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Eid Al-Fitr PENITENCE TOWARDS THE PLEASURE OF THE DIVINE



Let us altogether strive to strengthen our taqwa of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala after enduring the monthlong 'ibaadah (worship)

of fasting in the month of Ramadaan. Hence today, let us increase our gratefulness to Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala as a

manifestation of joy and victory in defeating our whim and desire for an entire month.

Therefore, let us altogether strive to internalize upon a *khutbah* titled



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Today we are celebrating 'Eid al-Fitr in an atmosphere that is different compared to the previous years. With a tribulation sent down by Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala, it is still

celebrated with joyful atmosphere at home by performing the 'Eid al-Fitr prayer with the family members. As Muslims, we are fully certain that despite the great test, there is

wisdom (hikmah) behind it, and it behooves us to remain thankful to Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala. Especially after we had successfully endured the month of Ramadaan al-Mubaarak by indulging

in various 'ibaadah, praying taraweeh at home, and reciting al-Qur'an together with the family, including online with colleagues. Therefore, on this morning of 'Eid al-Fitr al-Mubaarak that is full of triumph, within the period of CMCO (Conditional Movement Control Order), let us

increase our gratefulness to Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala together with our families for this is a manifestation of our gratitude in performing our 'ibaadah throughout the month of Ramadaan.

Verily, we are highly encouraged to glorify Allah for it is a sign of guidance from Him. This was explained by Allah in verse 185 of soorah al-Baqarah:

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

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Eid al-Fitr that we are celebrating today serves as the best link leading towards full devotion to Allah. After striving in fighting off our lustful desire for an entire month, we are now

individuals that have been purified in returning to fitrah (natural disposition). Hence, let us solidify our imaan (faith) in Allah by remaining penitent and preserving our relationship with

Allah. This includes holding ourselves accountable in pondering how many times do we actually refer to Allah when we are faced with problems? How much effort do we put in when

we are inundated with trials, whether bitter or sweet, inflicted upon us? Do we not have the clear guidance taught by Rasulullah , that we must remain brave and have yaqeen (certainty)

with tribulations as a way for Allah to educate us. Did we learn from history, where Islam has taught us to strive our level best in facing these tests? That is how

Islam has taught us in responding to the trials of plague and outbreak. This is clear in the hadeeth of Sayyidatina 'A'ishah radiyAllaahu 'anha who had once

asked Rasulullah regarding the plague (taa'oon), where the Prophet replied:

"It was a Punishment sent by Allah on whom he wished, and Allah made it a source of mercy for the believers, for if one in the time of an epidemic plague stays in his country patiently

hoping for Allah's Reward and believing that nothing will befall him except what Allah has written for him, he will get the reward of a martyr."

(al-Bukhaari)

Therefore, we must perform things that have been commanded by Allah. Let us ensure that our actions in wading through the month of Shawwaal serve as a starting point in pursuing a better life, as enjoined in Islam. Let us strengthen the ties of kinship (silaaturrahm) amongst our relatives, neighbors, and friends for the sake of Allah through lawful means. Let us not

allow Shawwaal to become a month of wastefulness in food and returning to sinful habits. Let us get rid of all despicable behavior that we used to indulge in such as spreading fake

news or slandering others. May our sincere efforts in increasing such awareness mold us unto becoming individuals that are penitent and earning the pleasure of The Divine.

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To end the khutbah of 'Eid al-Fitr this morning, let us altogether derive lessons with messages and advice as follows:

1. The Muslim ummah must have certainty that 'Eid al-Fitr is a favor (ni'mah) from Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala that is waajib (obligatory) to be thankful for.

2. The Muslim ummah must have self-remorse and istiqaamah (steadfastness) in fulfilling all of the commands and avoiding all of the prohibitions from Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala.

3. The Muslim ummah must always remain patient and increase in salaah (prayer) so that the aid from Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala will be attained at all times.

"O you who have believed, seek help through patience and prayer. Indeed, Allah is with the patient."

(al-Baqarah 2:153)

THE SECOND KHUTBAH

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Let us increase our du'aa (supplication) and salawaat (blessings) upon Prophet Muhammad as commanded by Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala.

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تَقبّل الله مِنّا وَمِنكُمْ صَالِحَ الأعمال مِنَ الْعَائِدِيْنِ وَالْفَائِزِيْنَ، وَكُلُّ مِنَ الْعَائِدِيْنِ وَالْفَائِزِيْنَ، وَكُلُّ عَامٍ وَأَنْتُمْ بِخَيْرٍ

