



THE OBJECTIVES OFRAMADAAN

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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 Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala bless our lives with ni'mah (favors), tawfeeq (aid), and hidaayah (guidance) that are everlasting, and that we attain success in this world and the Hereafter.



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Alhamdulillaah, once again we are now experiencing the blessed month of Ramadaan. Our being in this noble month must be greatly thankful for. Gratefulness is not just uttered upon the lips

be but must it internalized through our actions. True gratitude will emerge when we comprehend truly and the Ramadaan virtues found within the month. The definition of

fasting (sawm) linguistically is abstinence from food and drink. From the Shar'i perspective, fasting means to refrain oneself from matters that invalidates the fasting,

beginning from dawn to sunset, with the intention of fasting.

When Ramadaan arrives, Rasulullah & was observed to be excited and happy with its arrival. The Companions *'anhum* RadiyAllaahu would also rejoice. This is because Ramadaan comes with a plethora of virtues and rewards. He and the Companions would manifest their

and gratitude joyfulness through actions and which deeds, are adherence and obedience in performing obligatory (fard) and supererogatory (sunnah) deeds throughout this

month. In a narration of Rasulullah ¹/₂, on the authority of Abu Hurayrah radiyAllaahu *'anh*, Rasulullah Said:

Ramadaan "When begins, the gates of Jannah are opened, the gates of Hell are closed, and the devils are chained." (al-Bukhaari and Muslim)

Hence, it behooves the Muslim ummah to do its very best to appreciate the very opportunity bestowed as selected individuals to experience Ramadaan this time around. A Muslim that

misses and yearns for the month of Ramadaan will definitely become thankful and happy upon the abundant favors for having been chosen to earn bountiful rewards prepared by

Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala. Moreover, each Muslim individuals must embrace it as if this Ramadaan would be his or her last, that it triggers the motivation to worship with utmost

(sincerity) ikhlaas their body throughout and soul. In the meantime, for those that are heedless, the coming of Ramadaan is truly disturbing, greeted with various excuses to not

having to fast. They are reminded to perform tawbah (repentance) and strive to fulfill this very obligation for it will be questioned about later on.

Every Muslim that is sincere in celebrating the coming of Ramadaan will strive purify to themselves from the physical and spiritual throughout filth Ramadaan, hence

abandoning a dirty heart and misdeeds such as hasad (envy), slandering, inciting backbiting, others, hostility towards fellow Muslims, severing the silaaturrahm (ties of kinship), not greeting and

boycotting one's relatives or colleagues, wasteful when breaking the fast, even deceitful in selling food that are unhygienic, not halaal (permissible), in scale fraudulent measurement, and many

others, which all must be avoided so that our souls will be trained and spiritually fertile with the taqwa of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala. This is in line with the school of Ramadaan that

focuses on warding off the and prevent onslaught of the evil desire that would always seize every opportunity to corrupt mankind with adverse and evil deeds. **Ramadaan education**

encourages to US always perform (selfmuhaasabah evaluation) upon our shortcomings and every tribulation that befalls us. Moreover,

the school of Ramadaan can develop and increase sabr (patience) within every fasting individual with ikhlaas.

Every Muslim must instill sincerity within their intention (niyyah) solely to perform the 'ibaadah (worship) of fasting purely for the sake of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala. This is because

every deed will be judged based upon its intention. The correct niyyah purely for the sake of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala can encourage a person to strive with diligence in reaping the multitudes of

rewards in Ramadaan. It is not good at all if the goal and purpose to fast, which is once a year, are channeled directly into the preparation for the celebration of 'Eid al-Fitr that is still further away,

while Ramadaan that is right before the eyes is neglected and ignored. Such tendency must be replaced with practices that will revive the days and nights of Ramadaan, with various righteous

deeds that ultimately attains the objective of becoming a true slave having *taqwa*.

In reaping bonuses and rewards from Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* that are priceless and greatly multiplied during Ramadaan, proper care from the physical and mental standpoint are necessary. It is very important for us to maintain a good healthy

body to fight off the desire to slumber, excessive eating, and other cravings that could affect the perfection and diminish the rewards of fasting. In addition to that, material and

financial preparations are also important so as to increase in our sadaqah (charity) and contribute in providing food for iftar (breaking the fast) to those in need.

In the *hadeeth* of Zayd bin Khaalid al-Juhani *radiyAllaahu 'anh*, Rasulullah ﷺ said:

"Whoever provides the food for a fasting person to break his fast with,

then for him is the same reward as his (the fasting person's), without anything being diminished from the reward of the fasting person."

(at-Tirmidhi)

Therefore, let us seize privilege this very by always bestowed remaining thankful through sincere deeds and 'ibaadah, so that they serve as the foundation for our good deeds

lives. throughout our Remember upon the of ikhlaas, significance pertaining especially 'ibaadah that the Prophet کلالالی علیہ و وسیکم reminded us where some of us would fast but only to gain hunger and

thirst, due to their acts and behavior that reduces their reward for fasting. He 🗯 gave a stern warning in this matter, mentioned in the hadeeth of

Abu Hurayrah *radiyAllaahu 'anh*, where Rasulullah ²⁶ said:

"There are people who fast and get nothing from their fast except hunger." (an-Nasaa'i and ibn Maajah)

To end the khutbah today, let us derive several important lessons from this sermon as guidance for all of us, namely:

1. The Muslim ummah must have certainty that the 'ibaadah of fasting in Ramadaan has been ordained upon every that are Muslim mukallaf(accountable)

and it will be accounted for by Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala in the Hereafter.

2. The Muslim ummah must strive to perform *'ibaadah* of high quality throughout Ramadaan, hence attaining the objective in becoming slaves of Allah having taqwa.

3. The Muslim ummah must strive its level best to perform the *'ibaadah* of fasting that has been prescribed, whether the external or

internal fasting, so as to attain the best 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."

(Soorah al-Baqarah 2:185)



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

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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 throughDarulEhsanIslamicFoundation (YIDE).

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