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"HOW DO WE CELEBRATE SHAWWAAL?"

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ : وَإِذْ تَأَذَّنَ رَبُّكُمْ لَئِن شَكَرْتُمْ لَأَزِيدَنَّكُمْ
وَلَئِن كَفَرْتُمْ إِنَّ عَذَابِي لَشَدِيدٌ ﴿٧﴾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 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 give undivided attention to the sermon that is to be delivered. Do not talk and do not tinker with the cellular phone. May we attain benefit from the *khutbah*.

¹ Ibraaheem 14:7

² Aal 'Imraan 3:102



On this very noble day, I will be expounding on a *khutbah* titled: "**HOW DO WE CELEBRATE SHAWWAAL?**"

Beloved Friday congregation,

By nature, the human soul loves to celebrate festivals and becomes happy in doing so. Even though *'Eid al-Fitr* is only one day, which is on the 1st of Shawwaal, but here in Malaysia it has been the tradition of the Muslims to celebrate it for more than one day. This is because, among them, the visitations among family members, relatives, friends and colleagues, can only be done once a year. Therefore, definitely these visitations cannot be completed within one full day. What more if the distance involved is quite far. However, it must be known that celebrations beyond the 1st of Shawwaal is not *'Eid al-Fitr*, but just mere celebration in conjunction with a festival. In any case, the tradition of visiting one another, seeking forgiveness and forgiving one another, hosting and attending open house in the month of Shawwaal is a good practice, for as long as it does not contradict the *Sharee'ah*.

Blessed Friday audience,

It is befitting for us to continue to remain grateful and *istiqamah* (steadfast) in month of Shawwal, in becoming righteous servants of Allah after arduously fighting off the temptations of the desire for one month in Ramadaan, and *'Eid al-Fitr* is not the time for us to return to our wicked old ways and attitudes.

Let us take the month of Ramadaan that we endured as our teacher for us to continue in becoming servants of Allah that are Rabbaani (godly person) and not purely as servants of Ramadaani. It is in accordance with the objectives of fasting that we become servants of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* having utmost *taqwa*. This servitude aspect applies comprehensively



to all levels within the Muslim community with no one being excepted. Imaam ibn Rajab *rahimahullaah* mentioned in his book *Lataa'if al-Ma'aarif*.

"Eid is a season of happiness and joy, however happiness and joy of the believers in this world are purely for the sake of their Lord, which is only when they had successfully completed their obedience unto Him and attain rewards for their deeds, through their full conviction upon His promises for those deeds, which is solely with His abundant grace and forgiveness."

He continued to mentioned in words that are full of wisdom:

لَيْسَ الْعِيدُ لِمَنْ لَبَسَ الْجَدِيدَ، إِنَّمَا الْعِيدُ لِمَنْ طَاعَاتُهُ
تَزِيدُ. لَيْسَ الْعِيدُ لِمَنْ تَجَمَّلَ بِاللِّبَاسِ وَالرُّكُوبِ، إِنَّمَا الْعِيدُ
لِمَنْ غُفِرَتْ لَهُ الذُّنُوبُ .

"Eid is not for the one who wears new clothes. 'Eid is for the one whose obedience rises. 'Eid is not for the one with beautiful clothes and fine means of transport, 'Eid is for the one whose sins are forgiven."

Imaam ibn Rajab also mentioned the words of Imaam al-Hasan al-Basri, whom said:

"Every day in which Allah is not disobeyed is a celebration ('Eid). Every day the believer spends in obedience, servitude, remembrance, and gratitude is a celebration."

Our servitude unto Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* will surely necessitate for us to always remember and glorify Him, not only on *'Eid al-Fitr*, but it must be done continuously at all times and place. Let us not become those that are always heedless from remembering and glorifying



Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* that in the end, we would become furthest away from His Pleasure and Mercy. Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 124 of soorah Ta-Ha:

وَمَنْ أَعْرَضَ عَن ذِكْرِي فَإِنَّ لَهُ مَعِيشَةً ضَنْكًا وَنَحْشُرُهُ يَوْمَ الْقِيَمَةِ أَعْمَى ﴿١٢٤﴾

“And whoever turns away from My remembrance - indeed, he will have a depressed life, and We will gather him on the Day of Resurrection blind.”

Blessed audience,

In our excitement and joyfulness in celebrating Shawwaal, let us not pollute it with things that goes against the *Shara'*. If we were successful in guarding our tongues during Ramadaan from gossiping, backbiting, cursing, and insulting others, then do not turn Shawaal into a platform to return in using the tongue as means for deeds that are hated by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.

If we were successful in protecting our hearts during Ramadaan from arrogance, pride, and self-conceit, then do not allow Shawwal to be the time to show off and display our luxurious wealth or newly bought items. Remember, all of the favors obtained surely had originated from Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* and they must be appreciated. Just like that, He can remove them at any time He pleases.

If we were successful in being thrifty in our expenditure during Ramadaan, then Shawwaal is not the time for us to gorge into extravagance and wastefulness without limitation. Take heed, for wastefulness is from the



behavior of *shaytaan* and it is always reviled in Islam. Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 27 of soorah al-Israa':

إِنَّ الْمُبَدِّرِينَ كَانُوا إِخْوَانَ الشَّيْطَانِ ط وَكَانَ الشَّيْطَانُ لِرَبِّهِ كَفُورًا



"Indeed, the wasteful are brothers of the devils, and ever has Satan been to his Lord ungrateful."

If we were fond in giving *sadaqah* (charity) in Ramadaan, then do not become stingy or miserly in Shawwaal. Although the reward of giving charity is always high in the sight of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. There are numerous *ahaadeeth* that encourages us to give *sadaqah* without stipulating time limitation, indicating that Rasulullah ﷺ wants to teach his *ummah* to never forget their Muslim brethren whom are going through difficulties and destitution. Definitely *sadaqah* for those that are truly in need are greatly meaningful for them, what more during the festive season like today. Definitely those facing hardship and deprivation will need assistance in fulfilling the various wishes and living needs.

Therefore, it is our very responsibility as the Muslim *ummah* to ensure that none of our relatives and neighbors are afflicted with difficulties in this noble month. This is without forgetting the plight of our Muslim brethren abroad whom are experiencing hardship, famine, and genocide, specifically our beloved brethren in Gaza, Palestine, whom are being inhumanely oppressed and persecuted by the state-sponsored Zionist terrorist regime at this time, in this very moment. Surely it becomes our very duty as part of the Muslim *ummah* to provide aid to them, according to our level best.

Dear blessed audience,



Indeed, this festival season provides the best time for us to strengthen our brotherhood and unity among fellow Muslims. A time for us to seek forgiveness and forgive one another, strengthen our *silaaturrahm* (ties of kinship), and set aside all enmity. It is undeniable that the culture of hosting an open house is a good practice. However, the host must be aware and concerned with the neighborhood that he or she resides in. If the circumstances are unfavorable such as narrow streets and limited parking area, then by all means please organize the event at an appropriate venue. Do not be selfish to the point of causing the neighbors to feel restless, disturbed, and uncomfortable.

If we are organizing an open house, the host must be considerate and comprehend the affairs of the surrounding neighbors. Do not commit acts that can disturb the peace and tranquility of the neighbors, such as blasting out loud music, garbage strewn around, and others. Remember, Islam heavily emphasize on observing the rights of the neighbors. In the *hadeeth* of Abu Hurayrah *radiallāhu ‘anh*, Rasulullah ﷺ said:

"مَنْ كَانَ يُؤْمِنُ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ فَلَا يُوْذِ جَارَهُ"

“Whoever believes in Allah and the Last Day should not harm his neighbor.”

(al-Bukhaari and Muslim)

Those visiting the houses of their relatives and colleagues also must truly understand the position and circumstances of the homes that they are visiting. Such virtuous practice should not be tainted with actions that are damaging such as parking one’s car at will, blocking the path, impermissible free mixing between males and females, or overstaying which causes discomfort to the host.



Dear blessed audience,

To end the *khutbah* on this glorious day, among the conclusions that can be drawn are:

1. The Muslims must utilize Shawwaal as a sign of victory in defeating the desire, while continuing to become righteous servants of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. It is not the time to return to the bad old ways.
2. The Muslim *ummah* must always remain concerned regarding their Muslim brethren that are afflicted with trials, difficulties, and destitution wherever they may be, and hasten to provide aid, as best as possible.
3. The Muslim *ummah* must strictly observe Islamic *adab* (etiquette) when celebrating Shawwaal whether hosting an open house, or visiting the homes of relatives and friends, according to the guidance of Rasulullah ﷺ.

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

قَالَ اللَّهُ هَذَا يَوْمٌ يَنْفَعُ الصَّادِقِينَ صِدْقُهُمْ لَهُمْ جَنَّاتٌ تَجْرِي مِنْ تَحْتِهَا الْأَنْهَارُ خَالِدِينَ فِيهَا أَبَدًا رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمْ وَرَضُوا عَنْهُ ذَلِكَ الْفَوْزُ الْعَظِيمُ.

“Allah will say, “This is the Day when the truthful will benefit from their truthfulness.” For them are gardens [in Paradise] beneath which rivers flow, wherein they will abide forever, Allah being pleased with them, and they with Him. That is the great attainment.”

(*al-Maa'idah* 5:119)



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 يَا قَاضِيَ
الْحَاجَاتِ.

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ وَنَتَوَسَّلُ إِلَيْكَ بِنَبِيِّكَ الْأَمِينِ، وَنَسْأَلُكَ
بِأَسْمَائِكَ الْحُسْنَى، وَصِفَاتِكَ الْعُظْمَى، أَنْ تَحْفَظَ بَعَيْنِ
عِنَايَتِكَ الرَّبَّانِيَّةَ، وَبِحِفْظِ وَقَايَتِكَ الصَّمَدَانِيَّةَ، جَلَالَةَ مَلِكِنَا
الْمُعَظَّمِ، سُلْطَانَ سَلَاطُونَ، سُلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ اَدْرِيسِ شَاهِ
الْحَاجِ ابْنِ الْمَرْحُومِ سُلْطَانَ صَلَاحِ الدِّينِ عَبْدِ الْعَزِيزِ شَاهِ
الْحَاجِ. اللَّهُمَّ أَدِمِ الْعُونَ وَالْهَدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ
وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْكَ، لَوْلِيَّ عَهْدِ سَلَاطُونَ، تَغْكُو أَمِيرِ شَاهِ ابْنِ
السُّلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ اَدْرِيسِ شَاهِ الْحَاجِ، فِي أَمْنٍ وَصَلَاحٍ
وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنْكَ وَكَرَمِكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ. اللَّهُمَّ أَطْلُ



عُمْرَهُمَا مُصْلِحِينَ لِلْمَوْظِفِينَ وَالرَّعِيَّةِ وَالْبِلَادِ، وَبَلِّغْ
مَقَاصِدَهُمَا لِطَرِيقِ الْهُدَى وَالرِّشَادِ.

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 *masajid* 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 ﴿٩١﴾
عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ وَالْإِحْسَانِ وَإِيتَايِ ذِي الْقُرْبَى وَيَنْهَى
عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَالْبَغْيِ يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ ﴿٩٠﴾



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