



Let us have the taqwa of Allah by performing all of His Commands and leaving out all of His prohibitions. On this day, let us rejoice and remain

grateful to Allah for He has granted upon us the opportunity to celebrate 'Eid al-Fitr this year, a day of happiness for all believers, after successfully completing the obligatory fasting

throughout Ramadaan with perfection, successful suppressing the nafs (desire), training oneself in increasing and enhancing the

quality of righteous deeds, and abstaining from prohibited matters.

The 'Eid al-Fitr khutbah this time is titled:



'Eid al-Fitr is not just a day of happiness for the Muslim ummah, moreover it is a day of triumph upon all of the sins forgiven for those that fasted on the sole basis of imaan (faith) and ikhlaas (sincerity) for

the sake of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala, as well as those that would wake up in the night purely for with the devotion, motivation and basis of

servitude, imaan, having certainty upon the loftiness of the Sharee'ah and its virtues, and sincerely hoping for the pleasure of

Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala Alone. In the hadeeth of Abu Hurayrah radiyAllaahu anh, Rasulullah عليه وسلم said:

"Whoever fasted the month of Ramadaan out of sincere faith and hoping for a reward from Allah, then all his past sins will be forgiven." (al-Bukhaari and Muslim)

Indeed, 'Eid al-Fitr marks the victory in returning to fitrah (natural disposition) and the actual purpose of life for human beings. Fitrah in remaining full obedience purely for the

sake of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala, performing salaah at its prescribed times, fasting in Ramadaan as the month of tarbiyyah (education), indulging in 'ibaadah (worship) during

the night beseeching for forgiveness and the pleasure of the Most Divine, giving sadaqah (charity) during times of difficulty and ease for rizq (provision) and death has been predetermined

since the beginning of time. 'Eid al-Fitr is also a day of victory for Ramadaan has educated us in preserving and developing firm relationship with Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala,

and maintaining good relations with fellow humans.

'Eid al-Fitr is a day of triumph, happiness, and gratitude of the slave of Allah upon the hardship

and patience endured in performing righteous deeds. May this major victory coincides with the glad tiding conveyed by Rasulullah صلى الله which is the joy of meeting Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala

in the Hereafter, as mentioned in hadeeth Qudsi, on the authority of Abu Hurayrah 'anh, radiyAllaahu where Rasulullah عليه وسلم said:

"And he who fasts has two joys: a joy when he breaks his fast and a joy when he meets his Lord."

(al-Bukhaari)

Verily, every mu'min (believer) in the Hereafter will taste happiness and blissfulness that awaits them, as rewards for the 'ibaadah of fasting performed, for Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala

has promised them with tremendous reward or special bounty. Those that fasted for the sake of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala will be received when entering Paradise through the gate of

ar-Rayyaan, as in the hadeeth of Sahl bin Sa'ad radiyAllaahu 'anh, where Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم said:

"There is a gate in Paradise called ar-Rayyaan, and those who observe fasts will enter through it on the Day of Resurrection and none except them will enter through it. It will be said,

'Where are those who used to observe fasts?' They will get up, and none except them will enter through it. After their entry the gate will be closed and nobody will enter through it."

(al-Bukhaari and Muslim)

May each and every single one of us meet with Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala in the Hereafter with hearts that are full of happiness and faces full of radiance, as

Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala mentions in verses 22-23 of soorah al-Qiyaamah:

"[Some] faces, that Day, will be radiant, looking at their Lord."

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'Eid al-Fitr is a day of victory after the believer has undergone through exercise or training in building, linking, and strengthening his relationship with Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala,

and fellow human beings. Hence, Shawwaal and the months that follows should demonstrate and prove the mu'min having firm imaan and sincerity, will continue to place his stature in this world

righteously, for the sake of his joyfulness in the Hereafter. His relationship with Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala will be preserved with undivided obedience and certainty. That is how we

should be, we are to continue in safeguarding our relations with fellow human beings and other creations with full affection, rahmah, thinking well of others, and always striving to

save others from sinning and incurring the wrath of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala through hikmah (wisdom). A believer will not only perform good or abandon evil through his limbs, but also with

affirmation in the heart. Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala commands in verse 120 of soorah al-An'aam:

"And leave what is apparent of sin and what is concealed thereof. Indeed, those who earn [blame for] sin will be recompensed for that which they used to commit."

For the month of Shawwaal and the succeeding months, let istiqaamah us remain (steadfast) performing righteous deeds and avoid

committing sins. Rasulullah has reminded in the us narration of Abu Hurayrah radiyAllaahu 'anh, where he said:

"Whoever does not leave false speech, and acting according to it, then Allah is not in any need of him leaving his food and his drink."

(al-Bukhaari)

With that, one who engages in obedience upon the stipulations of Islam and imaan, he will not lie, slander his Muslim taking brethren, something that is not within his rights through

various immoral and oppressive means. As humans whom are weak in nature, forgetful, and surrounded by the devil's temptations and lustful desire, then we

are to follow every evil and sinful act with good deeds. Verily, those benevolent deeds will eliminate evil.

Let us begin the month of Shawwaal with various 'ibaadah just like in the month of Ramadaan with dhikrullaah (remembrance of Allah), recitation of al-Qur'an, supplicating, i'tikaf and

qiyaam al-layl. The supererogatory (sunnah) 'ibaadah are to be continued and even intensified, in addition to the fulfillment of 'ibaadah are waajib that (obligatory). Let us

continue in frequenting the masjid or surau to pray in congregation due to our imaan and certainty in its merits, as well as ikhlaas for Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala Alone. Let us spare time

to recite al-Qur'an and gain its understanding. Let us become true believers with resoluteness so that we will continue to engage in righteousness,

with istigaamah and obedience, in seeking the pleasure of Allah Subhaanahu Ta'aala.

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In the aspect of human relations, in this very opportunity in Shawwaal, let us visit our neighbors and relatives as demanded by the religion, with imaan and obedience to preserve

neighborliness and preserving silaaturrahm (ties of kinship). With solid imaan and due to religious demand, let us be tolerant to our neighbors and do not sever silaaturrahm.

If we are criticized, cursed, verbally abused, challenged or even fooled, then endure it with great patience from the get-go, for sabr (patience) is prescribed by the religion. Those having

imaan and yaqeen (certainty) upon the decree Allah of Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala will embrace the commands and prohibitions the of religion as their way of

life, they will always control their emotions, speech, reactions, and behaviors in all circumstances. Muslims that have been educated and groomed by Ramadaan will take pride

in having tolerance, being considerate, patient, and respecting those around them.

Shawwaal teaches the Muslims to remain caring and look after the welfare

of their Muslim brethren. Therefore, let us continue to fulfill zakaat obligation and give charity during times of difficulty and ease. With that, in conjunction with the nobility of 'Eid al-Fitr,

let us contribute anything that can bring happiness to our family members, relatives, neighbors, and anyone for that matter. Indeed, the best gift is the one given to immediate family members.

Rasulullah had mentioned, on the authority of Anas bin Maalik radiyAllaahu 'anh:

"Whoever desires an expansion in his sustenance and age, should keep good relations with his kith and kin."

(al-Bukhaari)

With the arrival of Shawwaal and Ramadaan that has gone by, surely it has created a righteous atmosphere, situation, and environment (bi'ah saalihah). Typically, every one of us would be

even motivated and hasten to perform upon seeing 'ibaadah engaging in others 'ibaadah. With that, let us altogether cooperate in fostering bi'ah saalihah or righteous environment,

it was developed as throughout Ramadaan. May our children, family members, and communities always remain determined towards matters that are good and loathe evil matters.

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الله أكبر

## Allah is Most Great

To end the 'Eid al-Fitr khutbah this year, let us internalize and take as guidance upon the following matters:

1. The Muslim ummah must comprehend that Shawwaal is the complete turning point upon the lifestyle for us, our family members, and communities to a life that is pleasing to Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala.

2. The Muslim ummah must remain consistent in safeguarding the obligatory prayers, hastening to the masjid, performing supererogatory deeds,

not neglecting the recitation of al-Qur'an, performing the night prayer, giving charity, supererogatory and fasting.

3. The Muslim ummah must know that bi'ah saalihah or righteous environment can drive a person, family members, and communities to always favor the good and abhor evil deeds and disobedience.

"And establish prayer and give zakaah and loan Allah a goodly loan. And whatever good you put forward for yourselves - you will find it with Allah.

It is better and greater in reward. And seek forgiveness of Allah. Indeed, Allah is Forgiving and Merciful."

(Soorah al-Muzzammil 73:20)

## THE SECOND KHUTBAH

Islam has legislated upon us to celebrate 'Eid al-Fitr according to its rulings, so that it becomes 'ibaadah and attains reward from Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala.

Verily, 'Eid al-Fitr and 'Eid al-Adha are festivals for the Muslim ummah that were legislated to replace the two festivals of the pagan Arabs prior to the



"Allah has substituted for them something better than them, the day of sacrifice and the day of the breaking of the fast."

(Abu Dawood)

With our new, beautiful, and clean garments, let us utter our gratitutde and to Allah reverence Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala with takbeer, tahleel,

tasbeeh, and tahmeed. Indeed, wearing new, beautiful, and clean clothing is a form of manifestation of gratitude Allah unto Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala.



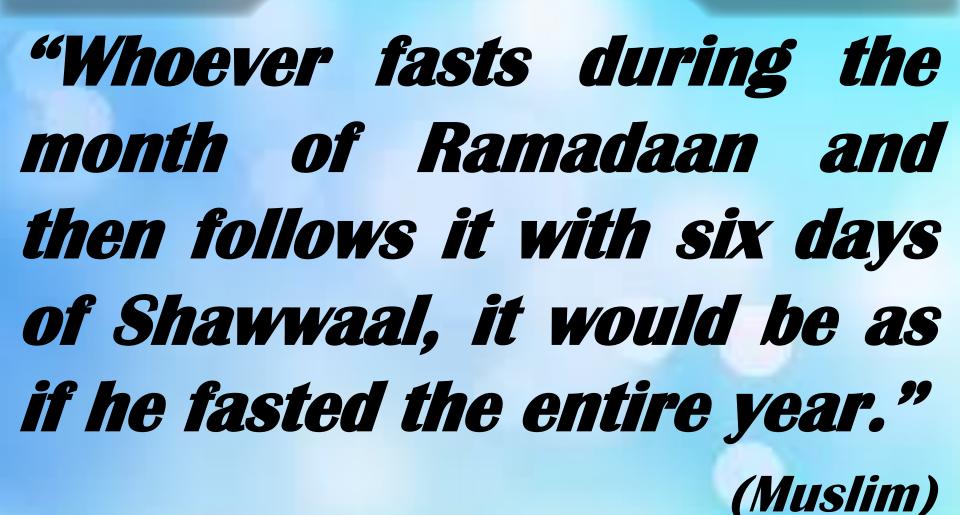
"But as for the favor of your Lord, report [it]." Next, returning from performing the 'Eid al-Fitr prayer, let us take a path that is different than the path that we took to the prayer area, while we visit

seeking one another, forgiveness and forgiving one another, and avoid any wastage. The most important thing is that the cheerfulness of 'Eid al-Fitr



Then, after 'Eid al-Fitr has passed, let us altogether

continue that Ramadaan momentum with the six days fasting of Shawaal, as recommended by Rasulullah , narrated on the authority of Abu Ayyoob al-Ansaari radiyAllaahu 'anh.



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## تَقبّل الله مِنّا وَمِنكُمْ صَالِحَ الأعمال مِنَ الْعَائِدِيْنِ وَالْفَائِزِيْنَ، وَكُلُّ مِنَ الْعَائِدِيْنِ وَالْفَائِزِيْنَ، وَكُلُّ عَامٍ وَأَنْتُمْ بِخَيْرٍ

