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FIRST TEN OF DHUL

HIJJAH



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

out all of His prohibitions. May we all attain success in this world and the Hereafter.

Let us contemplate upon the khutbah today titled



Today, we enter the first day in the month of Dhul Hijjah. Aside from the month of Dhul Qa'dah, Muharram, and Rajab, the month of Dhul Hijjah is from among the four Sacred Months.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 36 of soorah at-Tawbah:

"Indeed, the number of months with Allah is twelve [lunar] months

in the register of Allah [from] the day He created the heavens and the earth; of these, four are sacred. That is the correct religion, so do not wrong yourselves during them."

The first ten days of Dhul Hijjah are truly significant for us as Muslim ummah. The 1st until the 10th of Dhul Hijjah are days that are truly special and virtuous. They are more

glorious compared to other days throughout the year. Righteous deeds that are performed in these first ten days of Dhul Hijjah are truly beloved to Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala.

This is based on the hadeeth of ibn 'Abbaas radiyAllaahu 'anhuma, where Rasulullah said:

"There are no days during which righteous deeds are more beloved to Allah than these days," meaning the (first) ten days of Dhul Hijjah. They said: "O Messenger of Allah! Not even Jihaad in

the cause of Allah?" He said: "Not even Jihaad in the cause of Allah, unless a man goes out with himself and his wealth and does not bring anything back."

(Abu Dawood)

These are the days that are truly meaningful and glorious. All of the righteous deeds performed in these days are more beloved to Allah 'Azza wa Jalla.

Al-Imaam al-Haafizh ibn Hajar provided the justification by stating:

"That which is apparent is that the reason for the distinguished nature of the ten days of Dhul Hijjah

is due to the fact that it is the place where the main forms of worship come together; and they are: prayer, fasting, charity, and hajj – and that does not appear in other than them." (Fath al-Baari)

How many times have we encountered the first ten days of Dhul Hijjah lives? throughout our What was our status when wading through those days? Was it filled with righteous deeds?

Or it went by just like that?

Indeed, they are days that are far better than the days of Ramadaan. Moreover, they are even better than the last ten days of Ramadaan that

are void of Laylat al-Qadr, according to some scholars. This is based on the swearing of oath by Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala in verses 1-2 of soorah al-Fajr:

## "By the dawn. And [by] ten nights."

Al-Imaam ibn Katheer Rahimahullaah explained in his tafseer (exegesis) that what is meant

by وَلَيَالٍ عَشْرٍ in this verse is the first ten days of Dhul Hijjah.

The first ten days of Dhul Hijjah are truly exclusive and limited in its duration within a year. They make

up only 2.8% from the total of 360 days in a year. However, their impact truly is tremendous. Its duration is only a brief moment but its rewards are multiplied. However,

let us not commit disobedience at all, for it will incur sins that will defile the glory of those days.

Let us dedicate these ten days all for Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala. Let us fill those days with various righteous deeds and obedience. And that we abstain from even one tiny act of disobedience.

Among the deeds that can be indulged in this period (the 1st until the 9<sup>th</sup>) is supererogatory fasting. It was narrated from Abu Sa'eed al-Khudri radiyAllaahu 'anh that the Prophet said:

"Whoever fasts one day in the cause of Allah, Allah will keep the Fire away from his face the distance of seventy autumns (years) for that day."

(ibn Maajah)

Moreover, do not miss out fasting on the 9th of Dhul Hijjah, which is the Day of 'Arafah, for its virtue is the expiation of sins for two consecutive years from Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala,

meaning this year and the previous year.

Aside from that, let us increase in our dhikr (remembrance of Allah) with tasbeeh, tahmeed,

takbeer, and tahleel during the first ten days of Dhul Hijjah. On the authority of ibn 'Umar radiyAllaahu 'anhuma, the Prophet said:

"There are no days greater in the sight of Allah and in which righteous deeds are more beloved to Him than these ten days, so during this time recite a great deal of tahleel, takbeer, and tahmeed." (Ahmad) To end the sermon this time, I would like to implore fellow audience to take the following guidelines:

1. It is waajib (obligatory) upon the Muslim ummah to have certainty that every act of obedience and disobedience will be recompensed by Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala in the Hereafter.

2. The Muslim ummah must seize the very opportunity to immerse in righteous deeds during the first ten days of Dhul Hijjah, and abstain from form any disobedience.

Muslim ummah 3. The should continue to indulge in dhikr, beseeching and pleading to Allah so as to be spared from any disease outbreaks and natural disasters.

"O you who have believed, remember Allah with much remembrance. And exalt Him morning and afternoon."

(al-Ahzaab 33:41-42)

## 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.

