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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.

Let us contemplate upon today's khutbah titled

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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).

realize Let that us Ramadaan the is madrasah or training cultivating center in 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

his stomach or empty for the purpose of in 'ibaadah engaging 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 of the influence uncontrolled lustful

desire. This matter 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."

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 remain always istiqaamah in their deeds, whether during or outside of Ramadaan. If during Ramadaan they remain steadfast in

making dhikr, wird, al-Qur'an reciting and pondering its upon 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

ʻibaadah performing 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 possessing those knowledge and truly understand the role and purpose of our creation on the face of earth,

based on what Allah Subhaanahu Ta'aala mentions in verse 56 of soorah adh-**Dhaariyaat:** 

وَمَا خُلَقْتُ ٱلْجِنَّ وَٱلْإِنسَ إِلَّا لِيَعَبُدُونِ

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

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 istiqaamah is mentioned in verse 30 of soorah Fussilat:

"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 the is manifestation that Ramadaan was truly effective upon our hearts.

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 outside or 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 thirst from and hunger, as well as suppressing the lustful desire.

"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)

## 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).

