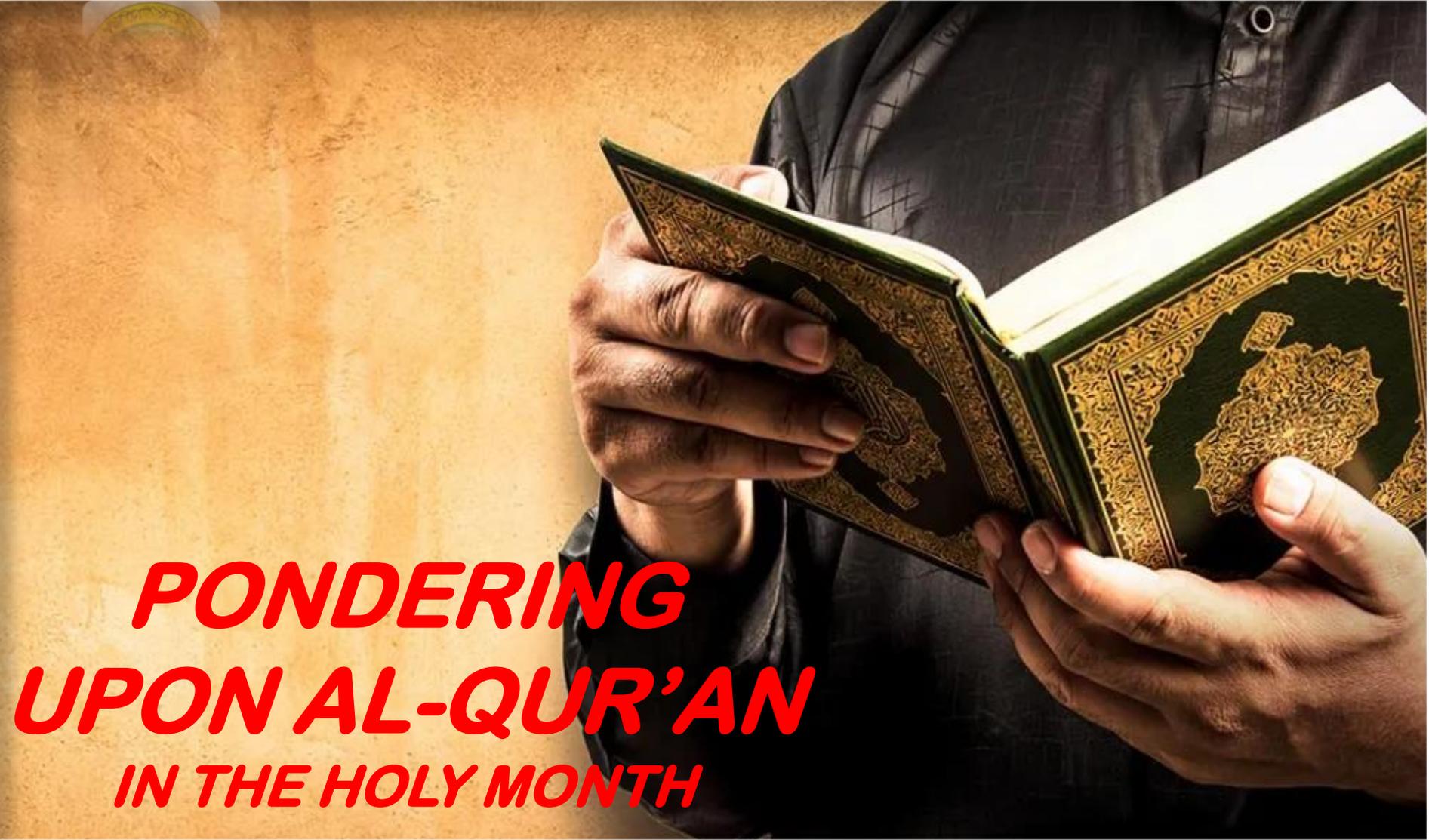




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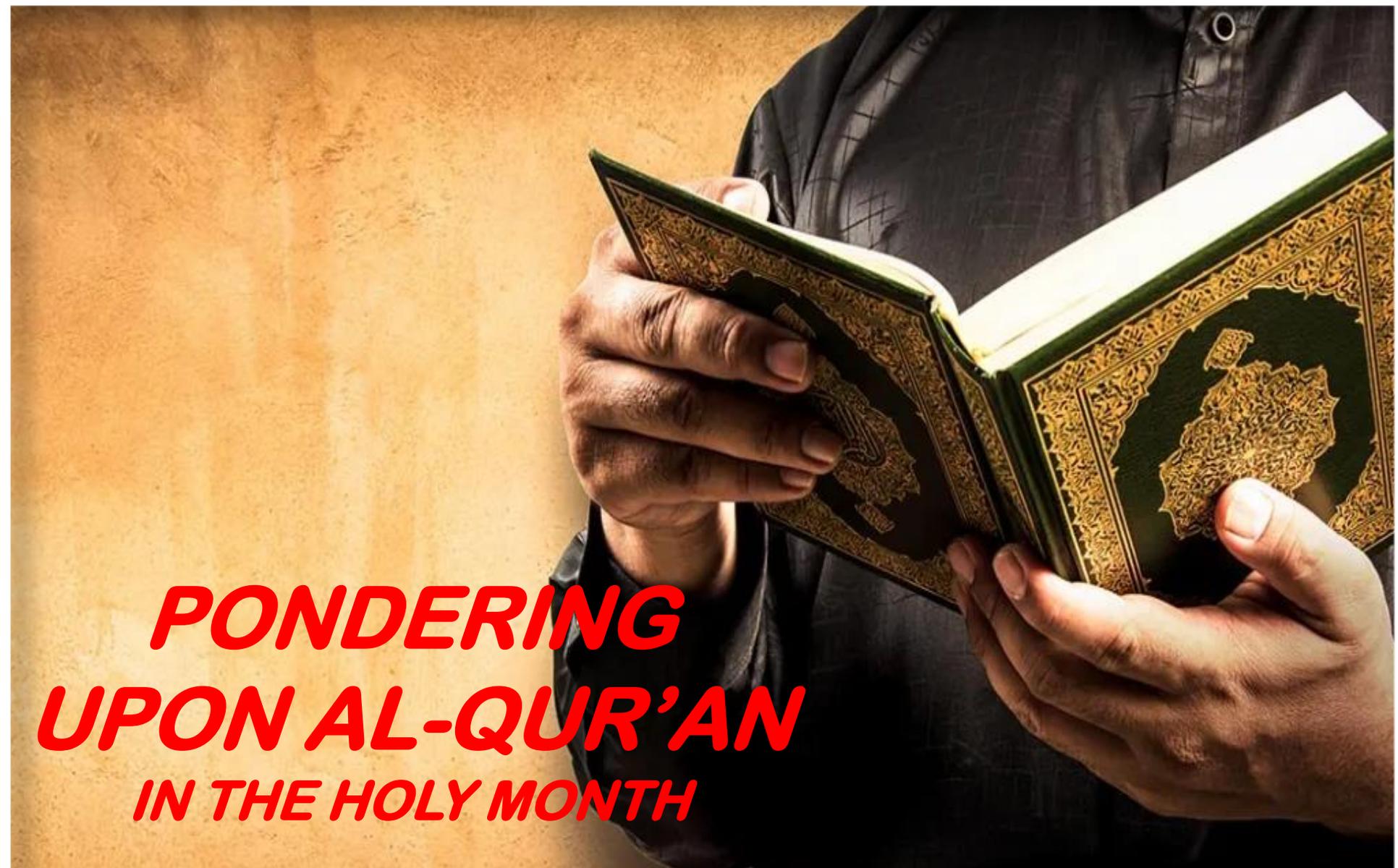
***PONDERING
UPON AL-QUR'AN
IN THE HOLY MONTH***

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

Let us strive to increase
our *taqwa* of Allah
Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala
by performing all of His
Commands and avoiding
all of His prohibitions.

May the true *taqwa* and
firm *imaan* (faith) make
us among slaves that
are successful in this
world and the Hereafter.

On a day that is full of *barakah* (blessings) in this holy month, I will expound on a *khutbah* titled



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Al-Qur'an is a holy scripture that provides guidance and guidelines towards the path of Truth. It guides mankind from slipping into the path of misguidance. Only those firmly clinging

upon this holy book will
attain success and
happiness. Allah
Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala
mentions in verse 9 of
soorah al-Israa':

***“Indeed, this Qur’an
guides to that which is
most suitable and gives
good tidings to the
believers who do
righteous deeds that they
will have a great reward.”***

As Muslims, we must acknowledge that this holy scripture was revealed to be recited. Its recitation is the most important *dhikr* (remembrance of Allah)

and yields tremendous
reward. Allah

Subhaanahu *Wa*

Ta'aala mentions in
verse 29 of soorah

Faatir:

“Indeed, those who recite the Book of Allah and establish prayer and spend [in His cause] out of what We have provided them, secretly and publicly, [can] expect a profit that will never perish.”

Rasulullah ﷺ also had given guarantee upon the reward of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* for the reciters of al-Qur'an as mentioned in the *hadeeth* of

**‘Abdullah bin Mas‘ood
radiyAllaahu ‘anh, where
the Prophet ﷺ said:**

***“Whoever recites a
letter from Allah’s
Book, then he receives***

the reward from it, and the reward of ten the like of it. I do not say that Alif Lam Mim is a letter, but Alif is a letter, Lam is a letter and Mim is a letter.”

(at-Tirmidhi)

For those that are always reciting al-Qur'an that they become proficient, they will be privileged in the Day of Judgment. However, rewards will still be given to those that are not yet proficient in

their recitation. Narrated
'A'ishah *radiyAllaahu*
'*anha*, Rasulullah ﷺ said:

***“One who is proficient
in the Qur’an is
associated with the***

***noble, upright,
recording angels; and
he who falters in it,
and finds it difficult
for him, will have two
rewards.”***

(Muslim)

Therefore, it behooves us
to always recite al-Qur'an
especially in this noble
month of Ramadaan.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa*
Ta'aala multiplies the
reward of obligatory
(*waajib*)

'ibaadah (worship) and
also the *sunnah*
(supererogatory) ones
performed in this month.
Hence, let us seize this
very precious
opportunity to be present
at the masjid and

perform the *fard*
(obligatory) prayers and
taraweeh sunnah prayer
in congregation
(*jamaa'ah*), as well as
increasing our *sadaqah*
(charity) and recitation of
al-Qur'an.

We must realize that al-Qur'an was sent down not just for its recitation alone but for it to be pondered (*tadabbur*), internalized, and practiced in our daily lives. With that, we will be

able to know and
comprehend the
meanings of the verses
of al-Qur'an, hence
giving positive impact
upon us. Indeed, eternal
bliss is attained by
practicing all of the

teachings mentioned
within it. Allah
Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala
mentions in verse 29 of
soorah Sad that was
recited earlier in the
sermon, which means:

“[This is] a blessed Book which We have revealed to you, [O Muhammad], that they might reflect upon its verses and that those of understanding would be reminded.”

There is one important
lessons that can be
derived from the *akhlaaq*
(character) of the
Companions of the
Messenger of Allah ﷺ.
They would take
meticulous care of the

verses of al-Qur'an
taught by the Prophet.
They would take
whatever conveyed as
guide in their daily
lives. Hasan al-Basri
once said:

“The Companions viewed al-Qur’an as a letter from God to them. They would ponder upon it during the night and practice its teachings during the day.”

For those that refuse to *tadabbur* upon the verses of al-Qur'an, it is as if their hearts have been locked from receiving the truth, for absolute Truth comes from al-Qur'an. While, if we recite

al-Qur'an along with
tadabbur, our hearts will
be granted with vastness
to receive *hidaayah*
(guidance) and *hikmah*
(wisdom) from Allah
Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala.
Therefore,

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* rebukes those that refuse to reflect upon the verses of al-Qur'an, as He mentions in verse 24 of soorah Muhammad:

***“Then do they not
reflect upon the
Qur’an, or are
there locks upon
[their] hearts?”***

By pondering upon al-Qur'an, the feeling of fear upon the wrath and punishment of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* will arise. Its effect will make us fearful from violating all of His

**Commands. On the
contrary, we will always
strive to perform all that
He Commanded.**

**Among the ways for us to
tadabbur al-Qur'an is by
obtaining the translation**

of the meanings of al-Qur'an so as to understand its meanings. Nowadays, al-Qur'an has been translated into various languages including *Bahasa Melayu*. We can refer to those

translations if we are not proficient in the Arabic language. However, it must be remembered that we must ensure that such translation has been authorized as authentic by relevant

**authorities such as the
Ministry of Home Affairs
(KDN). This is because
the sanctity of al-Qur'an
is not something that is to
be taken lightly by just
accepting the various
types and brands of**

al-Qur'an available in the market and also online applications that deviously attempt to distort the meaning and contents of the verses of al-Qur'an, as reported in the past.

**Let us altogether seize
the golden opportunity in
this glorious month to fill
our free time by reciting
al-Qur'an so as to attain
great rewards, and at the
same time ponder upon
the verses of al-Qur'an**

sufficiently. Let us instill deep within our hearts solid determination to remain *istiqamah* (steadfast) in learning and comprehending the meanings of the verses of al-Qur'an. With that,

such pure efforts will be reflected within our *akhlaaq* through daily actions, attitudes, and practice. In the end, it will give birth to a Muslim *ummah* that is

superior and excellent, as
a direct effect of
tadabbur al-Qur'an.

To end the *khutbah*, let us
derive lessons upon the
following matters:

1. The Muslim *ummah* must have certainty that the command to *tadabbur* upon al-Qur'an is a command from Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* that is *waajib* to be obeyed.

2. The Muslim *ummah* must have determination to have *istiqaamah* in reciting al-Qur'an so as to reap its rewards.

3. The Muslim *ummah* must strive to learn, understand, internalize, and practice the teachings of al-Qur'an in its daily lives.

“Then do they not reflect upon the Qur’an? If it had been from [any] other than Allah, they would have found within it much contradiction.”

(Soorah an-Nisaa’ 4:82)



**THE SECOND
KHUTBAH**



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.



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 our wealth (*infaaq*) through *Tabung Infak Jariah Umat Islam Selangor* (TIJARI, Selangor Continuous Charity for Muslims Fund),



**and to the orphans through
Darul Ehsan Islamic
Foundation (YIDE).**



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