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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﴾¹
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 وَأَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ ﴿١٠٢﴾²

Dear blessed Friday congregation,

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

Let us internalize upon the *khutbah* today titled “**THE BEST PRACTICE FOR ZAKAAT AL-FITR.**”

¹ al-Baqarah 2:183

² Aal 'Imraan 3:102



Dear blessed audience,

In the month of Ramadaan, there is an obligation upon Muslims that is to be fulfilled, namely *zakaat al-fitr* (or *zakaat fitrah*). It is *wajib* (obligatory) upon every Muslim, whether a free person or a slave, obligated upon oneself and also all of his dependents. The ordainment for *zakaat al-fitr* is only once a year, which is from the moment Ramadaan begins, and ends on 'Eid al-Fitr.

ibn 'Abbaas *radiallaahu 'anhuma* narrated that:

فَرَضَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ 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)

Historically, *zakaat al-fitr* was legislated in the 2nd Hijri year, which coincided with the ordainment of Ramadaan fasting. This indicates that *zakaat al-fitr* is closely intertwined with the *'ibaadah* (worship) of fasting. Those that purposely ignore the obligation of *zakaat al-fitr*, in reality, they have failed to sow the seeds of *taqwa* within themselves. While the utmost *hikmah* (wisdom) in fasting is to instill *taqwa* within the self.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 183 of soorah al-Baqarah:



يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا كُتِبَ عَلَيْكُمُ الصِّيَامُ كَمَا كُتِبَ عَلَى الَّذِينَ مِن
قَبْلِكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَتَّقُونَ ﴿١٨٣﴾

“O you who have believed, decreed upon you is fasting as it was decreed upon those before you that you may become righteous.”

Dear blessed Muslims,

The implementation of *zakaat al-fitr* in general is easy to be executed without much question. This is because its rate is quite minimal for most people, which is RM7 per individual. For a family that consists of two parents and three children, the total amount comes to RM35.

However, in Selangor since 2018, we have been encouraged to fulfill our *zakaat al-fitr* according to the type of rice that we regularly consume. Say if we typically consume the expensive type of rice, then we are highly encouraged to fulfill our *zakaat fitrah* whether at RM14 or RM21 per person.

This recommendation is in accordance with the practice of the Companions of the Prophet, as mentioned by ibn ‘Umar *radiyAllaahu ‘anhuma*:

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)

Therefore, the practice of fulfilling *zakaat al-fitr* according to the price of rice that is normally consumed, in reality, is very good and more in line with the spirit of *zakaat al-fitr* itself. It is also in accordance with the will of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* that highly encourages us to give with that which is better, especially in matters regarding to fasting.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 184 of soorah al-Baqarah:

فَمَنْ تَطَوَّعَ خَيْرًا فَهُوَ خَيْرٌ لَهُ

"And whoever volunteers excess - it is better for him."

Esteemed audience,

Truthfully, the obligation of *zakaat al-fitr* complements the *'ibaadah* of fasting in Ramadaan. Giving away wealth in the form of *zakaat* requires firm *imaan* (faith). If we become generous and have no qualm in giving away more wealth, meaning we fulfill *zakaat al-fitr* according to the type of rice that we consume, then it indicates that we were successful in getting rid of stinginess (*bakheel*) from our hearts. However, if we become wishy-washy or still debate on which type to give, then it only means that we are still overpowered by our desire. We still have ways to go before attaining the degree of *taqwa*.

The *darajah* (degree) of *taqwa* for the fasting person is very important, for it can cause the individual to change, before and after Ramadaan. For example, prior to Ramadaan a person is known to be stingy. But after Ramadaan, he became generous so that proves that fasting was effective upon that person. However, if the person remained



the same, then it is feared that he had failed to attain the level of *taqwa* and the fasting that he did were in vain for he failed to educate himself.

Aside from that, those that were successful in attaining the *darajah* of *taqwa* through their fasting that they became generous and likes to give *zakaah* and *sadaqah* (charity), then Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* promised to enter them into Paradise that is very extraordinary.

In the *hadeeth* of 'Ali bin Abi Taalib *radiallaahu 'anh*, Rasulullah ﷺ said:

إِنَّ فِي الْجَنَّةِ غُرَفًا تُرَى ظُهُورُهَا مِنْ بُطُونِهَا وَبُطُونُهَا مِنْ ظُهُورِهَا. فَقَامَ أَعْرَابِيٌّ فَقَالَ: لِمَنْ هِيَ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ؟ قَالَ: 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, fast regularly, and perform salaah for Allah during the night while the people sleep.”

(at-Tirmidhi)

Look at the promises of the Prophet ﷺ and Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* upon those having utmost *taqwa*, that they have been prepared with special rewards. It is a special reward for those that had successfully



attained the level of *taqwa*. Such is the case, how *zakaat al-fitr* can complement our fasting and serve as the indicator for our level of *imaan*.

Dear blessed Muslims,

When is the time for us to fulfill the obligation of *zakaat al-fitr*? According to Imaam ash-Shaafi'i, *zakaat al-fitr* can even be fulfilled from the first day of Ramadaan, just to avoid one from forgetting to fulfill it later on. This practice is valid and it is actually better so that we can avoid from having to rush to fulfill it in the final moments. It becomes *haram* (impermissible) and sinful if one becomes negligent or forgetful in fulfilling *zakaat al-fitr* past the 1st of Shawwaal. Even then, *zakaat al-fitr* must still be fulfilled through LZS (Selangor *Zakaat* Board) counters or via online, and it will be deemed as *qadaa'* (make-up) for that *zakaat*.

Remember, the *hukm* (ruling) in expediting the fulfillment of *zakaat al-fitr* including its *qadaa'* is *wajib*. This is because if one continues to delay his *zakaat al-fitr*, then it means he will continue to remain in the state of *haram* and sinful all the while. God forbid, if he dies, then he dies in a state of owing a debt to Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.

Respected Muslims,

Before ending the sermon this time, the following are several matters than can be taken as guidance:

1. The Muslim *ummah* must duly comprehend that *zakaat al-fitr* is an *'ibaadah* that holds the biggest secret within the *'ibaadah* of fasting in attaining *taqwa*.
2. The Muslim *ummah* must perform *zakaat al-fitr* according to its capacity, which is by selecting the rate that is suitable for them.



3. In general, the Muslim *ummah* would fulfill *zakaat al-fitr* without much issues. Similarly, that should be the case with *zakaat* of wealth (*al-maal*), that it is fulfilled without much question.

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ
وَمَثَلُ الَّذِينَ يُنْفِقُونَ أَمْوَالَهُمْ ابْتِغَاءَ مَرْضَاتِ اللَّهِ وَتَثْبِيتًا مِّنْ أَنفُسِهِمْ
كَمَثَلِ جَنَّةٍ بِرَبْوَةٍ أَصَابَهَا وَابِلٌ فَآتَتْ أُكُلَهَا ضِعْفَيْنِ فَإِن لَّمْ يُصِبْهَا
وَابِلٌ فَطَلَّ 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، أَوْصِيكُمْ وَآيَاتِي
بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ.

Dear blessed audience,

Let us altogether strive to have the *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* by increasing our obedience towards Him and avoiding acts of disobedience and abominable deeds.

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

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ
أَجْمَعِينَ.

اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِلْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ
الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ، إِنَّكَ سَمِيعٌ قَرِيبٌ مُجِيبُ الدَّعَوَاتِ



وَيَا قَاضِيَ الْحَاجَاتِ. اَللّٰهُمَّ اَعِزَّ الْاِسْلَامَ وَالْمُسْلِمِيْنَ، وَاَهْلِكَ
الْكُفْرَةَ وَالْمُبْتَدِعَةَ وَالْمُشْرِكِيْنَ.

اَللّٰهُمَّ اِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ وَنَتَوَسَّلُ اِلَيْكَ بِنَبِيِّكَ الْاَمِيْنِ، وَنَسْأَلُكَ
بِاسْمَائِكَ الْحُسْنَى، وَصِفَاتِكَ الْعُظْمَى، اَنْ تَحْفَظَ بَعِيْنَ
عِنَايَتِكَ الرَّبَّانِيَّةَ، وَبِحِفْظِ وَقَايَتِكَ الصَّمَدَانِيَّةَ، جَلَالَةَ مَلِكِنَا
الْمُعْظَمِ، سُلْطَانَ سَلَاطُوْر، سُلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّيْنِ اَدْرِيسِ شَاهِ
الْحَاجِ ابْنِ الْمَرْحُوْمِ سُلْطَانَ صَلَاحِ الدِّيْنِ عَبْدِ الْعَزِيْزِ شَاهِ
الْحَاجِ. اَللّٰهُمَّ اَدِمِ الْعُوْنَ وَالْهِدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيْقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ
وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْكَ، لِوَلِيِّ عَهْدِ سَلَاطُوْر، تَعْكُوْ اَمِيْرِ شَاهِ اِبْنِ
السُّلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّيْنِ اَدْرِيسِ شَاهِ الْحَاجِ، فِيْ اَمْنٍ وَصَلَاحٍ
وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنْنِكَ وَكَرَمِكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْاِكْرَامِ. اَللّٰهُمَّ اَطْلُ
عُمْرَهُمَا مُصْلِحِيْنَ لِلْمُوْظَفِيْنَ وَالرَّعِيَّةِ وَالْبِلَادِ، وَبَلِّغْ
مَقَاصِدَهُمَا لِطَرِيْقِ الْهُدَى وَالرِّشَادِ.

O Allah, grant us guidance in performing the five obligatory prayers in congregation, fulfilling *zakaat* through Selangor *Zakaat* Board (LZS), making endowment (*waqf*) through *Perbadanan Wakaf Selangor* (Selangor Endowment Corporation) and giving away (*infaaq*) our wealth through *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 وَالْبَلَاءَ 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



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