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## “PREPARE YOURSELF FOR RAMADAAN”

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ : يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا كُتِبَ عَلَيْكُمُ الصِّيَامُ  
كَمَا كُتِبَ عَلَى الَّذِينَ مِن قَبْلِكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَتَّقُونَ ﴿١٨٣﴾<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  
وَصَحْبِهِ 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 تُقَاتِهِ وَلَا  
تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ ﴿١٠٢﴾<sup>2</sup>

**Dear blessed audience,**

Let us altogether extend our gratitude to Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*, for all of the favors bestowed upon us, especially the favor (*ni'mah*) of *imaan* (faith) and Islam, as well as the bounty of life by obeying all of His Commands and avoiding His prohibitions. May we all attain the blessings of life in this world and the Hereafter.

The *khutbah* today is titled “**Prepare Yourself For Ramadaan.**”

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

<sup>2</sup> Aal-'Imraan 3:102



## Respected Muslims,

Among the biggest *ni'mah* conferred by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* upon His slaves is the *ni'mah* of observing the month of Ramadaan. This is the month where Allah will open up, vast and wide, the doors of *rahmah* (mercy), forgiveness, and freedom from the torment of Hellfire, for His privileged slaves whom aspire to make changes in their lives, repenting, as well as seeking forgiveness from Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 183 of soorah al-Baqarah, as recited earlier in the *khutbah*, which means: **"O you who have believed, decreed upon you is fasting as it was decreed upon those before you that you may become righteous."**

It has become the norm for the Muslim *ummah*, that every year when Ramadaan comes, we are repeatedly reminded of the *kalimah* (word) *taqwa*. However, the question remains, have we actually attained that level of *taqwa* everytime Ramadaan approaches? In the month of Ramadaan, Allah has promised tremendous rewards that are multiplied, for His slaves that are diligent in performing good deeds.

This is based on the *hadeeth* of Abu Hurayrah *radiallaahu 'anh*, where he narrated that the Prophet ﷺ said:

كُلُّ عَمَلِ ابْنِ آدَمَ يُضَاعَفُ، الْحَسَنَةُ عَشْرُ أَمْثَالِهَا إِلَى سَبْعِمِائَةٍ ضِعْفٍ قَالَ اللَّهُ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ إِلَّا الصَّوْمَ فَإِنَّهُ لِي وَأَنَا أَجْزِي بِهِ يَدْعُ 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)

Moreover, Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* has promised forgiveness upon every sins that had been committed by His slaves, based on the *hadeeth* of Abu Hurayrah *radiyAllaahu 'anh*, where the Prophet ﷺ said:

مَنْ صَامَ رَمَضَانَ إِيمَانًا وَاحْتِسَابًا غُفِرَ لَهُ مَا تَقَدَّمَ مِنْ

ذَنْبِهِ

***"Whoever fasts in the month of Ramadaan out of sincere faith, and hoping for a reward from Allah, then all his previous sins will be forgiven."***

(al-Bukhaari & Muslim)

**Dearest beloved audience,**

As faithful servants of Allah, it is *waajib* (obligatory) upon each and every one of us to utilize Ramadaan as the medium in becoming remorseful and perform *muhaasabah* (self-evaluation) unto becoming slaves of Allah that are truly believing and excellent Muslims in this world and the Hereafter. Through the *'ibaadah* (worship) of fasting that is performed with earnestness, decorated with other acts of worship such as kind treatment of the poor, needy, and orphans through almsgiving, increasing the recitation of al-Qur'an, engaging in *dhikr* (remembrance of Allah), *taraweeh* prayer, *qiyaam al-layl* (night prayer), and many others – in reality, they are the most potent medicine for cleansing our hearts from despicable filth, as well as leading us to a life that is blissful and pleasing to Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.



## Dearest audience,

To ensure that the *'ibaadah* of fasting of Ramadaan this year truly yield significant changes within ourselves, it then necessitate thorough preparation and readiness. Among them:

1. We must have sound knowledge and comprehension regarding the *'ibaadah* of fasting that is to be performed. If one fasts while knowing and understanding the limitations, then his or her *'ibaadah* of fasting will be of better quality and earn its rewards.

There are those within our society that would strictly guard themselves from committing matters that can invalidate their fast, by refraining themselves from eating and drinking, but at the same time they would commit acts of disobedience against Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*, not performing their prescribed prayers, they would gamble, exposing their *'awrah*, looking at unlawful (*haram*) things, wasteful and extravagant in their spending, and many other *madhmoomah* (reprehensible) acts. In the end, one's *'ibaadah* of fasting goes in vain, only to attain thirst and hunger. Take heed in the warning by the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم that was mentioned in the *hadeeth* of Abu Hurayrah *radiallaha 'anh*, where the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم said:

رُبَّ صَائِمٍ لَيْسَ لَهُ مِنْ صِيَامِهِ إِلَّا الْجُوعُ

***“There are people who fast and get nothing from their fast except hunger.”***

(ibn Maajah)

2. Increase in our *sunnah* (supererogatory) acts such as fasting on Mondays and Thursdays. This is evident where the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم would fast Mondays and Thursdays consistently, moreover he would fast more frequent with the arrival of the month of Sha'baan.



According to a narration from Sayyidatina 'A'ishah *radiyAllaahu 'anha*, whom stated: ***“And I did not see the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) completing the fast of a month, but that of Ramadaan, and I did not see him fasting more in any other month than that of Sha‘baan.”***

(Muslim)

3. Reviving the yearning, love, and excitement with the coming of Ramadaan that is getting closer by increasing in supplication (*du‘aa*) and hopefulness in Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta‘aala*. Upon entering the month of Rajab, the Companions would often hear the Prophet ﷺ supplicate with great hope in witnessing Ramadaan.

This is based on the *hadeeth* of Anas bin Maalik *radiyAllaahu ‘anh*, whom said that upon entering the month of Rajab, the Prophet ﷺ would supplicate: ***“O Allah, bless us in the months of Rajab and Sha‘baan and enable us to witness and observe Ramadaan.”***

(at-Tabaraani)

Let us ensure that Ramadaan this year will be the best by far, as compared to last Ramadaan, with us indulging in those righteous deeds mentioned earlier. Let us make this Ramadaan as a month and festival of *‘ibaadah*, with us making the best preparation in reaping those rewards that are superabundant, which Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta‘aala* has promised throughout this very noble month. Let us not turn Ramadaan into a festival of food, only to remain preoccupied in selecting the menus and meals for *iftaar* (breaking of fast) throughout the entire month of fasting, but strayed far off from the very objectives of the fasting itself.

**Dear noble audience,**



To end the *khutbah* today, let us take several important lessons from the sermon, serving as guide for all of us, namely:

1. The Muslim *ummah* must have certainty that the *'ibaadah* of fasting in Ramadaan has been legislated upon every *mukallaf* (accountable) Muslim, and it will be accounted for in the Hereafter.

2. It is *waajib* upon the Muslim *ummah* to practice upon all matters that have been commanded by Allah and His *Rasool*, for the sake of attaining true happiness in this world and the Hereafter.

3. The Muslim *ummah* must perform the *'ibaadah* of fasting that had been decreed, whether the physical or spiritual fasting, so as to attain the best of rewards from Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

شَهْرُ رَمَضَانَ الَّذِي أُنزِلَ فِيهِ الْقُرْآنُ هُدًى لِّلنَّاسِ وَبَيِّنَاتٍ  
مِّنَ الْهُدَىٰ وَالْفُرْقَانِ فَمَن شَهِدَ مِنْكُمُ الشَّهْرَ فَلْيَصُمْهُ وَمَن كَانَ  
مَرِيضًا أَوْ عَلَىٰ سَفَرٍ فَعِدَّةٌ مِّنْ أَيَّامٍ أُخَرَ يُرِيدُ اللَّهُ بِكُمُ الْيُسْرَ وَلَا  
يُرِيدُ بِكُمُ الْعُسْرَ وَلِتُكْمِلُوا الْعِدَّةَ وَلِتُكَبِّرُوا اللَّهَ عَلَىٰ مَا هَدَيْكُم  
وَلَعَلَّكُمْ تَشْكُرُونَ ﴿١٨٥﴾

***“The month of Ramadaan [is that] in which was revealed the Qur’an, a guidance for the people and clear proofs of guidance and criterion. So whoever sights [the new moon of] the month, let him fast it; and whoever is ill or on a journey - then an equal number of other days. Allah intends for you ease and does not intend for you***



**hardship and [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."**

(al-Baqarah 2:185)

بَارِكْ 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، فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ 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، أَوْصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ  
بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ.

**Dear blessed audience,**

Let us altogether guard ourselves and our families from abominable deeds and disobedience against Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. At the same time, we will continue to pray so that our country will always remain blessed and protected from all forms of threat, as well as contagions from the Covid-19 pandemic. For that, let us graciously accept the government's recommendation in the vaccination efforts by registering ourselves through the *MySejahtera* application in order to obtain vaccine shots that have been authorized by the Ministry of Health Malaysia. We should not feel angry or doubtful when given the shots while fasting in Ramadaan for it will not invalidate the fast. This matter had been meticulously scrutinized and discussed in details, where its ruling of permissibility was reached during the 118<sup>th</sup> *Muzakarah* Committee Meeting of the National Council for Islamic Affairs (MKI) that convened on the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> of February 2021 and also the Selangor *Fatwa* Committee Meeting that took place on the 9<sup>th</sup> of March, 2021.



## Respected Muslims,

May we become among the slaves of Allah that are patient while enduring all diseases afflicted, disciplined in adhering to the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) and the new normal practices in overcoming the Covid-19 pandemic, for the sake of our own safety and the community.

قَالَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى : إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَمَلَائِكَتَهُ يُصَلُّونَ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ  
ءَامَنُوا صَلُّوا عَلَيْهِ وَسَلِّمُوا تَسْلِيمًا ﴿٥٦﴾

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 أَعِزِّ الْإِسْلَامَ وَالْمُسْلِمِينَ، وَأَهْلِكَ  
الْكَفْرَةَ وَالْمُبْتَدِعَةَ وَالْمُشْرِكِينَ وَدَمِّرْ أَعْدَاءَكَ أَعْدَاءَ الدِّينِ.  
وَانصُرْنَا عَلَى الْقَوْمِ الْكَافِرِينَ.

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ وَنَتَوَسَّلُ إِلَيْكَ بِنَبِيِّكَ الْأَمِينِ، وَنَسْأَلُكَ  
بِأَسْمَائِكَ الْحُسْنَى، وَصِفَاتِكَ الْعُظْمَى، أَنْ تَحْفَظَ بَعِينِ  
عِنَايَتِكَ الرَّبَّانِيَّةِ، وَبِحِفْظِ وَقَايَتِكَ الصَّمَدَانِيَّةِ، جَلَالَةَ مَلِكِنَا  
الْمُعَظَّمِ، سُلْطَانَ سَلَاطِينِ، سُلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ اَدْرِيسِ شَاهِ



الحاج ابن المرحوم سُلطان صَلَاحُ الدِّين عبد العزيز شاه  
الحاج. اَللّٰهُمَّ اَدِمِ الْعَوْنَ وَالْهِدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ  
وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْكَ، لِوَلِيِّ عَهْدِ سَلَاطُونِ، تَعَكَوْ اَمِيْر شَاهِ ابْنِ  
السُّلْطَانِ شَرْفِ الدِّينِ ادريس شاه الحاج، فِي اَمْنٍ وَصَلَاحٍ  
وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنْكَ وَكَرَمِكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْاِكْرَامِ. اَللّٰهُمَّ اَطْلُ  
عُمْرَهُمَا مُصْلِحِيْنَ لِلْمُؤَظَّفِيْنَ وَالرَّعِيَّةِ وَالْبِلَادِ، وَبَلِّغْ  
مَقَاصِدَهُمَا لِطَرِيْقِ الْهُدَى وَالرِّشَادِ.

O Allah, You are the Lord that is All Mighty, we are grateful to You for having bestowed upon us *rahmah* and blessings upon this state that continues to prosper and progress, and that its residents remain united, under the auspices and leadership of our Ruler as the Head of Islamic affairs in this state.

O Allah, make us among Your slaves whom are always exalting Your Words and Religion. Keep us away from groups and those that like to criticize, curse, and insult Your Religion.

O Allah, grant us guidance in performing the five obligatory prayers in congregation, fulfilling *zakaat* through Selangor *Zakaat* Board (LZS), and give away our wealth and endowment (*waqf*) through *Perbadanan Wakaf Selangor* (Selangor Endowment Corporation) and *Tabung Infak Jariah Umat Islam Selangor* (TIJARI, Selangor Continuous Charity for Muslims Fund), and to the orphans through Darul Ehsan Islamic Foundation (YIDE).



اللَّهُمَّ يَا دَافِعَ الْبَلَاءِ، اِدْفَعْ عَنَّا هَذَا الْوَبَاءَ وَالْبَلَاءِ وَالْمَرَضَ  
وَالشَّدَائِدَ وَالْمِحْنَ، بِلُطْفِكَ يَا لَطِيفُ إِنَّكَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ  
قَدِيرٌ وَبِالْإِجَابَةِ جَدِيرٌ.

رَبَّنَا هَبْ لَنَا مِنْ أَزْوَاجِنَا وَذُرِّيَّتِنَا قُرَّةَ أَعْيُنٍ وَاجْعَلْنَا لِلْمُتَّقِينَ إِمَامًا.  
رَبَّنَا ءَاتِنَا فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِي الْآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ ﴿٢٠١﴾.  
عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ وَالْإِحْسَانِ وَإِيتَايَ ذِي الْقُرْبَى  
وَيَنْهَى عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَالْبَغْيِ يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ



فَاذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ يَذْكُرْكُمْ وَاشْكُرُوهُ عَلَى نِعَمِهِ يَزِدْكُمْ،  
وَاسْأَلُوهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ يُعْطِكُمْ وَلَذِكْرُ اللَّهِ أَكْبَرُ وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا  
تَصْنَعُونَ.