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## "THE LAST TEN OF RAMADAAN: HUNTING FOR LAYLAT AL-QADR"

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ : إِنَّا أَنْزَلْنَاهُ فِي لَيْلَةٍ مُبَارَكَةٍ إِنَّا كُنَّا مُنذِرِينَ ﴿٣﴾

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أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ 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 تَقَاتِهِ وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ ﴿١٢٢﴾<sup>2</sup>

Dear blessed Muslims,

I humbly implore 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. May we all be bestowed with blissfulness and salvation in this world and the Hereafter. Respected audience

<sup>1</sup> Ad-Dukhaan 44:3

<sup>2</sup> Aal 'Imraan 3:102.

is reminded to not fiddle with the cellular phone while the sermon is being delivered.

On this blessed day, I will expound on a *khutbah* titled **"THE LAST TEN OF RAMADAAN: HUNTING FOR LAYLAT AL-QADR."**

**Beloved Friday audience,**

*Laylat al-Qadr* or the Night of *al-Qadr* (Decree or Power) is a night that is highly anticipated by the believers. This is because *Laylat al-Qadr* is a night that is blessed by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. The name *Laylat al-Qadr* refers to the night when the entire Qur'an was revealed at once to *Bayt al-Izzah* in the lowest heaven. This great event coincides with what Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in the third verse of Soorah ad-Dukhaan, which was recited during the beginning part of the *khutbah*:

**"Indeed, We sent it down during a blessed night. Indeed, We were to warn [mankind]."**

Similarly when Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentioned in the first verse of Soorah al-Qadr:

إِنَّا أَنْزَلْنَاهُ فِي لَيْلَةِ الْقَدْرِ ﴿١﴾

**"Indeed, We sent the Qur'an down during the Night of Decree."**

**Dear beloved audience,**

That was the event of *Nuzul al-Qur'an* (Descent of al-Qur'an) and its related matters, known as *Laylat al-Qadr*. However, regarding *Laylat al-Qadr* which is a night that is greater than a thousand months, its time and date are

kept secret by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* reserved the rights to bestow the rewards of *Laylat al-Qadr* upon His chosen slaves. However, this does not mean that we can just remain laxed in this regard. The scholars have stated that the *hikmah* (wisdom) of *Laylat al-Qadr* being kept hidden is so that the Muslim *ummah* will always remain engaging in *'ibaadah* (worship) and *mujaahadah* (striving) at all times, not only focusing on certain nights.

The nobility and virtues of *Laylat al-Qadr* are not only due to it being the night that al-Qur'an was revealed. Moreover, the virtues of *Laylat al-Qadr* upon the *ummah* of Prophet Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم was recorded in verses 3 to 5 of Soorah al-Qadr:

لَيْلَةُ الْقَدْرِ خَيْرٌ مِّنْ أَلْفِ شَهْرٍ ﴿٣﴾ تَنَزَّلُ الْمَلَائِكَةُ وَالرُّوحُ فِيهَا  
بِإِذْنِ رَبِّهِمْ مِّنْ كُلِّ أَمْرٍ ﴿٤﴾ سَلَامٌ هِيَ حَتَّىٰ مَطْلَعِ الْفَجْرِ ﴿٥﴾

***"The Night of Decree is better than a thousand months. The angels and the Spirit descend therein by permission of their Lord for every matter. Peace it is until the emergence of dawn."***

Among the virtues of *Laylat al-Qadr* stated is that it is a night that is greater than a thousand months. Imaam Mujaahid stated that all deeds, fasting, and *'ibaadah* performed during *Laylat al-Qadr* is greater than *'ibaadah* performed in a thousand months. Hence, the *'ibaadah* that we perform in *Laylat al-Qadr* surpasses the *'ibaadah* of previous *ummah*.

Even though our lifespan is shorter compared to the previous nations, with one night of *'ibaadah* that we indulge during *Laylat al-Qadr*, its end result is equivalent to the *'ibaadah* performed in 1000 months, which is 83 years and 3 months. Just imagine if we are rewarded with the opportunity to experience *Laylat al-Qadr* this year, also in the previous and coming years, how many years of rewards in *'ibaadah* are we able to garner? Truly, this is a great blessing from Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.

During *Laylat al-Qadr*, the angels will descend to the world bringing with them *barakah* (blessings) and *rahmah* (mercy) from Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. Not only that, but the angels will also supplicate for the wellbeing of those engaging in *tahajjud* prayer and *'ibaadah* during that night until the time of *fajr*.

### **Beloved audience,**

I sincerely invite fellow audience to altogether intensify our effort and quality of *'ibaadah* in the month of Ramadaan, specifically during the last ten nights. Let us follow the example of Rasulullah ﷺ who was truly diligent in the last ten nights of Ramadaan.

In the *hadeeth* of 'A'ishah *radiyAllaahu 'anha*, she reported:

**"Rasulullah ﷺ used to exert himself in devotion during the last ten nights to a greater extent than at any other time."**

(Muslim)

Take note! Whoever engages in *'ibaadah* on *Laylat al-Qadr*, then all of his or her sins will be forgiven by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.

In the *hadeeth* of Abu Hurayrah *radiyAllaahu 'anh*, Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم said:

مَنْ يَقُمْ لَيْلَةَ الْقَدْرِ إِيمَانًا وَاحْتِسَابًا غُفِرَ لَهُ مَا تَقَدَّمَ  
مِنْ ذَنْبِهِ

**“Whoever established prayers on the night of Qadr out of sincere faith and hoping for a reward from Allah, then all his previous sins will be forgiven.”**

(al-Bukhaari)

Among the main *'ibaadah* that we can intensify in the last 10 nights of Ramadaan are praying the *'Ishaa'* and *Fajr* prayer in *jamaa'ah* (congregation).

In the *hadeeth* narrated by 'Uthmaan ibn 'Affaan *radiyAllaahu 'anh*, Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم said:

**“Whoever prays *'Ishaa'* in congregation, it is as if he spent half the night in prayer, and whoever prays *Fajr* in congregation, it is as if he spent the entire night in prayer.”**

(Muslim)

From among the *'ibaadah* enjoined for the 10 last nights of Ramadaan is *i'tikaf* in the masjid. *I'tikaf* is made optional at any time, but it is most preferred to be done in the last 10 nights of Ramadaan, in attaining the blessings of *Laylat al-Qadr*. While in the state of *i'tikaf*, the worshipper is reminded to always safeguard his *adab* such as maintaining the cleanliness of the masjid, increase in the supererogatory *'ibaadah*, always reciting al-Qur'an, and other righteous deeds.

To the masjid administrator and committee, open the doors of the masjid as wide as possible in Ramadaan. Welcome and celebrate the worshippers that intend to perform *i'tikaf* and *'ibaadah* in the masjid.

Aside from that, let us intensify our participation in the *taraweeh* and *witr* prayers in congregation, beginning and ending with the imaam. This is because performing these two *sunnah* prayer in *jamaa'ah* is highly encouraged to be done in Ramadaan.

We are also encouraged to increase in supplicating in the nights of Ramadaan, especially in the last ten nights. The *du'aa* (supplication) that is highly recommended is:

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّكَ عَفُوفٌ تُحِبُّ الْعَفْوَ فَاعْفُ عَنِّي

**“O Allah, You are the Pardoner and You love to pardon, so pardon me.”**

With the remaining days of Ramadaan, fellow Muslims are reminded to fulfill the obligation of *zakaat al-fitr*. Based on the fatwa issued by the state of Selangor that was gazetted on the 21<sup>st</sup> of February 2025, the rate for *zakaat al-fitr* for the year 1446H/2025CE is determined at RM7.00 for each Muslim individual who is obligated to pay *zakaat al-fitr* in Selangor. However, for other Muslims having the financial capability, they are encouraged to fulfill *zakaat al-fitr* according to the type of rice that they consume with the rate that has been determined.

Once more, I would like to remind fellow audience to truly benefit from the remaining days in the last ten days of Ramadaan, in striving to increase

the quality of our *'ibaadah*. Let us indulge in *'ibaadah* according to our level best with full *ikhlaas* (sincerity) and earnestness. *Insha Allah*, every Muslim has equal chance to gain the *barakah* of *Laylat al-Qadr* through deeds performed with *ikhlaas* and pure intention.

### Dear blessed Friday congregation,

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

1. It behooves the Muslim *ummah* to diligently strive in seeking and reaping the blessings of *Laylat al-Qadr* by increasing *'ibaadah* unto Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.
2. The Muslim *ummah* should spend its time in Ramadaan, especially in the last ten nights with *i'tikaf* in the masjid, standing for the night prayer, reciting al-Qur'an, engaging in *dhikr* (remembrance of Allah), supplicating, and perform other charitable deeds according to one's ability.
3. The Muslim *ummah* must realize and appreciate the glory of *Laylat al-Qadr* wholeheartedly, so that it will stimulate high spirit and determination in reaping the blessings of the night that is full of mercy.

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ  
مَنْ عَمِلَ صَالِحًا مِّنْ ذَكَرٍ أَوْ أُنْثَىٰ وَهُوَ مُؤْمِنٌ فَلَنُحْيِيَنَّهٗ حَيٰوةً  
طَيِّبَةً وَلَنَجْزِيَنَّهُمْ أَجْرَهُمْ بِأَحْسَنِ مَا كَانُوا يَعْمَلُونَ ﴿١٧﴾



**“Whoever does righteousness, whether male or female, while he is a believer - We will surely cause him to live a good life, and We will surely give them their reward [in the Hereafter] according to the best of what they used to do.”**

(Soorah an-Nahl 16:97)

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ  
مِنَ الْآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ وَتَقَبَّلَ 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  
وَيَا قَاضِيَ الْحَاجَاتِ.

اللَّهُمَّ أَصْلِحْ أَيْمَةَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَوُلَاةَ أُمُورِهِمْ وَجَمِيعَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ  
اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ وَنَتَوَسَّلُ إِلَيْكَ بِنَبِيِّكَ الْأَمِينِ، وَنَسْأَلُكَ  
بِأَسْمَائِكَ الْحُسْنَى، وَصِفَاتِكَ الْعُظْمَى، أَنْ تَحْفَظَ بَعَيْنِ  
عِنَايَتِكَ الرَّبَّانِيَّةَ، وَبِحِفْظِ وَقَايَتِكَ الصِّمْدَانِيَّةَ، جَلَالَةَ مَلِكِنَا  
الْمُعْظَمِ، سُلْطَانَ سَلَاطُونِ، سُلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ اأَدْرِيسِ شَاهِ  
الْحَاجِّ ابْنِ الْمَرْحُومِ سُلْطَانَ صَلَاحِ الدِّينِ عَبْدِ الْعَزِيزِ شَاهِ  
الْحَاجِّ. اللَّهُمَّ أَدِمِ الْعُونَ وَالْهَدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ  
وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْكَ، لَوْلِيِّ عَهْدِ سَلَاطُونِ، تَعَكُّوْ أَمِيرِ شَاهِ ابْنِ  
السُّلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ اأَدْرِيسِ شَاهِ الْحَاجِّ، فِي أَمْنٍ وَصَلَاحٍ  
وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنْكَ وَكَرَمِكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ. اللَّهُمَّ أَطْلُ  
عُمْرَهُمَا مُصْلِحِينَ لِلْمُوظَّفِينَ 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 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 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 *masajid* 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 ﷺ and his Companions *radiyAllaahu 'anhum*, and spare us from all of the *fitan* that can harm the union and unity of the Muslim *ummah*.

رَبَّنَا هَبْ لَنَا مِنْ أَزْوَاجِنَا وَذُرِّيَّتِنَا قُرَّةَ أَعْيُنٍ وَاجْعَلْنَا لِلْمُتَّقِينَ إِمَامًا ﴿٧٤﴾  
رَبَّنَا آتِنَا فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِي الْآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ ﴿٢٠١﴾  
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 يُعْطِيكُمْ وَلَذِكْرُ اللَّهِ أَكْبَرُ وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا  
تَصْنَعُونَ.