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“THE WISDOM OF RAMADAAN”

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ: يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا كُتِبَ عَلَيْكُمُ الصِّيَامُ كَمَا
كُتِبَ عَلَى الَّذِينَ مِن قَبْلِكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَتَّقُونَ ﴿١٨٣﴾¹
أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا
مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ. اَللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا
مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ.
أَمَّا بَعْدُ، فَيَا أَيُّهَا الْمُسْلِمُونَ، اِتَّقُوا اللَّهَ، أُوصِيكُمْ 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,

Let us strive to increase our *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* by diligently fulfilling all of His Commands and leaving out all of His prohibitions. May we all be from among His servants that attain success in this world and the Hereafter.

On this noble day, I will be delivering a *khutbah* titled “**THE WISDOM OF RAMADAAN.**”

¹ al-Baqarah 2:183.

² Aal 'Imraan 3:102.



Dear respected Muslims,

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 183 of soorah al-Baqarah that was recited during the early part of the *khutbah*, what means:

“O you who have believed, decreed upon you is fasting as it was decreed upon those before you that you may become righteous.”

This clearly reminds us upon the obligation of fasting and that its main objective is for us to become servants of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* having utmost *taqwa*, and it is a time of joyfulness for the believers because Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* has promised great rewards for every second endured. Every single day in Ramadaan is a day that is full of *barakah* (blessings), providing ample opportunity to purify one's soul, and reaping tremendous reward from Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. Rasulullah ﷺ himself was very happy every time Ramadaan comes and his happiness would be passed on to his Companions.

Dear beloved Muslims,

In the *hadeeth* of Salmaan al-Faarisi *radiallaahu 'anh*, Rasulullah ﷺ said:

“O you people! A great and blessed month has arrived for you. A month in which there is a night which is better than one thousand months. Fasting during this month is an obligation, and the extra prayers during its nights are voluntary.”

(ibn Khuzaymah)

Rasulullah ﷺ further mentioned:



مَنْ تَقَرَّبَ فِيهِ بِخَصَلَةٍ مِنَ الْخَيْرِ كَانَ كَمَنْ أَدَّى
فَرِيضَةً فِيَمَا سِوَاهُ. وَمَنْ أَدَّى فَرِيضَةً فِيهِ كَانَ كَمَنْ أَدَّى
سَبْعِينَ فَرِيضَةً فِيَمَا سِوَاهُ

“Anyone who comes closer to Allah through a good deed during this month is as if he performed an obligatory duty during times other than Ramadaan, and he who fulfils an obligatory duty in it will be like one who fulfils seventy obligatory duties in another month.”

(ibn Khuzaymah)

On the authority of Abu Hurayrah *radiallaahu ‘anh*, Rasulullah ﷺ said:

إِذَا كَانَ أَوَّلُ لَيْلَةٍ مِنْ شَهْرِ رَمَضَانَ يُنَادِي مُنَادٍ: يَا بَاغِيَ
الْخَيْرِ أَقْبِلْ. وَيَا بَاغِيَ الشَّرِّ أَقْصِرْ. وَلِلَّهِ عِتْقَاءُ مِنَ
النَّارِ. وَذَلِكَ فِي كُلِّ لَيْلَةٍ

“On the first night of the month of Ramadaan, a crier calls: ‘O seeker of the good; come near!’ and ‘O seeker of evil; stop! For there are those whom Allah frees from the Fire.’ And that is every night.”

(at-Tirmidhi)

Dear esteemed Muslims,

The month of Ramadaan is the best *madrasah* for the Muslim *ummah* in undertaking self-transformation throughout the year. Ramadaan



that aims for *taqwa*, its very foundation is having *imaan* (belief) unto Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* through the main *'ibaadah* (worship), which is by fasting during the day and reviving the night with various types of *'ibaadah* throughout Ramadaan, serving as the main approach for us to attain nearness to Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*, earnestly hoping that Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* would accept all of our *'ibaadah*. Such truthfulness in the promise of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* in multiplying our rewards manifold, and the culmination of the goal is the cleansing of the heart from all of the sins committed.

I would like to humbly state that this is from among the methodology and motivation utilized by Rasulullah ﷺ in developing the true Muslim personality, so that the very concept of servitude unto Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* can be realized in its true sense. Therefore, it is sincerely hoped that by reflecting upon the *hikmah* (wisdom) of this month of Ramadaan, this emphasis can be prioritized so as to educate the Muslim *ummah* unto becoming individuals having true *taqwa*. *Taqwa* is the value of life based on the evaluation and standards according to Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.

Throughout Ramadaan, we are trained to take a leap from practicing an ordinary act to an extraordinary one, from deeds that are considered normal for the human standard to ones that are according to the standard of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. Whatever changes that we would like to accomplish, whether pertaining to life issues, personal appearance, increasing one's income, it all must be based upon the evaluation by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*, which is based on the values of *taqwa* and *imaan*.



Hence, all of the *'ibaadah* that are enjoined throughout Ramadaan must be performed with *ikhlaas* (sincerity), honesty, patience, and discipline. Therefore, it must be remembered that all of the *'ibaadah* enjoined in the month of Ramadaan provides the best opportunity to undertake self-transformation. Take heed, that all of the *'ibaadah* during Ramadaan that are performed with perfection can overcome all of worldly disobedience and educate the heart unto becoming more tranquil and develop oneself unto becoming a servant having the *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.

Dearest audience,

Let us altogether revive the month of Ramadaan in developing the *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. Let us fill up the *suraus* and *masaajid* by bringing our children and family members to altogether perform the *'ibaadah* throughout this Ramadaan. Let us believe that our togetherness in the process of devotion will make *shaytaan* feel difficult in tempting mankind that *shaytaan* becomes shackled in this month of Ramadaan. Let us have certainty that in reviving Ramadaan with all forms of *'ibaadah* in reaping the rewards prepared by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*, our hearts must be nurtured and trained to become closer to Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*, as well as *mujaahadah* (struggle) in fighting off the desire.

In Ramadaan, the task of suppressing the desire has been further facilitated by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* through the trainings and privileges available specifically for the month of Ramadaan, by indulging in *'ibaadah*. We are also enjoined to increase in other types of *'ibaadah* with however much time available to us. Among them are the *taraweeh sunnah*



prayer, recitation of al-Qur'an, giving *sadaqah* (charity), performing *i'tikaf*, seeking knowledge, and others. This is very important in increasing our *imaan* and *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*, and in our effort of seeking His Pleasure. We must remember that all of the acts that are *waajib* (obligatory) and *sunnah* (voluntary) performed throughout this month are rigorous personal drill intending to purify the heart, discipline the body limbs, polish the *akhlaaq*, and prevent sickness.

In the *hadeeth* of Abu Hurayrah *radiyAllaahu 'anh*, Rasulullah ﷺ said:

مَنْ قَامَ رَمَضَانَ إِيمَانًا وَاحْتِسَابًا غُفِرَ لَهُ مَا تَقَدَّمَ مِنْ ذَنْبِهِ

“Whoever prays during the night in Ramadaan out of sincere faith and seeking its reward from Allah, will have all of his previous sins forgiven.”

(*al-Bukhaari and Muslim*)

Dear blessed Muslims,

To end the sermon today, let us altogether internalize and derive lessons from it, which are;

1. It is *waajib* upon the Muslim *ummah* to have certainty that Ramadaan is a month of *rahmah* (mercy), forgiveness, and intensifying *'ibaadah* unto Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.

2. The Muslim *ummah* must grab the very opportunity in Ramadaan to cleanse the heart from major and minor sins. After Ramadaan, may we become like the pure white cloth, cleansed from all external and internal impurities.



3. The Muslim *ummah* must take full advantage of Ramadaan by increasing in *du'aa* (supplication) and giving *sadaqah* to the poor and needy, which became a regular practice of Rasulullah ﷺ in every Ramadaan.

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ
مَنْ عَمِلَ صَالِحًا مِّنْ ذَكَرٍ أَوْ أُنْثَىٰ وَهُوَ مُؤْمِنٌ فَلَنُحْيِيَنَّهٗ حَيٰوةً
طَيِّبَةً ۖ وَلَنَجْزِيَنَّهُمْ أَجْرَهُمْ بِأَحْسَنِ مَا كَانُوا يَعْمَلُونَ ﴿٩٧﴾

“Whoever does righteousness, whether male or female, while he is a believer - We will surely cause him to live a good life, and We will surely give them their reward [in the Hereafter] according to the best of what they used to do.”

(Soorah an-Nahl 16:97)

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ، وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ
بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ 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، أُوصِيكُمْ 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. اَللّٰهُمَّ اَعِزَّ الْاِسْلَامَ وَالْمُسْلِمِيْنَ، وَاَهْلِكَ
الْكُفْرَةَ وَالْمُبْتَدِعَةَ وَالْمُشْرِكِيْنَ.

اَللّٰهُمَّ اِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ وَنَتَوَسَّلُ اِلَيْكَ بِنَبِيِّكَ الْاَمِيْنِ، وَنَسْأَلُكَ
بِاسْمَائِكَ الْحُسْنَى، وَصِفَاتِكَ الْعُظْمَى، اَنْ تَحْفَظَ بَعِيْنَ
عِنَايَتِكَ الرَّبَّانِيَّةِ، وَبِحِفْظِ وَقَايَتِكَ الصَّمَدَانِيَّةِ، جَلَالَةَ مَلِكِنَا
الْمُعْظَمِ، سُلْطَانَ سَلَاطُوْر، سُلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّيْنِ اَدْرِيسِ شَاهِ
الْحَاجِ ابْنِ الْمَرْحُوْمِ سُلْطَانَ صَلَاحِ الدِّيْنِ عَبْدِ الْعَزِيْزِ شَاهِ
الْحَاجِ. اَللّٰهُمَّ اَدِمِ الْعُوْنَ وَالْهِدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيْقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ
وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْكَ، لِوَلِيِّ عَهْدِ سَلَاطُوْر، تَعْكُوْ اَمِيْرِ شَاهِ اِبْنِ
السُّلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّيْنِ اَدْرِيسِ شَاهِ الْحَاجِ، فِيْ اَمْنٍ وَصَلَاحٍ
وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنْنِكَ وَكَرَمِكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْاِكْرَامِ. اَللّٰهُمَّ اَطْلُ
عُمْرَهُمَا مُصْلِحِيْنَ لِلْمُوْظَفِيْنَ وَالرَّعِيَّةِ وَالْبِلَادِ، وَبَلِّغْ
مَقَاصِدَهُمَا لِطَرِيْقِ الْهُدَى وَالرِّشَادِ.

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 *masajid* 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، بِلُطْفِكَ 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 الْآخِرَةِ 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.