remains *waajib* (obligatory) for every night of Ramadaan.

2. What is the ruling of fasting for the one who does not take *suhoor* (pre-dawn meal) with the excuse that he is capable of fasting without *suhoor*? His fasting is valid but it does not attain the *fadeelah* (virtue) and *barakah* (blessing) as advocated by Rasulullah

صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم



3. Is one's fasting rendered invalid if one undergoes hemodialysis treatment? It becomes invalid and it is *waajib* to make up (*qadaa'*) for the fasting if capable. If incapable, then one must pay the *fidyah*.
4. Can a fasting person prepare or sell food to those that are not fasting without valid excuse? One cannot do so and it is deemed sinful, for it will be considered as abetting in aiding those that are violating the command of Allah.
5. Can one continue to eat *sahoor* (meal) upon hearing the *adhaan* for Subh? No and he must stop eating, for the time for fasting has begun.
6. How many *raka'ah* of *taraweeh* prayer is prescribed according to the Shaafi'i *Madhhab*? Twenty (20) *raka'ah*.
7. Does the fasting become invalid for the one that takes insulin shots below his stomach's skin? The answer is no, it not invalidated.

### Dear blessed Muslims,

To end the Friday *khutbah* today, let us altogether internalize upon the following guidelines:

1. The Muslim *ummah* must have certainty that the *'ibaadah* of fasting is an obligation and decree from Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.
2. The Muslim *ummah* must equip itself by increasing righteous deeds as early preparation in wading through the month of Ramadaan that will soon dawn upon us.
3. The Muslim *ummah* must fully embrace Ramadaan as the month of *'ibaadah* by hastening to perform good deeds and seeking forgiveness, not as a food feast that only leads to wastage.

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ  
\* وَسَارِعُوا إِلَىٰ مَغْفِرَةٍ مِّن رَّبِّكُمْ وَجَنَّةٍ عَرْضُهَا السَّمَاوَاتُ وَالْأَرْضُ أُعِدَّتْ  
لِلْمُتَّقِينَ ﴿١٣٣﴾

**"And hasten to forgiveness from your Lord and a garden as wide as the heavens and earth, prepared for the righteous."**

(Aal-'Imraan 3:133)

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ، وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ  
وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتَهُ، إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ.



أَقُولُ قَوْلِي هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ لِي وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ،  
فَأَسْتَغْفِرُوهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ.

## THE SECOND KHUTBAH

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي جَعَلَنَا مِنَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ، وَرَزَقَنَا مِنَ الطَّيِّبَاتِ. أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ وَمَنْ تَبِعَهُمْ بِإِحْسَانٍ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ. أَمَّا بَعْدُ، فَيَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ، أُوصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ.

Dear blessed audience,

***“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)

وَقَالَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى : إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَمَلَائِكَتَهُ يُصَلُّونَ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا صَلُّوا عَلَيْهِ وَسَلِّمُوا تَسْلِيمًا.  
اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا وَمَوْلَانَا مُحَمَّدٍ سَيِّدِ الْمُرْسَلِينَ وَارْضَ اللَّهُمَّ عَنْ أَصْحَابِهِ وَقَرَابَتِهِ وَأَزْوَاجِهِ وَذُرِّيَّاتِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ.  
اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِلْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ، إِنَّكَ سَمِيعٌ قَرِيبٌ مُجِيبُ الدَّعَوَاتِ وَيَا قَاضِيَ الْحَاجَاتِ. اللَّهُمَّ اعِزَّ الْإِسْلَامَ وَالْمُسْلِمِينَ، وَأَهْلِكَ الْكُفْرَةَ وَالْمُبْتَدِعَةَ وَالْمُشْرِكِينَ وَدَمَّرْ أَعْدَاءَكَ أَعْدَاءَ الدِّينِ. وَأَنْصُرْنَا عَلَى الْقَوْمِ الْكَافِرِينَ.



اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ وَنَتَوَسَّلُ إِلَيْكَ بِنَبِيِّكَ الْأَمِينِ، وَنَسْأَلُكَ بِأَسْمَائِكَ الْحُسْنَى، وَصِفَاتِكَ الْعُظْمَى، أَنْ تَحْفَظَ بَعَيْنِ عِنَايَتِكَ الرَّبَّانِيَّةَ، وَتَحْفَظَ وَقَايَتِكَ الصَّمَدَانِيَّةَ، جَلَالَةَ مَلِكِنَا الْمُعْظَمِ، سُلْطَانَ سَلَاطِينِ، سُلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ اَدْرِيسِ شَاهِ الْحَاجِّ ابْنِ الْمَرْحُومِ سُلْطَانَ صَلَاحِ الدِّينِ عَبْدِ الْعَزِيزِ شَاهِ الْحَاجِّ. اللَّهُمَّ أَدِّمِ الْعُونَ وَالْهَدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْكَ، لَوْلِيِّ عَهْدِ سَلَاطِينِ، تَعَاوُنِ امِيرِ شَاهِ ابْنِ السُّلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ اَدْرِيسِ شَاهِ الْحَاجِّ، فِي أَمْنٍ وَصَلَاحٍ وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنِّكَ وَكَرَمِكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ. اللَّهُمَّ أَطْلِعْ عُمُرَهُمَا مُصْلِحِينَ لِلْمُوظَّفِينَ وَالرَّعِيَّةَ وَالْبِلَادَ، وَبَلِّغْ مَقَاصِدَهُمَا لِطَرِيقِ الْهُدَى وَالرِّشَادِ.

O Allah, You are the Lord that is All Mighty, we are grateful to You for having bestowed *rahmah* and *barakah* upon this state, which continues to remain advanced and prosperous, with its residents united 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*, and protect us from teachings that are outside the fold of Islam such as *Qadiyaani* and deviant teachings such as *Shee'ah*. O Allah, *Ya Rahmaan, Ya Raheem*, unite our hearts, bestow upon us *rizq* with blessings, enrich us with beneficial knowledge, protect us from calamities. O Allah, bestow upon us guidance in performing the five daily prayers in congregation, fulfilling *zakaat* through *Lembaga Zakat Selangor* (Selangor *Zakaat* Board), making *waqf* and *infaaq* of our wealth to *Perbadanan Wakaf Negeri Selangor* (Selangor *Waqf* Corporation), and *Tabung Amanah Pembangunan Islam Selangor* (Islamic Development Trust Fund of Selangor).

رَبَّنَا هَبْ لَنَا مِنْ أَزْوَاجِنَا وَذُرِّيَّاتِنَا قُرَّةَ أَعْيُنٍ وَاجْعَلْنَا لِلْمُتَّقِينَ إِمَامًا. رَبَّنَا آتِنَا فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِي الْآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ.  
عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ وَالْإِحْسَانِ وَإِيتَايَ ذِي الْقُرْبَىٰ وَيَنْهَىٰ عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَالْبَغْيِ يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ ﴿٥١﴾  
فَاذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ يَذْكُرْكُمْ وَاشْكُرُواهُ عَلَىٰ نِعْمِهِ يَزِدْكُمْ، وَاسْأَلُوهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ ۗ يُعْطِكُمْ وَلَذِكْرُ اللَّهِ أَكْبَرُ وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا تَصْنَعُونَ.

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