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

His prohibitions, so that we will attain the pleasure and blessings of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala in this world and the Hereafter.

The *khutbah* today is titled...



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Alhamdulillaah, we are still celebrating 'Eid al-Fitr in the month of Shawwaal, the month where it is from the sunnah for us to fast six days, generally known as Puasa Enam (the six days of fasting). Perhaps,

there are those among us that have already completed their six days of fasting, hence we congratulate them. While, those that have yet to complete their

fasting, the opportunity to complete the sunnah (voluntary) fasting of Shawwaal is still wide open, up until the arrival of the month of Dhul Qa'dah. Its virtues

are known to us, based on the hadeeth Thawbaan of radiyAllaahu 'anh, where Rasulullah said:

"Fasting for a month [in Ramadaan] is like fasting ten months, and fasting six days [of Shawwaal] is like fasting for two months. That is like fasting a full year."

(ad-Daarimi)

Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala has provided ample opportunity in our lives to reap tremendous rewards through the 'ibaadah (worship) of fasting. After completing the obligatory fasting of

Ramadaan, we are highly recommended to fast the six days of Shawwaal, and few other types of sunnah fasting. Among them;

First: The fasting of the day of 'Arafah on 9th Dhul Hijjah, which is specifically for those that are not performing the 'ibaadah of hajj.

Second: The fasting of the day of Tasoo'a, which is the 9th of Muharram.

Third: The fasting of the day of 'Ashoora, which is the 10th of Muharram.

Fourth: Fasting on Mondays and Thursdays all year round.

Fifth: The fasting of al-Ayyaam al-Beed (البيض) or the White Days, which are the 13th, 14th, and 15th of every Islamic month.

Sixth: The forbidden months (أشهر الحرم) which are fasting in the months of Rajab, Dhul Qa'dah, Dhul Hijjah, and Muharram.

Seventh: Fasting in the month of Sha'baan.

Eighth: Fasting on the days of as-Sood (السود), which are the 28th, 29th, and 30th of every month.

The question may arise, how can we complete our sunnah fasting while fulfilling banquet invitations such as 'Eid celebration, waleemah (wedding feast), feast gatherings, and others. What should we do?

Indeed, the practice of visiting one another or responding to banquet invitations including 'Eid al-Fitr open house is a noble practice especially if it provides the very opportunity for us to get

to know each other, foster silaaturrahm (ties of kinship), seek forgiveness and forgive each other, meeting thus relatives, strengthening the friendship. According to

ibn 'Umar radiyAllaahu 'anhuma, when Companion of Rasulullah receives an invitation to a banquet, he will fulfill that invitation even though he is performing his sunnah fasting.

This is based on the hadeeth of Abu Hurayrah radiyAllaahu 'anh, where Rasulullah said:

"When one of you is invited [to a meal] he must accept. If he is fasting he should invoke Allah's blessings [on the host] and if he is not fasting he should eat."

(Muslim)

This indicates that every invitation to a function cannot be taken lightly, where it becomes an offense if one deliberately does not fulfill it, without a legitimate excuse.

For those that are performing their sunnah fasting, it is permissible to break the fast. Furthermore, it is even encouraged to break the fast if the host is seen as upset or offended if we

do not take even a small bite from the food served.

The same goes out to the host who invites guests and entertains guests while he himself is doing his sunnah fasting. If the

guests are seen as reluctant from eating the food served without the host eating along, then out of respect for the guests, it is much preferred for the host to break his fast and eat

together with his guests, rather than continuing his fast.

Such scenario took place when Rasulullah wisited Umm Haani radiyAllaahu 'anha at her house, where

she served him with a drink. After he drank it, he passed it to Umm Haani who drank the remaining of it. Umm Haani then said:

"I have indeed sinned, so seek forgiveness for me." He said: "What is that?" I said: "I was fasting, then I broke the fast." He said: "Were you performing a fast that you had to make up?" I said: "No." He said: "Then it is no harm for you." (at-Tirmidhi)

In a narration of Abu al-Khudri Sa'eed radiyAllaahu 'anh, he said, "I prepared food for Rasulullah , so he and his Companions came. When food was served, a man from one tribe said,

"Verily, I am fasting." So Rasulullah said:

"Your brother has invited you and make this effort for you." He then continued: "Break your fast and make it up later if you wish." (al-Bayhaqi) According to the book Mughni al-Muhtaj, if the host is not offended when his guests are doing their sunnah fasting, then it is better for the guests to continue their fast. If he breaks the fast, he will

not obtain the reward for the fasting that he did. It is totally a different matter when the host is fasting and then breaks his fast just to accompany his guests eating, then his fasting

will be rewarded even though he did not complete his fasting. According to the scholars, one that does not continue in his sunnah fasting without

valid reasoning, the is ruling makrooh (detestable). This is based on the apparent meaning of verse 33 of soorah Muhammad:

"O you who have believed, obey Allah and obey the Messenger and do not invalidate your deeds."

Similarly according to the Shaafi'i madhhab (school of thought) that one who does not continue with his sunnah fasting, whether being prevented or not, then it is not waajib (obligatory) upon

him to make qadaa' (make up) for that fast. Furthermore, the hukm (ruling) of making qadaa' is only sunnah (voluntary). However, if one attends a banquet while he is performing

the obligatory fasting such as the qadaa' fasting or nadhr (vow), then it becomes haraam (unlawful) upon him to break his fast. Suffice for him to attend the banquet and supplicate for

barakah (blessings) and forgiveness upon the host and guests present.

To end the *khutbah* today, let us altogether ponder upon the following recommendations:

1. The Muslims must fulfill invitations from their brethren without any excuses, even though he is performing sunnah fasting.

2. The Muslim ummah must break their sunnah fasting if there is a need, in preserving affection upon those that invited them.

3. For the Muslims that are fasting their qadaa' or nadhr, it becomes haraam upon them to break their fast, solely for the happiness of those that invited them.

4. The that Muslims believe truly and righteous perform deeds ('amal saalih) will attain great rewards from Allah, namely entering Paradise.

"And whoever does righteous deeds, whether male or female, while being a believer - those will enter Paradise and will not be wronged, [even as much as] the speck on a date seed."

(an-Nisaa' 4:124)

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).

Make us among Your slaves that fulfills the amaanah. Strengthen our imaan so that we avoid treachery, protect us from becoming among those that neglect their responsibilities, and protect

our state and nation from destruction due to bribery. Render the duty to lead our country upon Your slaves whom are trustworthy and honest, as well as firm and courageous in upholding

the truth and executing justice according to the Sharee'ah. O Allah, make the masaajid and suraus in the state of Selangor as Your peaceful homes,



