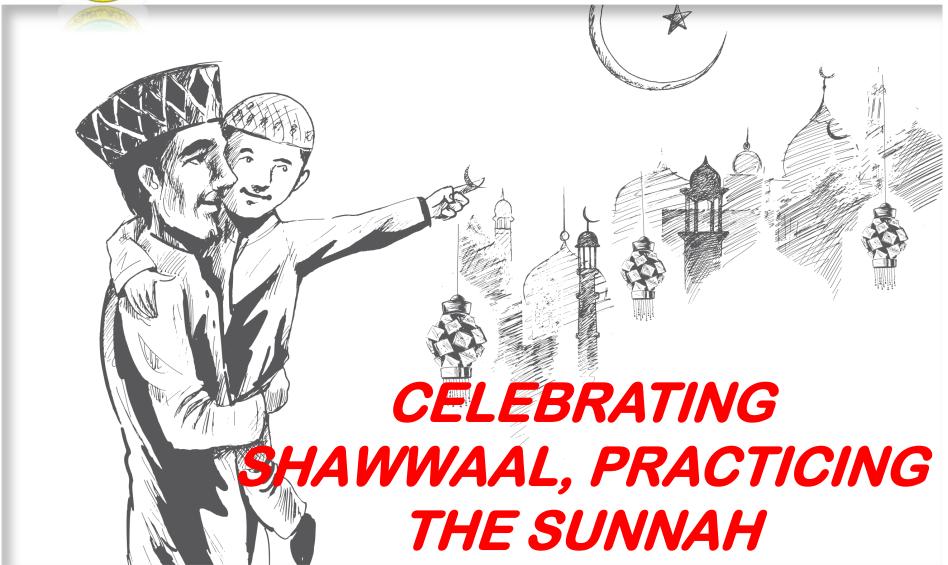


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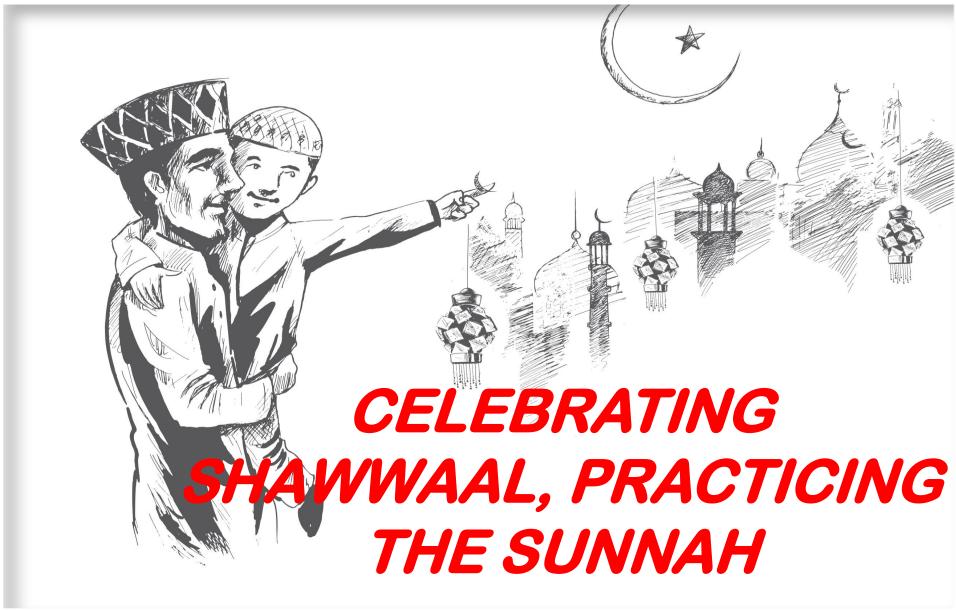




Let us altogether strive to increase our taqwa of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala by abiding all of His Commands and avoiding all of

prohibitions. His Verily, taqwa is the best provision for the Hereafter.

I would like to invite fellow respected congregation to altogether internalize upon today's khutbah titled



Alhamdulillaah, as of today we are now in the middle of the month of Shawwaal. However, the passion and spirit of fasting still affects the entire body and soul of the believers, that is the

effect upon those that truly misses Ramadaan that had gone by.

Hence, among the practices that we can perform to continue earning the reward and

forgiveness from Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala is by decorating this Shawwaal with practices that are based on the sunnah of Rasulullah

Among the sunnah acts that are highly recommended is the six days sunnah (supererogatory) fasting of Shawwaal.

from the This is of Abu hadeeth Ayoob al-Ansaari radiyAllaahu 'anh, where Rasulullah said:

"Whoever fasts during the month of Ramadaan and then follows it with six days of Shawwaal will be (rewarded) as if he had fasted the entire year."

(Muslim)

Ramadaan that had passed served as madrasah and the training ground for nurturing imaan (faith) through the physical and tarbiyyah spiritual (educational process).

Externally, the physical condition of a fasting person is better than one whose stomach is always full. Rasulullah would always opt to fast or empty his stomach for the purpose of engaging in

'ibaadah (worship) unto Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala. This is because he (stated that the empty stomach makes it easier to control the desire, as well as making us gentle and easily

sympathetic to the less fortunate ones. Indeed, damages and destructions upon lives human are predominantly driven by the depravity of the

unbridled lust. This was explained by Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala in verse 53 of soorah Yoosuf:

"And I do not acquit myself. Indeed, the soul is a persistent enjoiner of evil, except those upon which my Lord has mercy. Indeed, my Lord is Forgiving and Merciful."

Aside from fasting the six days of Shawwaal, we are also encouraged to increase our fasting on Mondays and Thursdays. This based on the hadeeth of

Sayyidatina 'A'ishah radiyAllaahu 'anha:

"The Prophet Was devoutly committed to fasting every Monday and Thursday."

(at-Tirmidhi)

Let become us individuals that are Rabbaani (i.e. Godly person) always clinging upon the teachings of al-Qur'an and as-Sunnah, for without them both, we will deviate from

manhaj Rabbaani and Nabawi (methodology of the Most Divine and the Prophet). Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala mentions in verse 79 of soorah Aal 'Imraan:

"But [instead, he would say], "Be pious scholars of the Lord because of what you have taught of the Scripture and because of what you have studied.""

تَدُرُسُونَ and تُعَلِّمُونَ The word mentioned in this verse are according to the nahw (grammar) in the Arabic language, explaining to us that the tarbiyyah process is lifelong, that is to be

undertaken throughout our entire lives.

Ramadaan as a madrasah is capable of educating the human soul to return to the actual fitrah (natural disposition).

Therefore, anyone that experiences Ramadaan with complete taqwa and imaan, surely his 'Eid al-Fitr and the entire month of Shawwaal and even the following months will be described in the form

obedience of by continuing the usual routine of his 'ibaadah and other righteous deeds outside of Ramadaan.

The Ramadaan tarbiyyah that educated us to

indulge in good deeds with full imaan and ikhlaas (sincerity) will not only make us istiqaamah (steadfast) with praying jamaa 'ah in (congregation) and reviving the masaajid,

maintaining the love for one another, increasing our recitation of al-Qur'an, moreover it can aid us in leaving out evil deeds, disobedience, and deeds that incurs the

wrath of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala.

Let us seize the very opportunity in conjunction with the month of Shawwaal by

doubling our sadaqah (charity) to those in need. Continue to preach and write about virtuous deeds, and whatever we do should lead to increasing our

taqwa of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala, including in the way we dress.

This matter was reminded by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* in verse 26 of soorah al-A'raaf:

"We have bestowed upon you clothing to conceal your private parts and as adornment. But the clothing of righteousness - that is best."

The reminder to cover the 'awrah is also mentioned in verse 33 of soorah al-Ahzaab:

"And abide in your houses and do not display yourselves as [was] the display of the former times of ignorance..."

In this verse, it is clear to us that Islam obligates us to wear clothing that covers the 'awrah with perfection. This does not mean that we are prohibited from adorning and beautifying

ourselves, but we must remain wise selecting garments that will cover the 'awrah perfection. with Clothing but exposing part of the 'awrah or

the shape of the 'awrah upon the body is haraam (unlawful) and deemed as major sin for both men and women.

We have been enjoined to the ties of preserve kinship (silaaturrahm) especially with the Shawwaal atmosphere that is filled with the tradition of open house and visitations. Indeed,

this practice shall continued for can rizq one's increase (sustenance), as mentioned the in narration of Anas bin Maalik radiyAllaahu 'anh where Rasulullah said:

"Whoever desires an expansion in his sustenance and age, should keep good relations with his Kith and kin."

(al-Bukhaari)

In ending the sermon this time, I invite fellow audience to altogether derive several guidance that can be reflected and put into practice:

1. The Muslim ummah must reap the rewards of the six days fasting offered exclusively in the month of Shawwaal, so as to attain multiplied rewards.

2. The Muslim ummah must continue practicing all of the good deeds such as praying in jamaa'ah, increasing the sunnah prayers, qiyaam al-layl (standing in the night praying),

giving sadaqah, and always reciting al-Qur'an along with its tadabbur (ponder).

3. The Muslim ummah must have certainty that every good deeds performed will be rewarded by Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala.

4. The Muslim ummah must have sabr (patience) when enduring tribulations from Allah, just like having sabr when fasting by refraining oneself from hunger and thirst, as well as the lustful desire.

"So is it other than the religion of Allah they desire, while to Him have submitted [all] those within the heavens and earth, willingly or by compulsion, and to Him they will be returned?" (Aal 'Imraan 3:83)

THE SECOND KHUTBAH

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.

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).

O Allah, bestow upon us rizq that are lawful and blessed, keep us away from acts of corruption and abuse of power for they are betrayals upon the trust given.

