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الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ: إِنَّا أَنْزَلْنَاهُ فِي لَيْلَةٍ مُبْرَكَةٍ إِنَّا كُنَّا مُنذِرِينَ ﴿٣﴾¹
أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا
مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ. 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,

I humbly call upon all of us to altogether strive in increasing our *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* by fulfilling all of His Commands and leaving out all of His prohibitions. Let us fully focus on the sermon that is to be delivered. At the same time, do not speak and do not utilize the mobile phone. May we attain benefit from the *khutbah* delivered.

On this glorious day, I will be expounding upon a *khutbah* titled: "**THE NOBILITY OF THE NIGHT OF AL-QADR.**"

¹ ad-Dukhkhaan 44:3

² Aal 'Imraan 3:102



Beloved Friday audience,

Ramadaan is a month that is full of *barakah* (blessings). In it, there is a night that is better than a thousand months of worship, which is within the last ten nights of Ramadaan. Those days are truly special and precious for every Muslim. Hence, in this last third of Ramadaan, the Muslims must seize the irresistible offer promised by Allah with *Laylat* (Night) *al-Qadr*. On the authority of Jaabir bin Samurah *radiallahu 'anh*, Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم said:

الْتَمِسُوهَا فِي الْعَشْرِ الْأَوَاخِرِ وَتَرًا

"Seek it [i.e. *Laylat al-Qadr*] in the odd numbered nights of the last ten nights."

(Ahmad)

In the last ten nights of Ramadaan, there are blessings that are uncountable. One of the most significant nights that we must truly benefit from is *Laylat al-Qadr* (Night of Power or Decree), a night that is greater than a thousand month. In these very special moments, let us reflect upon the virtues available within that night. The blessings of the last ten nights of Ramadaan appears with increased intensity in *'ibaadah* (worship), *khushoo'* (awe) in *salaah*, and performing righteous deeds with full sincerity. All of these will be rewarded and even multiplied manifold by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. This is because Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* has made the night of al-Qadr as a very special night within Ramadaan and all of the deeds performed on that night will be multiplied in its rewards. This is based on what Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verses 1-3 of Soorah al-Qadr:



“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.”

Dear beloved audience,

Therefore, in our very effort to seize the blessings within the last ten nights of Ramadaan, there are several matters that we must pay attention to. First, to comprehend the value of privilege. We must understand how special are the last few nights of Ramadaan, among them is the presence of *Laylat al-Qadr*, a night that is full of *barakah* and forgiveness from Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta’aala*, and that it is better than a thousand months of worship.

Second, the recommended deeds. Among the practices that are recommended for the last ten nights is the night prayer (*tahajjud*), recitation of al-Qur’an, engaging in *dhikr* (remembrance of Allah), making *du’aa* (supplication), giving *sadaqah* (charity), and indulging in other *‘ibadah*. Aside from that, we are highly encouraged to perform *i’tikaf* (spiritual retreat) in the masjid. *I’tikaf* that is recommended and attains the reward of *i’tikaf* is actually by performing the *i’tikaf* in the masjid, not at the *surau*, *musalla*, or at home.

Third is to perform the night prayer. We are highly encouraged to increase in our night prayer. Abu Hurayrah *radiallahu ‘anh* narrated that 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)

Increasing in our supplication and performing the *tahajjud* in the night are deeds that are highly encouraged in the last ten nights of Ramadaan. Abu Hurayrah *radiallāhu ‘anh* narrated that Rasulullah ﷺ said:

يَتَنَزَّلُ رَبُّنَا تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى كُلَّ لَيْلَةٍ إِلَى السَّمَاءِ الدُّنْيَا حِينَ
يَبْقَى ثُلُثُ اللَّيْلِ الْآخِرِ فَيَقُولُ مَنْ يَدْعُونِي فَأَسْتَجِيبَ لَهُ،
مَنْ يَسْأَلُنِي فَأُعْطِيَهُ، مَنْ يَسْتَغْفِرُنِي فَأَغْفِرَ لَهُ

“Every night when it is the last third of the night, our Lord, the Superior, the Blessed, descends to the nearest heaven and says: Is there anyone to invoke Me that I may respond to his invocation? Is there anyone to ask Me so that I may grant him his request? Is there anyone asking My forgiveness so that I may forgive him?”

(al-Bukhaari)

Beloved Friday congregants,

Next is to revive the final nights of Ramadaan. We are to revive last few nights of Ramadaan by decorating it with *‘ibaadah* and devotion to Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta’aala*, as well as leaving out deeds that are in vain and wastes time. We are encouraged to make time for the recitation of al-Qur’an with *khushoo’* and *tadabbur* (reflection). Ponder upon the meaning of the verses that we recite and make effort to derive lessons and teachings from them. We can also benefit from the final nights of Ramadaan by giving charity



and sharing *rizq* (provision) with others that are in need. This is the suitable time to perform more good deeds and strengthen the unity amongst mankind.

To increase in supplication and beg for forgiveness. Let us increase in our *du'aa* and seeking forgiveness from Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* so that we will be bestowed with blessings, expiation of our previous sins, granted ease in performing *'ibaadah* and in the journey of the Hereafter. Increasing in supplication in the final nights of Ramadaan is a practice that is highly recommended. When making prayer, open up our hearts and express the *du'aa* with full *ikhlaas* (sincerity) and determination unto Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. Plead for forgiveness from Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* for all of the wrongdoings and sins that we have committed. Be resolute in seeking forgiveness, and promise to improve ourselves in the future. Beseech Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* so that we are granted goodness, mercy, and blessings in this life, for us and the entire mankind.

I would like to remind everyone to not commit things that are unbeneficial and in vain, in these final moments of Ramadaan. Let us not get tied up with things that can incur harm such as purchasing and burning fireworks, homemade bamboo cannon, and its like. Let us advice our household members and children to avoid matters that are dangerous, wasteful, and causing disturbance upon those performing *'ibaadah*.

Dear blessed Muslims,

To end the *khutbah* today, let us derive several lessons as guidance for all of us, namely:

1. We must remain diligent in increasing our *'ibaadah* such as *salaah*, *dhikr*, recitation of al-Qur'an, and making *du'aa* so that we will attain tremendous rewards from Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.

2. Whoever wants to perform *'ibaadah* with simple deeds but having the equivalent reward of over 83 years of *'ibaadah*, then let him or her indulge in good deeds in the night of al-Qadr.

3. The Muslim *ummah* must seize the golden opportunity in the last ten nights of Ramadaan, in becoming closer to Allah, reflecting upon all of His favors, making *tawbah* (repentance) and having the determination to become a better person in the time to come.

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

وَمَنْ يَعْمَلْ مِنَ الصَّالِحَاتِ مِنْ ذَكَرٍ أَوْ أُنْثَىٰ وَهُوَ مُؤْمِنٌ فَأُولَٰئِكَ يَدْخُلُونَ الْجَنَّةَ وَلَا يُظْلَمُونَ نَقِيرًا ﴿١٢٤﴾

“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.”

(Soorah an-Nisaa' 4:124)

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 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.

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 الرَّبَّانِيَّةَ، وَبِحِفْظِ وَقَايَتِكَ الصَّمَدَانِيَّةَ، جَلَالَةَ مَلِكِنَا الْمُعْظَمِ، سُلْطَانَ سَلَاطُونِ، سُلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ اَدْرِيسِ شَاهِ الْحَاجِ ابْنِ الْمَرْحُومِ سُلْطَانَ صَلَاحِ الدِّينِ عَبْدِ الْعَزِيزِ شَاهِ الْحَاجِ. اللَّهُمَّ أَدِّمِ الْعُونَ وَالْهَدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْكَ، لِيُؤَيِّدَ عَهْدَ سَلَاطُونِ، تَعَاوَنَ أَمِيرِ شَاهِ ابْنِ السُّلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ اَدْرِيسِ شَاهِ الْحَاجِ، فِي أَمْنٍ وَصَلَاحٍ وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنْكَ وَكَرَمِكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ. اللَّهُمَّ أَطْلُ عُمْرَهُمَا مُصْلِحِينَ لِلْمُؤَظَّفِينَ 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 ﴿٣١﴾
عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ وَالْإِحْسَانِ وَإِيتَايِ 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.