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THE MERITS OF SHA'BAAN: PREPARATION FOR RAMADAAN

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

I humbly implore all of
us to altogether strive
in increasing our *taqwa*
of Allah *Subhaanahu*
Wa Ta'aala by
performing all of

**His Commands and
leaving out all of His
prohibitions. May we
all be bestowed with
happiness and
success in this world
and the Hereafter.**

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On this noble day, I will expound upon a *khutbah* titled...



***THE MERITS OF
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RAMADAAN***

We are truly grateful to Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* who has blessed us to be in the month of Sha'baan, truly a great month in Islam. This month is often neglected in its virtue by many

Muslims, while it has its own special privilege. Rasulullah ﷺ strongly encouraged us to increase in our *'ibaadah* (worship) in this month, as spiritual preparation for the coming of Ramadaan.

In the *hadeeth* of Usaamah bin Zayd *radiyAllaahu ‘anh*, he said to Rasulullah ﷺ :

“O Messenger of Allah, I do not see you fasting any month as much as Sha‘baan.”

Then Rasulullah

صلى الله
عليه وسلم

answered:

“That is a month to which people do not pay much attention, between Rajab and Ramadaan. It is a

***month in which the
deeds are taken up to
the Lord of the
worlds, and I like that
my deeds be taken up
when I am fasting.”***

(an-Nasaa'i)

The merits of performing righteous deeds in the month of Sha'baan very much coincides with what Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 10 of Soorah Faatir that was recited during

the early part of the
khutbah:

***“Whoever desires
honor [through
power] - then to Allah
belongs all honor. To
Him ascends good***

***speech, and
righteous work raises
it. But they who plot
evil deeds will have a
severe punishment,
and the plotting of
those - it will perish.”***

This verse clarifies that true glory belongs to Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* Alone, and whoever desires to have such honor must seek it through obedience unto Him. Honor is not upon

one's rank, wealth, or worldly stature, but is due to *imaan* (faith) and righteous deeds that are performed with full devotion.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* has stated that every good word that affirms *imaan* and *Tawheed* (Oneness of Allah), along with righteous deeds will be raised up to Him.

**This indicates that every
act of *'ibaadah*
performed with sincere
intention will not be
rendered in vain, but
instead it will be
accepted and rewarded**

by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala.*

In the context of the month of Sha'baan, there are opinions stating that this month has its own merit because the annual

record of deeds will be raised up by the angels to Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. Therefore, it is the best time to increase in righteous deeds such as *salaah*,

supererogatory fasting, giving charity, reciting al-Qur'an, and engaging in *dhikr* (remembrance of Allah), so that they will be raised in a lofty status.

On the other hand, those that have plotted evil and neglected the opportunity to intensify their *'ibaadah*, Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* has reminded them with severe torment that

**awaits them. All evil
plotted and carried out
will not bring about any
benefit and will instead
result in destruction in
this world and the
Hereafter.**

Sha'baan is a phase for preparation that is only befitting for us to benefit from prior to the arrival of Ramadaan that is very much awaited. It provides the very opportunity for every Muslim individual to

train the self in rectifying
and intensifying acts of
'ibaadah, as well as
strengthening the spiritual
discipline so that one can
enter the month of
Ramadaan with a cleansed
heart and fortified soul.

Narrated Abu Salamah that 'A'ishah *radiyAllaahu 'anha* mentioned to him that:

“The Prophet (ﷺ) never fasted in any month more than in the month of Sha‘baan. (It appeared as if) he

observed fast throughout the whole of Sha'baan except a few (days). He used to say, "Do those deeds which you can do easily, as Allah will not get tired (of giving rewards) till you get

bored and tired (of performing religious deeds).” The most beloved prayer to the Prophet (ﷺ) was the one that was done regularly (throughout

*the life) even if it
were little. And
whenever the
Prophet (ﷺ) offered a
prayer he used to
offer it regularly.”*

(al-Bukhaari and Muslim)

This *hadeeth* teaches us upon the importance of taking a moderate and realistic approach in *'ibaadah*, so that we will not quickly become exhausted or

disinterested. Verily,
deeds that are done
little but with
istiqamah
(steadfastness) are
more precious in the
sight of Allah

Subhaanahu *Wa*
Ta'aala as compared
to deeds that are
done in tremendous
amount but only
occasionally.

Indeed, this month also provides us the avenue and opportunity to rectify our relationship with fellow humans, purifying our hearts from *hasad* (envy),

enmity, and other
mazhmoomah
(blameworthy) traits
that can obstruct
forgiveness from Allah
Subhaanahu Wa
Ta'aala.

It was narrated from
Abu Moosa al-Ash'ari
radiyAllaahu 'anh
that Rasulullah صلى الله
عليه وسلم
said:

“Allah looks down on the night of the middle of Sha‘baan and forgives all His creations, except for the polytheist and one who is hostile.”

(ibn Maajah)

From on this *hadeeth*, it is undeniable that the night of *nisf* Sha'baan (mid-Sha'baan) has its own virtues, where there is forgiveness and acceptance that are specific for those that

sought forgiveness and
supplicate to Him.
Because of that, al-
Imaam ash-Shaafi'i
Rahimahullaah stated
in his famous work *al-
Umm:*

“The supplications are answered on five nights: the night of Friday, The night of al-Adha, the night of al-Fitr, the first night of Rajab and the night of the middle of Sha‘baan.”

Ibn Rajab *Rahimahullaah*
also mentioned in this
book *Lataa'if al-Ma'aarif*
regarding the night of
nisf Sha'baan, where
during the time of the
Taabi'een, the people of
ash-Shaam such as

Khaalid bin Ma'daan, Mak-
hool, Luqmaan bin 'Aamir,
and few other Taabi'een,
they would honor it (that
night), and they would
diligently strive in
performing *'ibaadah*
during that night.”

Islam did not place specific deeds or practices that can be attributed to Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم as the *sunnah* to be performed in the night of *nisf* Sha'baan, but at the same time, we should

seize this opportunity
with the virtues of that
night by indulging in as
many good deeds as
possible whether with
the recitation of al-
Qur'an, supererogatory
prayers, making *dhikr*,

and other deeds in
general.

Remember, verily the
forgiveness of Allah
Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala is
vast, and He always leave
the door of forgiveness

wide open for His
servants that truly repent
and sincerely intends to
improve themselves. Let
us altogether benefit
from the month of
Sha'baan in the best
manner, for us to renew

our relationship with
Allah *Subhaanahu Wa
Ta'aala* and strengthen
the *ukhuwwah*
(brotherhood) among
fellow humans, so that
we will always remain in
His Pleasure, attaining

barakah (blessings) in our lives and forgiveness for our past sins.

Let us not remain heedless and allow Sha'baan to pass by just like that without taking

advantage of it. Deem it
as the *madrasah* of
preparation before
stepping into
Ramadaan, so that our
'ibaadah becomes
complete, the heart
becomes engulfed with

khushoo‘ (humility), and
attains *taqwa*.

To end the *khutbah* today,
let us derive several
lessons as guidance in
our daily lives:

1. The Muslim *ummah* must increase in righteous deeds in Sha'baan such as the *sunnah* fasting, Qur'anic recitation, and making *dhikr*,

so that the deeds
raised to Allah
Subhaanahu *Wa*
Ta'aala will be in the
best status.

2. The Muslim *ummah* must always preserve its relationship by seeking forgiveness from Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*, in addition to

fulfilling the rights of
fellow human beings,
and resolving
disputes so as to
attain *barakah* in life.


3. The Muslim *ummah* must always strive to increase and revive acts of *sunnah*, and also intensify the quality of *'ibaadah* in the noble months by emulating Rasulullah ﷺ.

“But whoever desires the Hereafter and exerts the effort due to it while he is a believer - it is those whose effort is ever appreciated [by Allah].”


(Soorah al-Israa' 17:19)




**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
the Muslims and 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, 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.**



**O Allah! Strengthen the
'aqeedah of the Muslims in
this state, *'aqeedah* that is
upon the creed of *Ahl as-
Sunnah wal-Jamaa'ah*,
which is upon the path of**



Prophet Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم
and his Companions
radiyAllaahu ‘anhum, and
spare us from all of the *fitan*
that can harm the union and
unity of the Muslim *ummah.*



**ILUSTRASI INI
DISEDIAKAN OLEH**

**unit khutbah
bahagian pengurusan masjid**