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أَمَّا بَعْدُ، فَيَآ أَيُّهَا الْمُسْلِمُونَ اِتَّقُواْ اللَّهَ، أُوْصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى اللهِ فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَقُونَ.

قَالَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى: يَّأَيُّهَا ٱلَّذِينَ ءَامَنُواْ ٱتَّقُواْ ٱللَّهَ حَقَّ تُقَاتِهِ وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنتُم مُّسُلِمُونَ ﴿ وَالْأَوْلُ اللَّهُ مَّسُلِمُونَ ﴿ وَالْأَوْلُ اللَّهُ مَا اللَّهُ مَّسُلِمُونَ ﴿ وَالْأَوْلُونَ اللَّهُ مَا اللَّهُ مَا اللَّهُ مَا اللَّهُ اللّلَهُ اللَّهُ اللَّا اللّهُ اللّهُ اللّهُ اللّهُ اللّهُ اللّهُ اللّهُ اللّهُ اللّه

Dear blessed Muslims,

I would like to remind myself and convey this very message to fellow congregation, that let us strive to increase our *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* by fulfilling all of His Commands and leaving out all of His prohibitions. May we all attain blissfulness in this world and the Hereafter.

¹ al-Baqarah 2:183

² Aal 'Imraan 3:102



Let us contemplate upon today's *khutbah* titled "*HAVE OUR RAMADAAN* GOALS BEEN ACHIEVED?"

Blessed Muslims,

Today we are in the month of Shawwaal. For the believers, they will mourn for Ramadaan had gone by and left them. On the contrary, for those with weak *imaan* (belief), they will feel happy with the passing of Ramadaan, because for them gone is the agony of fasting for almost 14 hours daily, waking up for *suhoor*, the long standing during *taraweeh* prayer, and performing other *'ibaadah* (worship).

Let us realize that Ramadaan is the madrasah or training center in cultivating imaan through physical and spiritual tarbiyyah (training). Externally, the physical aspect of the fasting person is better than a person whose stomach is always full. Rasulullah # himself would always opt to fast or empty his stomach for the purpose of engaging in 'ibaadah unto Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala. He stated that the empty stomach would make it easier to control the *nafs* (desire). While damages and destruction in the human life in this world are largely driven by the influence of the uncontrolled lustful desire. This matter was explained Allah by 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."



Beloved Friday congregation,

Let us make *muhaasabah* (self-reflection) and evaluate Ramadaan that will leave us with the arrival of Shawwaal. We would normally observe that with the coming of Shawwaal, the masjid returns to being deserted by the local community, the congregational (*jamaa'ah*) prayer shrinks in its number of rows (*saff*), al-Qur'an remains neatly arranged on the shelves collecting dust, the poor and the needy and the orphans are no longer given the kind treatment. The question begs, why is the soul that was educated and trained throughout Ramadaan failed to translate itself outside of Ramadaan? It should be that Ramadaan *tarbiyyah* leaves significant impact upon the Muslim *ummah* that underwent madrasah Ramadaan but instead it is the opposite that is taking place. So where did it go wrong?

Those that actually have a sense of direction in life and in their righteous deeds for the Hereafter, we find that their lives whether in Ramadaan or outside of Ramadaan are always focused and guided towards goodness and deeds of the Hereafter. I am reminded of the words of Prof. Dr Yoosuf al-Qaradaawi:

"Be the servant of Allah that is Rabbaani (Most Divine) and do not be the servant of Ramadaan."

Those that become true servants of Allah will always remain istique amah in their deeds, whether during or outside of Ramadaan. If during Ramadaan they remain steadfast in making dhikr, wird, reciting al-Qur'an and pondering upon its meanings, and completing (khatmah) its



recitation several times, always performing the night (tahajjud) prayer, giving sadaqah (charity), feeding others and providing iftaar, praying in jamaa'ah, and many other deeds, similarly they will practice the same in the months other than Ramadaan for they truly comprehend that they are slaves of Allah and not slaves of Ramadaan. How unfortunate!! Those that becomes the slaves of Ramadaan, hence we see them only diligently performing 'ibaadah during Ramadaan, but outside of Ramadaan they become lazy and unmotivated to recite al-Qur'an, giving charity, praying in jamaa'ah, and other deeds.

Therefore, let us ensure that we become among those possessing knowledge and truly understand the role and purpose of our creation on the face of earth, based on what Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 56 of soorah adh-Dhaariyaat:

"And I did not create the jinn and mankind except to worship Me."

Dear beloved audience,

If we were to look back, there were a plethora of righteous deeds that we had performed throughout the month of Ramadaan. Hence, continue to remain steadfast in performing those deeds so that our being in the months outside of Ramadaan will have the same passion and enthusiasm just like in Ramadaan. The promise of Allah for those that remained istigaamah is mentioned in verse 30 of soorah Fussilat:



إِنَّ ٱلَّذِينَ قَالُواْ رَبُّنَا ٱللَّهُ ثُمَّ ٱسْتَقَامُواْ تَتَنَزَّلُ عَلَيْهِمُ ٱلْمَلَّيِكَةُ أَلَّا تَخَافُواْ وَلَا تَحْزَنُواْ وَأَبْشِرُواْ بِٱلْجَنَّةِ ٱلَّتِي كُنتُمْ تُوعَدُونَ ۞

"Indeed, those who have said, "Our Lord is Allah" and then remained on a right course - the angels will descend upon them, [saying], "Do not fear and do not grieve but receive good tidings of Paradise, which you were promised.""

May we do not become forgetful upon all of the favors enjoyed in the month of Ramadaan by increasing our 'ibaadah and performing them with earnestness, for that is the manifestation that Ramadaan was truly effective upon our hearts.

Dear noble Friday audience,

To end the sermon today, let us derive several recommendations that can be internalized and practiced altogether:

- 1. The Muslim *ummah* must have certainty that all matters committed in this world, whether good or bad, will be recompensed by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* in the Hereafter.
- 2. The Muslim *ummah* must remain *istiqaamah* in performing righteous deeds whether during or outside of Ramadaan.
- 3. The Muslim *ummah* must have *sabr* (patience) while undergoing tribulations from Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* just like the *sabr* of fasting by restraining oneself from thirst and hunger, as well as suppressing the lustful desire.



أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ مَنْ عَمِلَ صَلِحًا فَلِنَفُسِهِ وَمَنْ أَسَآءَ فَعَلَيْهَا ثُمَّ إِلَى رَبِّكُمُ تُرْجَعُونَ ۞

"Whoever does a good deed - it is for himself; and whoever does evil - it is against the self. Then to your Lord you will be returned."

(al-Jaathiyah 45:15)

بَارَكَ اللهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيْمِ، وَنَفَعَنِيْ وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيْهِ مِنَ الآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيْمِ وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِيْ وَمِنْكُمْ تِلاوَتَهُ، وَيُهُ مِنَ الآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيْمِ وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِيْ وَمِنْكُمْ تِلاوَتَهُ، إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيْعُ الْعَلِيْمُ.

أَقُولُ قَوْلِيْ هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللهَ الْعَظِيْمَ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَآئِرِ اللهَ الْعَظِيْمَ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَآئِرِ اللهَ الْمُسْلِمِيْنَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ، فَاسْتَغْفِرُوْهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيْمُ



THE SECOND KHUTBAH

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 ٱللَّهَ وَمَلْيِكَتَهُ و يُصَلُّونَ عَلَى ٱلنَّبِيِّ يَأْيُّهَا ٱلَّذِينَ ءَامَنُواْ صَلُّواْ عَلَى عَلَيْهِ وَسَلِّمُواْ تَسْلِيمًا ۞

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ أَجْمَعِيْنَ.

اَللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِلْمُسْلِمِيْنَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِيْنَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ الْلَّوْمِنَاتِ الْلَؤمِنِيْنَ وَالْمُواتِ، إِنَّكَ سَمِيْعٌ قَرِيْبٌ مُجِيْبُ الدَّعَوَاتِ الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالأَمْوَاتِ، إِنَّكَ سَمِيْعٌ قَرِيْبٌ مُجِيْبُ الدَّعَوَاتِ



وَيَا قَاضِيَ الْحَاجَاتِ. اَللَّهُمَّ أَعِزَّ الْإِسْلاَمَ وَالْمُسْلِمِيْنَ، وَأَهْلِكِ الْإَسْلاَمَ وَالْمُسْلِمِيْنَ، وَأَهْلِكِ الْكَفَرَةَ وَالْمُبْتَدِعَةَ وَالْمُشْرِكِيْنَ.

ٱللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ وَنَتَوَسَّلُ إِلَيْكَ بِنَبِيِّكَ الْأَمِيْنِ، وَنَسْأَلُكَ بأَسْمَائِكَ الْحُسْنَى، وَصِفَاتِكَ الْعُظْمَى، أَنْ تَحْفَظَ بعَيْن عِنَايَتِكَ الرَّبَّانِيَّةِ، وَبِحِفْظِ وِقَايَتِكَ الصَّمَدَانِيَّةِ، جَلاَلَةَ مَلِكِنَا الْمُعَظِّم، سُلْطَان سلاغُور، سُلْطَان شَرَفُ الدِّين ادريس شاه الحاج ابن المرحوم سُلْطَان صَلاَحُ الدِّين عبد العزبز شاه الحاج. اَللَّهُمَّ أَدِمِ الْعَوْنَ وَالْهِدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيْقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ وَالسَّلامَةَ مِنْكَ، لِوَلِيّ عَهْدِ سلاغُور، تعْكو أَمِير شَاه اِبْن السُّلْطَان شَرَفُ الدِّين ادريس شاه الحاج، فِيْ أَمْنِ وَصَلاَح وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنِّكَ وَكَرَمِكَ يَا ذَاالْجَلالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ. اَللَّهُمَّ أَطِلْ عُمْرَهُمَا مُصْلِحَيْن لِلْمُوَظِّفِيْنَ وَالرَّعِيَّةِ وَالْبِلاَدِ، مَقَاصِدَهُمَا لِطَرِيقِ الْهُدَى وَالرَّشَادِ.

O Allah, grant us guidance in performing the five obligatory prayers in congregation, fulfilling *zakaat* through Selangor *Zakaat* Board (LZS), making endowment (*waqt*) 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).

اَللَّهُمَّ يَا دَافِعَ الْبَلَاءِ، اِدْفَعْ عَنَّا هَذَا الْوَبَاءَ وَالْبَلَاءَ وَالْبَرَضَ وَاللَّهُمَّ يَا وَاللَّهُمَّ يَا لَطِيْفُ إِنَّكَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ وَالْمِرْفَ الْمِرْفَ الْإِجَابَةِ جَدِيْرٌ.

قَدِيْرٌ وَبِالْإِجَابَةِ جَدِيْرٌ.

رَبَّنَا هَبُ لَنَا مِنْ أَزْوَرِجِنَا وَذُرِّيَّتِنَا قُرَّةً أَعْيُنِ وَٱجْعَلْنَا لِلْمُتَّقِينَ إِمَامًا. رَبَّنَا ءَاتِنَا فِي ٱلدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِي ٱلْآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً وَقِنَا عَذَابَ ٱلنَّارِ . وَبَنَا عَالَمُ اللَّهِ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ يَأْمُرُ بِٱلْعَدُلِ وَٱلْإِحْسَانِ وَإِيتَآيٍ ذِي ٱلْقُرْبَى عَبَادَ اللَّهِ اللَّهِ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ يَأْمُرُ بِٱلْعَدُلِ وَٱلْإِحْسَانِ وَإِيتَآيٍ ذِي ٱلْقُرْبَى وَيَنْهَىٰ عَنِ ٱلْفَحْشَآءِ وَٱلْمُنكرِ وَٱلْبَغِي يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ وَيَنْهَىٰ عَنِ ٱلْفَحْشَآءِ وَٱلْمُنكرِ وَٱلْبَغِي يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ

فَاذْكُرُواْ اللهَ الْعَظِيْمَ يَذْكُرْكُمْ وَاشْكُرُوْهُ عَلَى نِعَمِهِ يَزِدْكُمْ، وَاسْكُرُوهُ عَلَى نِعَمِهِ يَزِدْكُمْ، وَاسْأَلُوْهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ يُعْطِكُمْ وَلَذِكْرُ اللهِ أَكْبَرُ وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا تَصْنَعُونَ.