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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



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 privilieged 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-Bagarah, 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 radiyAllaahu 'anh, where he narrated that the Prophet 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)

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 said:

"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)

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 cleasing

our hearts from despicable filth, as well as leading us to a life that is blissful and pleasing to Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala.

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 (haraam) 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 that was mentioned in the hadeeth of Abu Hurayrah radiyAllaahu 'anh, where the Prophet said:

"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 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 ()

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 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 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.

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.

"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)

THE SECOND KHUTBAH

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. Such matter had been meticulously scrutinized and discussed in details, where its ruling of

permissibility was reached during the 118th Muzakarah Committee Meeting of the National Council for Islamic Affairs (MKI) that convened on the 16th and 17th of

February 2021 and also the Selangor *Fatwa* Committee Meeting that took place on the 9th of March, 2021.

May we become among the slaves of Allah that are patient while enduring all diseases afflicted, and 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.

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).

