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# *HOW DO WE CELEBRATE SHAWWAAL?*

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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*.

On this very noble day, I will be expounding on a *khutbah* titled



***HOW DO WE  
CELEBRATE  
SHAWWAAL?***

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 1<sup>st</sup> 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  
1<sup>st</sup> 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*.

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'arif*.

***“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:

*“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:

***“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.”***



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  
Shawaaal 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’:

***“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 Shawwaaal. 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.

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  
*radiyAllaahu ‘anh,*  
Rasulullah ﷺ said:

***“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.

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.


***“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)***




**THE SECOND  
KHUTBAH**




**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.**



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