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## RAMADAAN THATIS MUCH AWAITED

## حرائته الرحصر الرحيب 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



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When we further scrutinize the lives of assalaaf 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-Bagarah 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 of the Prophet صلى الله as narrated by Abu Hurayrah radiyAllaahu 'anh where Rasulullah صلى الله Said:

"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) 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 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 *radiyAllaahu* 'anh, Rasulullah عليه وسلم said:

"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)

We must always renew our tawbah (repentance) especially while waiting for the arrival of Ramadaan. In the hadeeth of Anas bin Maalik radiy Allaahu 'anh, Rasulullah عليه وسلم said:

"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 istiqaamah (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 عليه وسلم said: "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)

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

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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 began.

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.

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

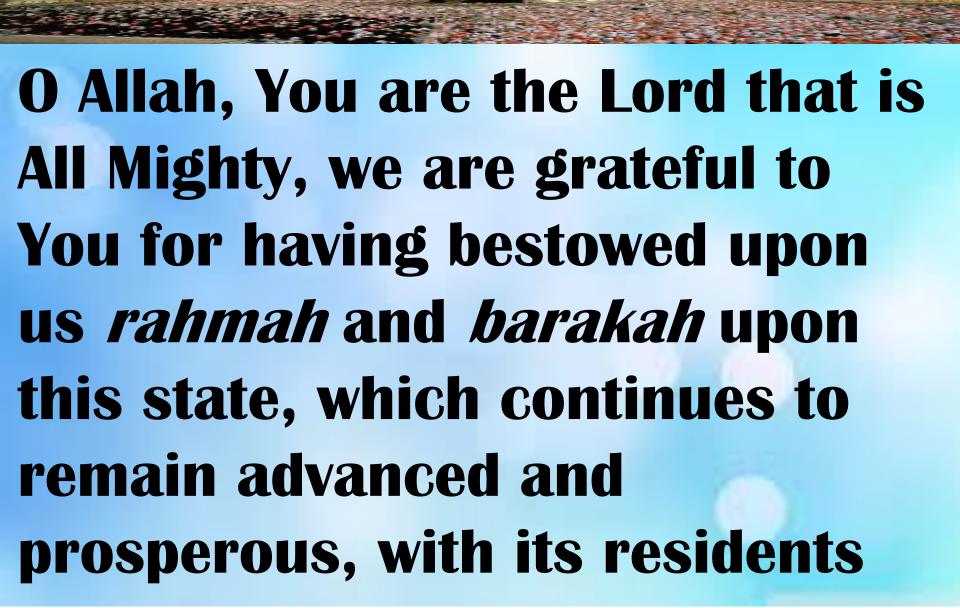
1. The Muslim ummah must have certainty that the 'ibaadah of fasting is an obligation and decree from Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala. 2. The Muslim ummah must equip itself by increasing righteous deeds as early preparation in wading through the month of Ramadaan that will soon dawn upon us.

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.

"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)

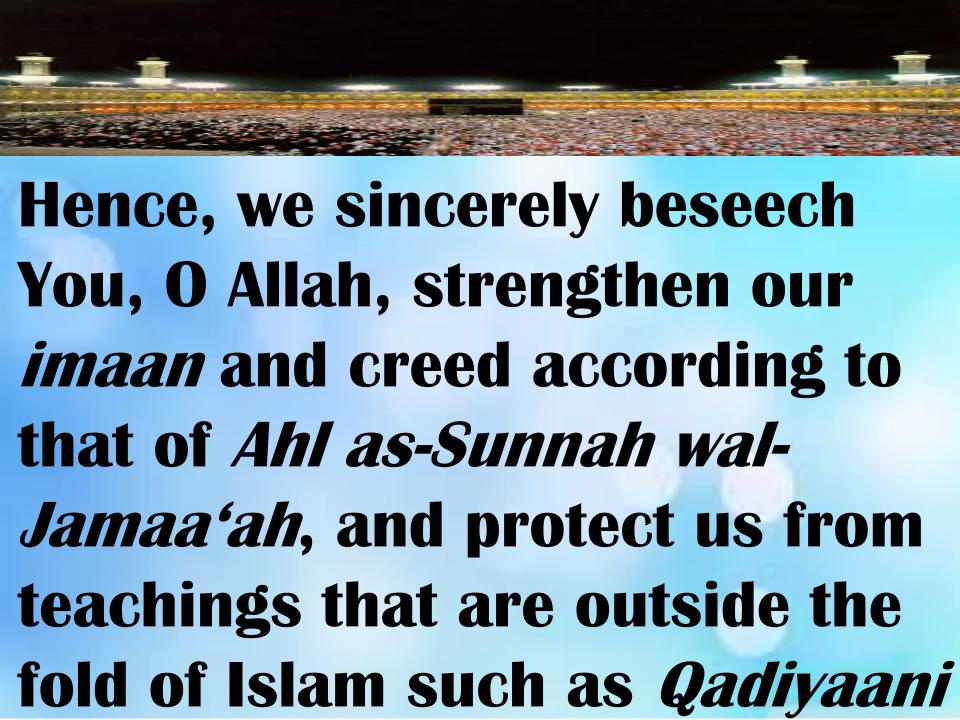
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"Indeed, Allah confers blessing upon the Prophet, and His angels [ask Him to do so]. O you who have believed, ask [Allah to confer] blessing upon him and ask [Allah to grant him] peace." (al-Ahzaab 33:56)

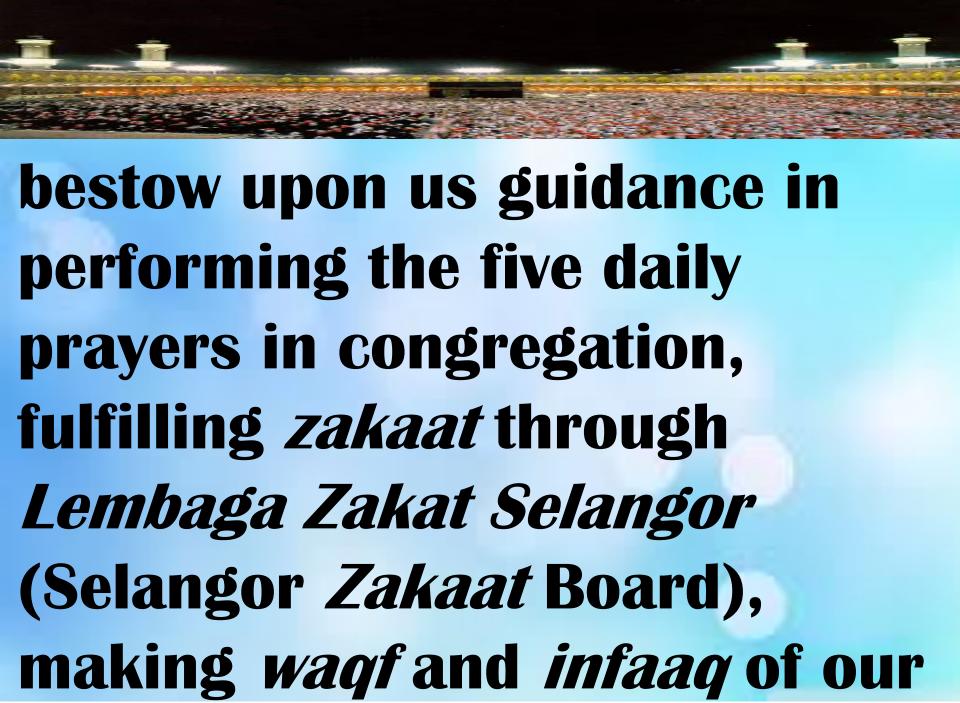




united under the auspices and leadership of our Ruler as the Head of Islamic affairs in this state.



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,







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