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الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ: وَأَقِيمُوا الصَّلَاةَ وَعَاتُوا الزَّكَاةَ وَمَا تُقَدِّمُوا
لِأَنْفُسِكُمْ مِنْ خَيْرٍ تَجِدُوهُ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ إِنَّ اللَّهَ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ بَصِيرٌ ﴿١١٠﴾
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، أَوْصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى
اللَّهِ فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ.

قَالَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى: يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تُقَاتِهِ وَلَا
تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ ﴿١٠٦﴾

Dear blessed Muslims,

Let us altogether strive to increase our *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*, by performing all of His Commands and avoiding all of His prohibitions. May we all attain success in this world and the Hereafter.

The title of our *khutbah* today is **ZAKAAT AL-FITR COMPLEMENTS THE FASTING.**

¹ al-Baqarah 2:110

² Aal-'Imraan 3:102



Respected Muslims,

In Islam, the *'ibaadah* (worship) of *zakaat al-fitr* has several elements that are closely intertwined with the *'ibaadah* of fasting. **First**, *zakaat al-fitr* was legislated during the second of year of Hijrah, along with the obligation of fasting. **Second**, *zakaat al-fitr* is also comprised of two pillars, similar with the obligatory fasting which has two pillars. **Third**, *zakaat al-fitr* is intended to lighten the burden of the poor, while fasting also teaches us to empathize with the hunger that is often endured by the poor.

Ibn 'Abbaas *radiyAllaahu 'anhuma* stated that:

فَرَضَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ زَكَاةَ الْفِطْرِ طُهْرَةً
لِلصَّائِمِ مِنَ اللَّغْوِ وَالرَّفَثِ وَطُعْمَةً لِلْمَسَاكِينِ.

"The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) enjoined zakaat al-fitr as a purification for the fasting person from idle talk and obscenities, and to feed the poor."

(Abu Dawood and ibn Maajah)

Then the question arises, for those of us fasting today, how far have we gone in experiencing the relationship between fasting and *zakaat al-fitr*? The *zakaat al-fitr* that we had fulfilled, has it become just a regular routine purely for the sake of fulfilling an obligation?

Dear beloved audience,

As it was mentioned by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* in verse 183 of soorah al-Baqarah that the objective of the legislation of fasting is *taqwa* (piety), hence it is perfected by the *'ibaadah* of *zakaat al-fitr* towards its end. Like the cross country runner, towards the end, he or she must



overcome the obstacles to cross the finish line, reaching and cutting off the ribbon string.

If fasting is likened to running the marathon, then *zakaat al-fitr* would be the ribbon string. By fulfilling *zakaat al-fitr*, our fasting package is then perfected. Our efforts in attaining *taqwa* has been completed, thereupon becoming 'a new person in terms of *imaan* (faith) and *akhlaaq* (character)' after having completed the *madrrasah* of Ramadaan. Therefore, we are fully deserving of extraordinary rewards for such victory.

In the *hadeeth* of 'Ali bin Abi Taalib *radhiyAllaahu 'anh*, Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم said:

إِنَّ فِي الْجَنَّةِ لَغُرَفًا تَرَى ظُهُورَهَا مِنْ بُطُونِهَا وَبُطُونِهَا مِنْ ظُهُورِهَا. فَقَامَ إِلَيْهِ أَعْرَابِيٌّ فَقَالَ: لِمَنْ هِيَ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ؟ قَالَ: هِيَ لِمَنْ أَطَابَ الْكَلَامَ، وَأَطْعَمَ الطَّعَامَ، وَأَدَامَ الصِّيَامَ، وَصَلَّى لِلَّهِ بِاللَّيْلِ وَالنَّاسُ نِيَامٌ

"Indeed in Paradise there are chambers whose outside can be seen from their inside, and their inside can be seen from their outside." A Bedouin stood and said: "Who are they for O Prophet of Allah?" He said: "For those who speak well, feed others [including zakaat al-fitr], fast regularly, and perform salaah for Allah during the night while the people sleep."

(at-Tirmidhi)

This *hadeeth* clearly indicate to us that indeed Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* has prepared special rewards specifically for those that have



fulfilled the obligation of *zakaat al-fitr*, along with fasting. Such is how *zakaat al-fitr* perfects our fasting.

Dearest audience,

In reality, majority of the world's problems today stems from the evil of the tongue and bad *akhlaaq* such as stinginess, greed, and covetousness. Through fasting, in reality we had forced ourselves to taste the very bit of difficulties endured by the poor and needy. Just imagine, for 13 hours our intestines are left empty that we began to starve and fatigue. This practical exercise is to be concluded with one noble act, which is mutual sharing of *rizq* (provision) by giving *sadaqah* (charity) and performing *zakaat al-fitr*.

What does it all really mean if after enduring the sufferings of the poor by staying hungry, yet one is still shrouded with stinginess, unwilling to share *rizq* with them? Therefore, *zakaat al-fitr* comes as a limiter. Have we been able to tame the greed within ourselves and subduing stinginess, or are we just like "*enau (sugar palm) in the bushes, only releasing its own shoots?*" (meaning: being selfish and unconcerned about others).

Dear respected audience,

Up until 31st December 2020, it was recorded that over 60 thousand poor families are officially registered with the Selangor Zakaat Board (LZS). That is no small amount, for if it is further broken down into individuals, in reality it is over 350 thousand people. Hence, the Selangor Zakaat Board would always strive, year after year, in ensuring that all of them would receive adequate assistance to celebrate '*Eid al-Fitr* with adequacy. For the year 2020, over RM27 million were distributed before '*Eid al-Fitr*. The Selangor Zakaat Board also ensures that every individual or poor family will receive the '*Eid* aid with a minimum of RM300 and this



amount will be increased according to the number of dependents up until the maximum allocation of RM1,000 per family.

On that basis, the Selangor Zakaat Board remains tireless in calling upon the Muslims in this state to utilize *zakaat al-fitr* as a plantation for harvesting rewards. Moreover, if in the past *zakaat al-fitr* was determined at only RM7.00, now the Selangor Zakaat Board is encouraging the Muslims to select *zakaat al-fitr* rate that is more suitable to one's lifestyle. Whether RM14.00 or RM21.00 per person, it is according to the type of rice that one typically consumes daily. Yes, if we can afford to eat delicious food and expensive rice, then it is only right that we opt for a *zakaat al-fitr* rate that is suitable to our capability. This is in accordance with what Prophet Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم suggested.

'Abdullah bin 'Umar *radiyAllaahu 'anhuma* narrated:

أَمَرَ النَّبِيُّ ﷺ بِزَكَاةِ الْفِطْرِ، صَاعًا مِنْ تَمْرٍ، أَوْ صَاعًا مِنْ شَعِيرٍ. فَجَعَلَ النَّاسُ عِدْلَهُ مُدَّيْنِ مِنْ حِنْطَةٍ

"The Prophet (ﷺ) ordered (Muslims) to give one sa' of dates or one sa' of barley as *zakaat al-fitr*. The people rewarded two mudds of wheat as equal to that."

(al-Bukhaari)

This is what has been enjoined by Islam, which is striving for the best when performing righteous deeds, as Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 148 of soorah al-Baqarah:

فَاسْتَبِقُوا الْخَيْرَاتِ

"So race to [all that is] good..."



Truthfully, the Selangor Zakaat Board has prepared various avenues for zakaat payment, whether via online, salary deduction, credit card, ATM, authorized zakaat agents, and others. Let us ensure that we fulfill our zakaat through the proper channel and to certified 'aamil (zakaat collectors), in ensuring that our zakaat is valid and actually reaches eligible recipients (*asnaf*). This is in line with what has been decreed by His Royal Highness the Sultan of Selangor and the decision of the Selangor *Fatwa* Committee, that zakaat must be channelled to the Selangor Zakaat Board as the certified entity in administering zakaat affairs in this state.

Dear blessed audience,

To end the *khutbah* (sermon) this time, the following are several matters that can be taken as guidance:

1. The Muslim *ummah* must truly comprehend that *zakaat al-fitr* is an 'ibadah with enormous virtues along with the 'ibadah of fasting, in developing *taqwa*.

2. The Muslim *ummah* must fulfill the obligation of *zakaat al-fitr* according to its capability by selecting from the various rates that have been determined.

3. The Muslim *ummah* must fulfill *zakaat al-fitr* and zakaat of wealth through the Selangor Zakaat Board so that the zakaat can be disbursed thoroughly to all deserving *asnaf*.

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

وَمَثَلُ الَّذِينَ يُنْفِقُونَ أَمْوَالَهُمْ ابْتِغَاءَ مَرْضَاتِ اللَّهِ وَتَثْبِيتًا مِّنْ



أَنْفُسِهِمْ كَمَثَلِ جَنَّةٍ بِرَبْوَةٍ أَصَابَهَا وَابِلٌ فَآتَتْ أُكُلَهَا ضِعْفَيْنِ
فَإِن لَّمْ يُصِبْهَا وَابِلٌ فَظُلٌّ وَاللَّهُ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ بَصِيرٌ ﴿٢٦٥﴾

“And the example of those who spend their wealth seeking means to the approval of Allah and assuring [reward for] themselves is like a garden on high ground which is hit by a downpour - so it yields its fruits in double. And [even] if it is not hit by a downpour, then a drizzle [is sufficient]. And Allah, of what you do, is Seeing.”

(Soorah al-Baqarah 2:265)

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، 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، أُوصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ
بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ.

Dear blessed audience,

Once more, I would like to remind all of us to always have the *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* by guarding 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 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.



Respected audience,

I also would like to remind that in our pursuit for the virtues and superiority of the month of Ramadaan, which has 19 days left, let us intensify our efforts in livening up the nights of Ramadaan by performing the complete *taraweeh sunnah* prayer with twenty *raka'ah*. This is the view according to the *madhhab* (school of thought) of ash-Shaafi'i. Imaam an-Nawawi mentioned in his book *al-Majmoo'*:

مَذْهَبُنَا أَنَّهَا عِشْرُونَ رَكْعَةً بَعِشْرٍ تَسْلِيمَاتٍ غَيْرِ الْوِتْرِ

"According to our madhhab, it (taraweeh prayer) is twenty raka'ah with ten tasleem without the witr."

Moreover, it is also the opinion of Imaam Abu Haneefah and Imaam Ahmad bin Hanbal. While Imaam Malik ibn Anas is of the opinion that it is thirty six *raka'ah*.

The twenty *raka'ah* of *taraweeh* prayer is based on the narration of as-Saa'ib bin Yazeed *radiallaahu 'anh*, whom said:

كَانُوا يَقُومُونَ عَلَى عَهْدِ عُمَرَ بْنِ الْخَطَّابِ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ فِي شَهْرِ رَمَضَانَ بَعِشْرِينَ رَكْعَةً.

"In the time of 'Umar ibn al-Khattaab radiallaahu 'anh they would perform 20 raka'ah in the month of Ramadaan."

(al-Bayhaqi)

Therefore, let us complete our *taraweeh* prayer with twenty *raka'ah*, so that we will obtain its reward as promised by the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم, which is forgiveness from Allah for all of our past sins. Verily, the *taraweeh* prayer



performed with less than that (i.e. twenty *raka'ah*) is not deemed as *taraweeh* prayer according to the Shaafi'i *madhhab*. However, it will still receive the reward of the night prayer (*qiyaam*), *inshaa Allah*.

Dear blessed Muslims,

On this glorious day, let us altogether increase our *salawaat* upon our beloved Prophet Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم as Allah has commanded:

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
الْكُفْرَةَ وَالْمُبْتَدِعَةَ وَالْمُشْرِكِينَ وَدَمِّرْ أَعْدَاءَكَ أَعْدَاءَ الدِّينِ.
وَانصُرْنَا عَلَى الْقَوْمِ الْكَافِرِينَ.

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ وَنَتَوَسَّلُ إِلَيْكَ بِنَبِيِّكَ الْأَمِينِ، وَنَسْأَلُكَ
بِأَسْمَائِكَ الْحُسْنَى، وَصِفَاتِكَ الْعُظْمَى، أَنْ تَحْفَظَ بَعَيْنِ



عِنَايَتِكَ الرَّبَّانِيَّةِ، وَبِحِفْظِ وَقَايَتِكَ الصَّمَدَانِيَّةِ، جَلَالَةَ مَلِكِنَا
الْمُعَظَّمِ، سُلْطَانَ سَلَاطُونِ، سُلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ ادریس شاه
الحاج ابن المرحوم سُلْطَانَ صَلَاحِ الدِّينِ عبد العزيز شاه
الحاج. اَللّٰهُمَّ اَدِمِ الْعَوْنَ وَالْهَدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ
وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْكَ، لِوَلِيِّ عَهْدِ سَلَاطُونِ، تَعَكَوْ اَمِيرِ شَاهِ اِبْنِ
السُّلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ ادریس شاه الحاج، فِي اَمْنٍ وَصَلَاحٍ
وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنِّكَ وَكَرَمِكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْاِكْرَامِ. اَللّٰهُمَّ اَطْلُ
عُمْرَهُمَا مُصْلِحَيْنِ لِلْمُؤَظَّفِيْنَ وَالرَّعِيَّةِ وَالْبِلَادِ، وَبَلِّغْ
مَقَاصِدَهُمَا لِطَرِيقِ الْهُدَى وَالرَّشَادِ.

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، اذْفَعْ 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 آتِنَا 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
﴿٩٠﴾

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