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الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ: وَأَقِيمُوا الصَّلَاةَ وَعَاتُوا الزَّكَاةَ وَمَا تُقَدِّمُوا
لِأَنْفُسِكُمْ مِنْ خَيْرٍ تَجِدُوهُ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ إِنَّ اللَّهَ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ بَصِيرٌ ﴿١١٠﴾

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أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ
سَيِّدَنَا مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدَهُ وَرَسُولَهُ. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى
سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ.
أَمَّا بَعْدُ، فَيَا أَيُّهَا الْمُسْلِمُونَ، اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ، أَوْصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ
بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ.
قَالَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى: يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تُقَاتِهِ وَلَا
تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ ﴿١٠٢﴾²

Dear blessed Muslims,

In this noble month of Ramadaan, let us altogether strive to increase our *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*, by abiding all of His

¹ al-Baqarah 2:110.

² Aal 'Imraan 3:102.



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

The *khutbah* today is titled ***“LET’S FULFILL ZAKAAT AL-FITR WITH SOUND KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING.”***

Blessed audience,

Zakaat al-Fitr is an *‘ibaadah* (worship) that is related to wealth, even though it is known as *zakaat* of the body. This is because we are required to give out one *saa’* (four double handfuls) of foodstuff (staple food), and the condition is that the one must have adequate food for himself and his dependents on the first of Shawwaal.

Today, in providing convenience to everyone, contemporary *fatwas* have allowed us to fulfill *zakaat al-fitr* in monetary form, which is equivalent to the value of one *saa’* according to the Baghdadi measurement or approximately 2.6 kilogram of staple food, which translates to RM7 per person.

Since *zakaat al-fitr* is an *‘ibaadah* that involves wealth, then the best is to have it fulfilled with a sense of generosity. It is not an offense for anyone to pay more than what is required in fulfilling *zakaat al-fitr*, for it manifests one’s praiseworthy attitude of loving the poor and needy, wishing for their happiness on the day of *‘Eid*.

It is on that very basis that the *fatwa* allows us to perform *zakaat al-fitr* according to the actual price of the type of rice that we consume, whether RM7 or RM14 or RM21 per person. In reality, this approach has been taken by the Companions themselves, where they had chosen to fulfill *zakaat al-fitr* according to the type of food that they consume.



Dear blessed *Muslimmeen*,

Zakaat al-Fitr has a stipulated time period where it must be fulfilled within that duration. Generally, the Muslim *ummah* would wait until the very last moment before fulfilling their *zakaat al-fitr*, especially on the morning of the first of Shawwaal. Their excuse is that it is the most preferred time to pay *zakaat al-fitr*. In reality, the *fatwa* has stated that *zakaat al-fitr* can be fulfilled earlier on, which is from the night of the first of Ramadaan until the last day of Ramadaan. Putting off the fulfillment of *zakaat al-fitr* until the morning of the first of Shawwaal has many risks.

Among them is that the person may become very busy in preparing for *'Eid* that he totally forgets to fulfill it. It could be that the *'aamileen* (*zakaat* collectors) on duty became busy and swamped with other tasks that they were not able to collect last minute payments. And it happens very often that the official receipts for *zakaat al-fitr* payments would run out, hence the *'aamil* on duty refuses to accept any more payments.

There is also a risk that is undeniable where the first of Shawwaal is announced to be one day earlier than the expected date, and this actually took place last year in 2022, where we saw it became chaotic for the Muslims to fulfill their *zakaat al-fitr*. The very incident last year had caused the *zakaat al-fitr* online payment facility managed by the Selangor *Zakaat* Board (LZS) to become overwhelmingly busy and crashed, because it was no longer able to accommodate the heavy network traffic for transactions to be completed.

As a result, there were Muslims that had made their *zakaat al-fitr* payment haphazardly, and there were also those that did not even fulfill it because they missed out on the deadline, including those that had made



payments via online application belonging to entities outside the state of Selangor. According to the projection report by LZS regarding that incident, the approximation of *zakaat al-fitr* that had gone "elsewhere" during that time was estimated to be around RM2 million. Such matter could have been avoided if we all had fulfilled *zakaat al-fitr* from early on. Take heed, for ibn 'Abbas *radiyAllaahu 'anhuma* had narrated that Rasulullah ﷺ said:

"Whoever pays it [zakaat al-fitr] before the 'Eid prayer, it is accepted as zakaat. Whoever pays it after the 'Eid prayer, it will be sadaqah like other sadaqahs."

(Abu Dawood, ibn Maajah and ad-Daaraqutni)

Blessed Muslimeen,

Zakaat al-Fitr, when fulfilled with sound understanding, it can aid us to attain *taqwa* while fasting, as promised by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* in verse 186 of soorah al-Baqarah. This is because, from among the proof that one has attained *taqwa* is that he or she would become passionate in being in the state of obedience and fearful of committing disobedience.

The evidence that one enjoys remaining in obedience can be seen in his or her demeanor when giving *sadaqah* (charity), and treatment of the poor, needy, reverts, and those in need. The proof that one is fearful in committing disobedience can be seen when he or she would rigorously preserve *'ibaadah* that are *waajib* (obligatory) such as *zakaat al-fitr* and *zakaat* of wealth, fearful of usurping the rights of others within their wealth, and afraid of allowing their Muslim brethren to remain abandoned, suffering, and in destitution.

It is on that very basis that Rasulullah ﷺ stated that *sadaqah* (which includes *zakaah*) is the manifestation of one's *imaan* (faith) in Allah



Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala, as narrated in the *hadeeth* of Abu Maalik al-Ash'ari *radiyAllaahu 'anh*, where Rasulullah ﷺ said:

الصَّلَاةُ نُورٌ، وَالصَّدَقَةُ بُرْهَانٌ وَالصَّبْرُ ضِيَاءٌ، وَالْقُرْآنُ
حُجَّةٌ لَكَ أَوْ عَلَيْكَ

“The salaah (prayer) is a light, and charity is a proof, and patience is illumination, and the Qur’an is a proof either for you or against you.”

(Muslim)

Al-Imaam an-Nawawi *Rahimahullaah* mentioned in his explanation of this *hadeeth* that “*sadaqah*” is named as such because it originates from the root word “*as-Sidq*”, which means sincerity, whereby one’s *sadaqah* can manifest the sincerity of one’s *imaan*, and this is the ‘proof’ that is meant. He mentioned in his work *Sharh Saheeh Muslim*: “*It [sadaqah] means the proof or evidence of the true imaan the giver possesses. Hence, sadaqah is termed likewise, because it is the proof of the truth of a person’s faith in Allah and the Hereafter.*”

Dear blessed Muslims,

What is promised by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* to those that are always committed in giving *sadaqah* including *zakaat al-fitr*? Take notice, for Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* has promised to bestow upon us a very special gift in Paradise, which is a house that is see through, like a very beautiful glass house.

‘Ali bin Abi Taalib *radiyAllaahu 'anh* narrated that the Prophet ﷺ said:



“Indeed in Paradise there are chambers, whose outside can be seen from their inside, and their inside can be seen from their outside.” A Bedouin stood and said: “Who are they for, O Rasulallah?” He said: “For those who speak well, feed others, fast regularly, and perform salaah [for Allah] during the night while the people sleep.”

(at-Tirmidhi)

Let us ponder upon the promise of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta’aala* for those that fast and give *sadaqah*, meaning providing food to others, that prepared for them are special gifts, which if in this world would definitely be an unparalleled splendor. Such is how *zakaat al-fitr* completes our fasting, and serve as benchmark for our level of *imaan*.

Dear blessed audience,

Before ending the sermon this time, the following are several matters than can be taken as guide:

1. The Muslim *ummah* must comprehend that *zakaat al-fitr* is an *‘ibaadah* that perfects the *‘ibaadah* of fasting in attaining *taqwa*.
2. The Muslim *ummah* must fulfill *zakaat al-fitr* according to its capability, by selecting the rate that befits them, and have it done from early on, so as to avoid the risk of forgetting and becoming preoccupied in the last moments.
3. The Muslim *ummah* must fulfill *zakaat al-fitr* and *zakaat* of the wealth through LZS for it is proven that they had been successful in managing them efficiently to the rightful *asnaf* (qualified recipients).



أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ
وَمَثَلُ الَّذِينَ يُنْفِقُونَ أَمْوَالَهُمْ ابْتِغَاءَ مَرْضَاتِ اللَّهِ وَتَثْبِيتًا مِّنْ
أَنْفُسِهِمْ كَمَثَلِ جَنَّةٍ بِرَبْوَةٍ أَصَابَهَا وَابِلٌ فَآتَتْ أُكُلَهَا ضِعْفَيْنِ
فَإِن لَّمْ يُمْسِكْهَا وَابِلٌ فَطَلَّ وَاللَّهُ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ بَصِيرٌ ﴿٢٦٥﴾

“And the example of those who spend their wealth seeking means to the approval of Allah and assuring [reward for] themselves is like a garden on high ground which is hit by a downpour - so it yields its fruits in double. And [even] if it is not hit by a downpour, then a drizzle [is sufficient]. And Allah, of what you do, is Seeing.”

(al-Baqarah 2:265)

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ، وَنَفَعَنِي
وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ آيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِّي
وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتَهُ، إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ.
أَقُولُ قَوْلِي هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ لِي وَلَكُمْ
وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ، فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ
الرَّحِيمُ.



THE SECOND KHUTBAH

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي جَعَلَنَا مِنَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ، وَرَزَقَنَا مِنَ
الطَّيِّبَاتِ. أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ،
وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ
وَبَارِكْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ وَمَنْ تَبِعَهُمْ
بِإِحْسَانٍ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ. أَمَّا بَعْدُ، فَيَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، اتَّقُوا
اللَّهَ، أَوْصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ.



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 اللَّهَ وَمَلَائِكَتَهُ يُصَلُّونَ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا صَلُّوا عَلَيْهِ وَسَلِّمُوا تَسْلِيمًا ﴿٥٦﴾
اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ.

اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِلْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ
الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ، إِنَّكَ سَمِيعٌ قَرِيبٌ مُجِيبُ الدَّعَوَاتِ
وَيَا قَاضِيَ الْحَاجَاتِ. اللَّهُمَّ أَعِزِّ الْإِسْلَامَ وَالْمُسْلِمِينَ،
وَأَهْلِكَ الْكُفْرَةَ وَالْمُبْتَدِعَةَ وَالْمُشْرِكِينَ.

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ وَنَتَوَسَّلُ إِلَيْكَ بِنَبِيِّكَ الْأَمِينِ، وَنَسْأَلُكَ
بِأَسْمَائِكَ الْحُسْنَى، وَصِفَاتِكَ الْعُظْمَى، أَنْ تَحْفَظَ بَعِينِ
عِنَايَتِكَ الرَّبَّانِيَّةَ، وَبِحِفْظِ وَقَايَتِكَ الصَّمَدَانِيَّةَ، جَلَالَةَ
مَلِكِنَا الْمُعْظَمِ، سُلْطَانَ سَلَاطِينِ، سُلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ
ادريس شاه الحاج ابن المرحوم سُلْطَانَ صَلَاحِ الدِّينِ عَبْد



العزیز شاہ الحاج. اَللّٰهُمَّ اَدِمِ اَلْعَوْنَ وَاَلْهِدَايَةَ وَاَلتَّوْفِيقَ،
وَالصِّحَّةَ وَاَلسَّلَامَةَ مِنْكَ، لِوَلِيِّ عَهْدِ سَلَاطُونِ، تَعَكُّوْ اَمِيْر
شَاهِ اِبْنِ السُّلْطَانِ شَرْفِ الدِّيْنِ اَدْرِيسِ شَاهِ الْحَاجِّ، فِي
اَمْنٍ وَّصَلَاحٍ وَّعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنْكَ وَاَلْجَلَالِ وَاَلْاِكْرَامِ.
اَللّٰهُمَّ اَطْلُ عُمْرَهُمَا مُصْلِحِيْنَ لِلْمُوْظَفِيْنَ وَاَلرَّعِيَّةِ وَاَلْبِلَادِ،
وَبَلِّغْ مَقَاصِدَهُمَا لِطَرِيْقِ الْهُدٰى وَاَلرَّشَادِ.

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 (*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).

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, uniting everyone, and serve as the heart of the *ummah's* strength.



اللَّهُمَّ يَا دَافِعَ الْبَلَاءِ، اِدْفَعْ عَنَّا هَذَا الْوَبَاءَ وَالْبَلَاءَ وَالْمَرَضَ
وَالشَّدَائِدَ وَالْمِحْنَ، بِطُفِكَ يَا لَطِيفُ إِنَّكَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ
قَدِيرٌ وَبِالْإِجَابَةِ جَدِيرٌ.

رَبَّنَا هَبْ لَنَا مِنْ أَزْوَاجِنَا وَذُرِّيَّتِنَا قُرَّةَ أَعْيُنٍ وَاجْعَلْنَا لِلْمُتَّقِينَ إِمَامًا.
رَبَّنَا آتِنَا فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِي الآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ ﴿٢٠١﴾.
عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ وَالْإِحْسَانِ وَإِيتَايَ ذِي الْقُرْبَى
وَيَنْهَى عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَالْبَغْيِ يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ



فَاذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ يَذْكُرْكُمْ وَاشْكُرُواهُ عَلَى نِعَمِهِ يَزِدْكُمْ،
وَاسْأَلُوهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ يُعْطِكُمْ وَلَذِكْرُ اللَّهِ أَكْبَرُ وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا
تَصْنَعُونَ.