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الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ : شَهْرُ رَمَضَانَ الَّذِي أُنزِلَ فِيهِ الْقُرْآنُ هُدًى
لِّلنَّاسِ وَبَيِّنَاتٍ مِّنَ الْهُدَىٰ وَالْفُرْقَانِ¹

أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا
مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَىٰ سَيِّدِنَا
مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَىٰ آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ.
أَمَّا بَعْدُ، فَيَا أَيُّهَا الْمُسْلِمُونَ، اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ، أُوصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى
اللَّهِ فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ.

قَالَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى: يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تُقَاتِهِ وَلَا
تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ²

Dear blessed Muslims,

I call upon all of us to altogether strive in increasing our *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* by performing all of His Commands and leaving out all of His prohibitions. Let us give our undivided attention to the sermon that is to be delivered. Do not speak and do not get carried away with our mobile phones. May we all attain benefit from the *khutbah*.

On this noble day, I will be discussing upon a *khutbah* titled:

“RAMADAAN AND AL-QUR’AN”

¹ al-Baqarah 2:185

² Aal ‘Imraan 3:102



Esteemed Muslims,

When the month of Ramadaan is mentioned, surely we will come across the historical event of the revelation of al-Qur'an (*Nuzul al-Qur'an*) that took place during the night of *al-Qadr* (Decree or Power). This indicates that Ramadaan and al-Qur'an are two elements that are united and inseparable. The revelation of al-Qur'an occurred from *Lawh al-Mahfoozh* to *Bayt al-'Izzah* (worldly heavens), then sent down to Rasulullah ﷺ in stages throughout a period of twenty three (23) years, based on specific needs or circumstances. Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 185 of soorah al-Baqarah that was recited during the *muqaddimah* (introduction) of the *khutbah*:

"The month of Ramadaan [is that] in which was revealed the Qur'an, a guidance for the people and clear proofs of guidance and criterion."

The great event of the revelation of al-Qur'an took place in the night of *al-Qadr*, a very noble night in the month of Ramadaan that has tremendous virtue compared to other nights. Engaging in *'ibaadah* (worship) and righteous deeds on that night is greater than the worship of a thousand months. Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verses 1-3 of soorah al-Qadr:

إِنَّا أَنْزَلْنَاهُ فِي لَيْلَةِ الْقَدْرِ ﴿١﴾ وَمَا أَدْرَاكَ مَا لَيْلَةُ الْقَدْرِ ﴿٢﴾ لَيْلَةُ
الْقَدْرِ خَيْرٌ مِّنْ أَلْفِ شَهْرٍ ﴿٣﴾

"Indeed, We sent the Qur'an down during the Night of Decree. And what can make you know what is the Night of Decree? The Night of Decree is better than a thousand months."



Also, in this month of Ramadaan, Rasulullah ﷺ would recite and revise al-Qur'an with angel Jibreel 'Alayhissalaam. Ibn 'Abbaas radiyAllaahu 'anhuma narrated:

وَكَانَ جِبْرِيلُ يَلْقَاهُ فِي كُلِّ لَيْلَةٍ مِنْ رَمَضَانَ فَيُدَارِسُهُ
الْقُرْآنَ

"Jibreel 'Alayhissalaam used to meet him [Rasulullah ﷺ] every night during Ramadaan to revise the Qur'an with him."

(al-Bukhaari)

Dear blessed audience,

It must be remembered that among the objectives of the revelation of al-Qur'an is for it to be recited often. Its recitation is a very important form of *dhikr* (remembrance) and will be greatly rewarded by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 29 of soorah Faatir:

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ يَتْلُونَ كِتَابَ اللَّهِ وَأَقَامُوا الصَّلَاةَ وَأَنْفَقُوا مِمَّا رَزَقْنَاهُمْ
سِرًّا وَعَلَانِيَةً يَرْجُونَ تِجَارَةً لَّن تَبُورَ ﴿٢٩﴾

"Indeed, those who recite the Book of Allah and establish prayer and spend [in His cause] out of what We have provided them, secretly and publicly, [can] expect a profit that will never perish."

Rasulullah ﷺ had also narrated in reminding about the reward for those that recite al-Qur'an, as mentioned in the *hadeeth* of 'Abdullah bin Masood radiyAllaahu 'anh, where Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said:



مَنْ قَرَأَ حَرْفًا مِنْ كِتَابِ اللَّهِ فَلَهُ بِهِ حَسَنَةٌ ، وَالْحَسَنَةُ
بِعَشْرٍ أَمْثَالِهَا ، لَا أَقُولُ الْم حَرْفٌ ، وَلَكِنْ أَلِفٌ حَرْفٌ وَلامٌ
حَرْفٌ وَمِيمٌ حَرْفٌ

“Whoever recites a letter from the Book of Allah, he will be credited with a good deed, and a good deed gets a ten-fold reward. I do not say that Alif Lam Mim is one letter, but Alif is a letter, Lam is a letter and Mim is a letter.”

(at-Tirmidhi)

Such is the *mu'jizah* (miracle) of al-Qur'an, that reciting one letter from al-Qur'an will cause ten *hasanaat* (rewards) to be bestowed upon the reciter. What more if we become among those that would always seek and fill our time by reciting the *kalaam* (Word) of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. Surely, we will attain even greater rewards in the month of Ramadaan. Al-Qur'an and Ramadaan becomes even dearer to us all.

Dear respected Muslims,

Let us strive to make Ramadaan as the month of interaction with al-Qur'an. We must remain resolute in completing the recitation of the entire al-Qur'an in this noble month. In addition to reciting al-Qur'an, we are also encouraged to listen to the recitation of al-Qur'an by others, whether during the congregational prayer or recitations in the television, radio, and others. May the recitation of the Speech of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* heard grant us *barakah* (blessings), which will penetrate through the soul, and manifests with the *akhlaaq* (character) of al-Qur'an. Imaam an-Nawawi



mentioned that it is from the *sunnah* to focus on the recitation of al-Qur’an in Ramadaan, especially in the ten last days, specifically in the odd nights.

Let us not give excuse to not recite al-Qur’an just because we are not proficient in its recitation, for even that would be better than completely abandoning the recitation of al-Qur’an. Sayyidatina ‘A’ishah *radiyAllaahu ‘anha* narrated that Rasulullah ﷺ said:

المَاهِرُ بِالْقُرْآنِ مَعَ السَّفَرَةِ الْكِرَامِ الْبَرَّةِ، وَالَّذِي يَقْرَأُ
الْقُرْآنَ وَيَتَتَعْتَعُ فِيهِ، وَهُوَ عَلَيْهِ شَاقٌّ، لَهُ أَجْرَانِ

“One who is proficient in the recitation of al-Qur’an is associated with the noble, upright, recording angels; and he who falters in it, and finds it difficult for him, will have two rewards.”

(Muslim)

Imaam an-Nawawi explained that the two rewards attained are firstly for the recitation and secondly the difficulty and hardship endured in the recitation of al-Qur’an.

In revitalizing this noble month, many *masaajid* are also organizing various spiritual programs. Among the program that is always emphasized upon is *tadarrus* al-Qur’an, held every night after the *taraweeh* prayer. The *khatm* (completion) al-Qur’an program is typically held in the final weeks of Ramadaan, at *masaajid*, *suraus*, offices, Islamic institutions, and many others. Let us seize these golden opportunities to altogether immerse ourselves among those that are shielded by the angels.

What is saddening is that there are those among us that are willing to spend hours and hours on their smartphones searching for unbeneficial matters instead of reciting al-Qur’an and understanding its verses. Also,



many of us have been reciting al-Qur’an for decades but never made effort to comprehend the meanings of the verses recited. This is specifically for soorah al-Faatihah and common soorahs that are recited daily, whether during *salaah* or outside of *salaah*. Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta’aala* mentions in verse 24 of soorah Muhammad:

أَفَلَا يَتَدَبَّرُونَ الْقُرْآنَ أَمْ عَلَى قُلُوبٍ أَقْفَالُهَا ﴿٢٤﴾

“Then do they not reflect upon the Qur’an, or are there locks upon [their] hearts?”

Therefore, I humbly advice myself and respected audience to utilize this month as the month for the recitation of al-Qur’an, and comprehending the meanings of its verses. One of the methods is through *tadarrus* al-Qur’an with family members or the congregation at the masjid or *surau*, by checking and correcting the recitation of one another. Seize the opportunity in this blessed month to increase our good deeds and *‘ibaadah* that we will take as provision after our demise. Take heed, for there is no guarantee that we will live to experience the next Ramadaan.

Blessed Muslims,

To end the *khutbah* this time, let us derive lessons upon the following matters:

1. The Muslim *ummah* must have certainty that al-Qur’an is the Word of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta’aala*, and it is the only miracle of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ that can be seen, touched, and rewarded for its recitation.
2. The month of Ramadaan and al-Qur’an are united, so let us fill our Ramadaan with activities related to al-Qur’an.

3. The Muslim *ummah* must always learn the proper recitation of al-Qur'an and strive to understand its meaning, deriving lessons, and utilizing its teachings as the very foundation in all aspects of our lives.

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

كِتَابٌ أَنْزَلْنَاهُ إِلَيْكَ مُبَارَكٌ لِيَدَّبَّرُوا آيَاتِهِ ۖ وَلِيَتَذَكَّرَ أُولُو الْأَلْبَابِ ﴿٢٩﴾

"[This is] a blessed Book which We have revealed to you, [O Muhammad], that they might reflect upon its verses and that those of understanding would be reminded."

(Soorah Saad 38:29)

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ
الآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ وَتَقَبَّلْ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتَهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ
الْعَلِيمُ.

أَقُولُ قَوْلِي هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ لِي وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ
وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْعَفُورُ 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.



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 إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ وَنَتَوَسَّلُ إِلَيْكَ بِنَبِيِّكَ الْأَمِينِ، وَنَسْأَلُكَ
بِأَسْمَائِكَ الْحُسْنَى، وَصِفَاتِكَ الْعُظْمَى، أَنْ تَحْفَظَ بَعَيْنِ
عِنَايَتِكَ الرَّبَّانِيَّةِ، وَبِحِفْظِ وَقَايَتِكَ الصِّمْدَانِيَّةِ، جَلَالَةَ مَلِكِنَا
الْمُعَظَّمِ، سُلْطَانَ سَلَاطِينِ، سُلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ اَدْرِيسِ شَاهِ
الْحَاجِ اِبْنِ الْمَرْحُومِ سُلْطَانَ صَلَاحِ الدِّينِ عَبْدِ الْعَزِيزِ شَاهِ
الْحَاجِ. اللَّهُمَّ أَدِمِ الْعُونَ وَالْهَدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ
وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْكَ، لِوَلِيِّ عَهْدِ سَلَاطِينِ، تَعَكُّوْا أَمِيرِ شَاهِ اِبْنِ
السُّلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ اَدْرِيسِ شَاهِ الْحَاجِ، فِي أَمْنٍ وَصَلَاحٍ



وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنِّكَ وَكَرَمِكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ. اللَّهُمَّ أَطْلُ
عُمْرَهُمَا مُصْلِحِينَ لِلْمُوظَّفِينَ وَالرَّعِيَّةِ وَالْبِلَادِ، وَبَلِّغْ
مَقَاصِدَهُمَا لِطَرِيقِ الْهُدَى وَالرَّشَادِ.

O Allah! We seek refuge in You from severe trials, from being afflicted with calamities, from evil in destiny, and from the joy of the enemies upon the tribulations and misfortunes that befell us. O Allah! We beseech Your protection, from losing the favors that You have bestowed, from the loss of health that You have granted, protect us from calamity and disaster. O Allah! You are our One and Only Savior, we humbly beg You to save Masjid al-Aqsa in Palestine.

O Allah! 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.

رَبَّنَا هَبْ لَنَا مِنْ أَزْوَاجِنَا وَذُرِّيَّتِنَا قُرَّةَ أَعْيُنٍ وَاجْعَلْنَا لِلْمُتَّقِينَ إِمَامًا ﴿٧٤﴾
رَبَّنَا آتِنَا فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِي الْآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ ﴿٢٠١﴾



عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ وَالْإِحْسَانِ وَإِيتَايَ ذِي الْقُرْبَىٰ وَيَنْهَىٰ
عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَالْبَغْيِ يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ ﴿٩٠﴾
فَاذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ يَذْكُرْكُمْ وَاشْكُرُوا لَهُ عَلَىٰ نِعْمِهِ يَزِدْكُمْ،
وَاسْأَلُوهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ يُعْطِكُمْ وَلَذِكْرُ اللَّهِ أَكْبَرُ وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا
تَصْنَعُونَ.