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I humbly implore all of us to strive in increasing our taqwa of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala by fulfilling all of His Commands and

abstaining from all of His prohibitions. May we all be bestowed with happiness and success in this world and the Hereafter.

On this noble day, I will be discussing upon a.



We are currently in a very noble month. The month of Dhul Hijjah in which it was legislated upon the Muslims to perform the 'ibaadah (act of worship) of hajj and qurbaani (sacrifice). In addition,

the Muslims are enjoined to fill this month with various acts of *sunnah*.

The 'ibaadah of hajj is the fifth pillar of Islam. Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala has obligated hajj upon

those having the ability to perform interpretation of the meaning of verse 97 of soorah Aal 'Imraan that was recited earlier in the khutbah is:

"And [due] to Allah from the people is a pilgrimage to the House - for whoever is able to find thereto a way. But whoever disbelieves then indeed, Allah is free from need of the worlds."

The Muslims that are performing the 'ibaadah of hajj can expiate their sins, hence cleansing their souls from the filth of disobedience. They are akin to the newborn baby, purified from all

sorts of sins and disobedience.

In the *hadeeth* of Abu Hurayrah *radiyAllaahu* 'anh, Rasulullah said:

"Whoever performs hajj to this House and does not approach his wife for sexual relations nor commits sins, he will come out as sinless as a newborn child."

(al-Bukhaari)

The Muslims performing the 'ibaadah of hajj would express their devotion through humility unto Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala by rejecting all forms of adornment and comfort while in the state

of ihraam (sacred state for pilgrimage). They would express gratitude upon all of the favors that Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala had bestowed upon them, namely the bounty of good health

and wealth. Their only hope is none other than to attain hajj mabroor (accepted), for its reward is paradise.

In the *hadeeth* of Abu
Hurayrah *radiyAllaahu*'anh, Rasulullah said:

"An 'umrah is an expiation for sins committed between it and the next, but hajj that is accepted will receive no less a reward than paradise."

(al-Bukhaari)

For the Muslims that have yet to be "called up" to perform hajj, let altogether us supplicate and instill the determination within ourselves to

sacrifice a bit from our own wealth so that we can also be with duyoof ar-Rahmaan (guests of The Most Merciful) in the years to come.

إن شاء الله

It is also in this month that Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala had legislated the 'ibaadah of qurbaani (or udhiyah). Surely every year we will remember upon the story of sacrifice undertaken by

Prophet Ibraaheem 'Alayhissalaam and also the story of Haabeel (Abel) and Qaabeel (Cain), the two sons of Prophet Adam 'Alayhissalaam, whom were commanded to

present their sacrifice. Haabeel, a shepherd, had presented his best sacrifice with a healthy ram, while Qaabeel, a farmer, was unwilling to present his best and offered some crops from

his Allah land. Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala accepted had Haabeel's sacrifice due to his sincerity. While, Qaabeel's sacrifice was rejected for he had

offered the worst from his wealth, unwillingly.

The story of Prophet Ibraaheem 'Alayhissalaam when he was all prepared to sacrifice his beloved son shows that qurbaani

is something that not only involves the sacrificial animal, but it entails the high value of a sacrifice that is solely for obedience and patience in fulfilling the command of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala.

The legislation of the 'ibaadah of qurbaani was recorded by Allah Subhaanahu Ta'aala in al-Qur'an through verse 34 of soorah al-Hajj:

"And for all religion We have appointed a rite [of sacrifice] that they may mention the name of Allah over what He has provided for them of [sacrificial] animals."

Qurbaani is an 'ibaadah that can bring us closer to Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala. Therefore, in order to attain His Pleasure, we must perform the sacrifice with the niyyah (intention) that

is ikhlaas (sincere) purely for Allah Subhaanahu Ta'aala, not merely just to slaughter a livestock animal and distribute its meat.

Allah Subhaanahu Ta'aala mentions in verse 37 of soorah al-Hajj: "Their meat will not reach Allah, nor will

their blood, but what reaches Him is piety from you."

The command sacrifice is truly a great matter for it is to sacrifice something that is very dear for those whom can afford to do **SO.** 

It was narrated from Hurayrah Abu radiyAllaahu ʻanh that Rasulullah said:

"Whoever can afford it, but does not offer a sacrifice, let him not come near our place of prayer."

(at-Tabaraani and Ahmad)

According to Shaafi'i scholars, the 'ibaadah of qurbaani is sunnah mu'akkadah (confirmed sunnah) upon those that can afford it, and sunnah kifaayah upon the whole family. Its slaughtering

begins after the 'Eid al-Adha prayer and its two khutbah on the 10th of Dhul Hijjah, up until before sunset on the 13th of Dhul Hijjah. It is sunnah to take a little bit from the slaughtered

meat, and the remaining given as sadaqah (charity) to the fugaraa' (poor), masaakeen (needy), relatives, and friends. The purpose is to strengthen ukhuwwah Islaamiyyah (Islamic brotherhood).

Hence, let us seize this opportunity to perform qurbaani, which is a deed that is beloved to Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala.

In the hadeeth of Sayyidatina 'A'ishah radiyAllaahu 'anha, Rasulullah said:

"A human does no action from the actions on the day of Nahr more beloved to Allah than spilling blood (of sacrificial animals). On the Day of Judgment, it will appear with its horns, and hair, and hooves, and

indeed the blood will be accepted by Allah from where it is received before it even falls upon earth, so let your heart delight in it."

(at-Tirmidhi)

In this noble month, the Muslim ummah is recommended to fast on the day of 'Arafah, which is the 9th of Dhul Hijjah, for those that are not performing the 'ibaadah of hajj, and also fast on

the eight days prior to it. The day of 'Arafah is the best of days for there is no day in which Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala sets free more souls from the Hellfire than on the day of 'Arafah.

The recommendation to perform supererogatory fasting on that day is mentioned in the hadeeth of Abu Qataadah al-Ansaari radiyAllaahu 'anh, where Rasulullah was asked regarding

fasting on the day of 'Arafah. He replied:

"It expiates the sins of the preceding year and the coming year."

(Muslim)

In addition, the Muslims are encouraged to frequently engage in making dhikr (remembrance of Allah), tahmeed, tahleel, and tasbeeh on the day of 'Eid al-Adha and the days

of Tashreeq (11th 13th Dhul Hijjah), for all of the deeds performed are purely to attain the of pleasure Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala.

To end this khutbah, let us altogether reflect and derive lessons as in the following:

1. The Muslim ummah must have certainty that the 'ibaadah of qurbaani is for attaining nearness to Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala, in increasing sabr (patience) and obedience to Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala.

2. The Muslim ummah must revive and manifest the true meaning of sacrifice as demonstrated by Prophet Ibraaheem 'Alayhissalaam and Ismaa'eel Prophet 'Alayhissalaam.

3. The Muslim ummah must have ikhlaas in performing sacrifice to Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala, so as to attain His Pleasure.

"And of the people is he who sells himself, seeking means to the approval of Allah. And Allah is kind to [His] servants."

(al-Baqarah 2:207)

## 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 our state from calamity and disaster.

## O Allah! You are our One and Only Savior, we humbly beg You to save Masjid al-Aqsa 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, embezzlement, and power abuse. 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.

