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## “EVALUATING OUR ‘EID AL-FITR”

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ : فَأَقِمَّ وَجْهَكَ لِلدِّينِ حَنِيفًا فِطْرَتَ اللَّهِ الَّتِي فَطَرَ  
النَّاسَ عَلَيْهَا لَا تَبْدِيلَ لِخَلْقِ اللَّهِ ذَلِكَ الدِّينُ الْقَيِّمُ وَلَكِنَّ أَكْثَرَ  
النَّاسِ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٣٠﴾<sup>1</sup>

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 تُقَاتِهِ وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ  
إِلَّا وَأَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ ﴿١٠٢﴾<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 abandoning His prohibited matters. May we all be bestowed with

<sup>1</sup> al-‘Ankaboot 29:69

<sup>2</sup> Aal ‘Imraan 3:102.

happiness and success in this world and the Hereafter. Respected congregation is reminded to not use the cellular phone while the *khutbah* is being delivered.

On this glorious day, I will discuss upon a *khutbah* titled **"EVALUATING OUR 'EID AL-FITR."**

**Dear blessed audience,**

With the arrival of Shawwaal and the departure of Ramadaan, it should serve as the transitional phase for us to become better servants of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* and not just passing time without positive changes in behavior and righteous deeds.

If the month of Ramadaan was a trial for us in restraining the lustful desire along with hunger and thirst, then the month of Shawaal in reality is also a test for us, whether we are able to remain *istiqaamah* (steadfast) as servants of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* that are righteous or the contrary.

If Ramadaan was a process for us to attain the objective in becoming servants of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* possessing *taqwa*, as mentioned in verse 183 of Soorah al-Baqarah:

لَعَلَّكُمْ تَتَّقُونَ

**"That you may become righteous."**

Then, Shawwaal is the time to evaluate the harvests of our efforts, did we truly become righteous servants of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* or the opposite.

## Blessed Friday congregation,

*'Eid al-Fitr* is not merely a day where the Muslim *ummah* returns to enjoy eating and drinking after one month of fasting. Moreover, it symbolizes the return of the slave to Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* in a state of purity, having attained His forgiveness and *rahmah* (mercy).

As in the *hadeeth* of Abu Hurayrah *radiyAllaahu 'anh*, where Rasulullah ﷺ said:

***"Whoever fasts in the month of Ramadaan out of sincere faith, and hoping for a reward from Allah, then all his previous sins will be forgiven."***

*(al-Bukhaari and Muslim)*

The state of being purified from having sins almost equals to *fitrah* (natural disposition) that is pure and upright. Hence, the month of Shawwaal should serve as the arena for us to preserve this *fitrah* by continuing to have *istiqamah*, firmly cling upon authentic teachings of Islam, and avoiding despicable matters that can cause us to slip into the valley of sins and disobedience.

Such was the command to Rasulullah ﷺ, as mentioned in verse 30 of Soorah ar-Room that was recited during the early part of the *khutbah*:

***"So direct your face toward the religion, inclining to truth. [Adhere to] the fitrah of Allah upon which He has created [all] people. No change should there be in the creation of Allah. That is the correct religion, but most of the people do not know."***

This verse clearly states that the religion of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* is *fitrah* that is naturally innate within every soul since its creation. Therefore, this *fitrah* is to be preserved in the best manner so that it remains steadfast in the state of Truth.

This verse is also closely related to the covenant with every human being in the realm of *rooh* (spirit) before Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*, as mentioned in verse 172 of Soorah al-A'raaf:

وَإِذْ أَخَذَ رَبُّكَ مِنْ بَنِي آدَمَ مِنْ ظُهُورِهِمْ ذُرِّيَّتَهُمْ وَأَشْهَدَهُمْ عَلَى  
أَنْفُسِهِمْ أَلَسْتُ بِرَبِّكُمْ قَالُوا بَلَى شَهِدْنَا أَنْ تَقُولُوا يَوْمَ الْقِيَمَةِ إِنَّا كُنَّا  
عَنْ هَذَا غَافِلِينَ ﴿١٧٢﴾

***“And [mention] when your Lord took from the children of Adam - from their loins - their descendants and made them testify of themselves, [saying to them], “Am I not your Lord?” They said, “Yes, we have testified.” [This] - lest you should say on the day of Resurrection, “Indeed, we were of this unaware.””***

However, this world is a testing ground where every human will endure various tribulations and challenges, especially the temptation of the *nafs* (desire), as well as Iblees and *shaytaan*'s deceptions. Remember, Iblees and *shaytaan* are mankind's main enemies who will never stop from trying to misguide and mislead humans from the path of Truth.

As mentioned in the *hadeeth* of 'Iyaad bin Himaar *radiyAllaahu 'anh* that Rasulullah ﷺ mentioned a *hadeeth qudsi* in his *khutbah*:

أَلَا إِنَّ رَبِّي أَمَرَنِي أَنْ أُعَلِّمَكُم مَّا جَهِلْتُمْ، مِمَّا عَلَّمَنِي يَوْمِي  
هَذَا: كُلُّ مَالٍ نَحَلْتُهُ عَبْدًا حَلَالٌ، وَإِنِّي خَلَقْتُ عِبَادِي حُنَفَاءَ  
كُلِّهِمْ، وَإِنَّهُمْ أَتَتْهُمْ الشَّيَاطِينُ فَاجْتَالَتْهُمْ عَنْ دِينِهِمْ، وَحَرَّمْتُ  
عَلَيْهِمْ مَا أَحَلَلْتُ لَهُمْ، وَأَمَرْتُهُمْ أَنْ يُشْرِكُوا بِي مَا لَمْ أُنْزِلْ بِهِ  
سُلْطَانًا

***“Behold, my Lord commanded me that I should teach you which you do not know and which He has taught me today. (He has instructed thus): The property which I have conferred upon them is lawful for them. I have created My servants as one having a natural inclination to the worship of Allah, but it is Satan who turns them away from the right religion and he makes unlawful what has been declared lawful for them and he commands them to ascribe partnership with Me, although he has no justification for that.”***

*(Muslim)*

In essence, the struggle against the *nafs* and *shaytaan*’s deceptions do not end even after the departure of Ramadaan. On the contrary, it is a continuous process that necessitates *imaan* (faith), *taqwa*, and *sabr* (patience) throughout one’s entire life journey. Therefore, do not even once succumb to *shaytaan*’s temptation, for it will only lead to great losses and regrets that are endless.

**Esteemed Friday congregants,**

Despite the blissfulness in celebrating Shawwaal, let us not forget that we had only recently graduated from Ramadaan madrasah, a month that teaches penitence and full submission to the will of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. Hence, keep this momentum running by solidifying righteous deeds such as praying in congregation, attending the masjid and *surau*, giving *sadaqah* (charity), reciting al-Qur'an, and other deeds so that the spirit of Ramadaan will continue to live within us.

Let us turn the masjid into our second home, where every Muslim is entitled to attend the masjid without any restriction or obstacles. Welcome those in attendance with openness and affection, not with insults or judgments belittling others. Masjid committee members and administrators play a crucial role in creating a friendly and inclusive atmosphere within the masjid. They should never look down upon those that seldom comes to the masjid but should instead encourage and attract more locals to frequent the masjid.

Fill the month of Shawwaal with continuous righteous deeds, beginning with the six days of supererogatory fasting. This fasting is highly encouraged by Rasulullah ﷺ where he ﷺ actually mentioned its virtues being equivalent to fasting the entire year.

In the narration of Abu Ayyoob al-Ansaari *radiyAllaahu 'anh*, Rasulullah ﷺ said:

"مَنْ صَامَ رَمَضَانَ، ثُمَّ أَتْبَعَهُ سِتًّا مِنْ شَوَّالٍ، كَانَ كَصِيَامِ الدَّهْرِ".

***“Whoever fasts during the month of Ramadaan and then follows it with six days of Shawwaal will be (rewarded) as if he had fasted the entire year.”***

*(Muslim)*

Aside from the six days of fasting, Islam also encourages activities that strengthens the *silaaturrahm* (ties of kinship) and *ukhuwwah* (brotherhood) through visitations, forgiving one another, giving charity, and feeding others. These deeds not only strengthen the relationship among fellow human being, but it serves as proof for the beauty of Islamic *akhlaaq* (character) that emphasizes on love and brotherhood.

Therefore, let us benefit the month of Shawwaal as an avenue in continuing to further strengthen our relationship with Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta’aala* and mend our relations with fellow humans, so that the *barakah* (blessings) of Ramadaan continues to leave a mark in our lives.

**Dear blessed audience,**

To end the *khutbah* on this glorious day, let us derive several lessons as guidance in our daily affairs:

1. The Muslim *ummah* must instill self-*muhaasabah* as a continuous practice in life, specifically after completing a particular *‘ibaadah*.
2. The Muslim *ummah* must always remember and protect the covenant with Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta’aala*, which is to firmly cling upon His Religion throughout our lives in this world.
3. The Muslim *ummah* must comprehend that *‘Eid al-Fitr* is not a time return to our old unfavorable behaviors, but it is a time and symbol for the



return of a Muslim to the pure *fitrah*, by continuing to remain *istiqamaah* in good deeds and avoiding disobedience.

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ  
وَهُوَ الَّذِي يَقْبَلُ التَّوْبَةَ عَنْ عِبَادِهِ وَيَعْفُو عَنِ السَّيِّئَاتِ  
وَيَعْلَمُ مَا تَفْعَلُونَ ﴿١٥﴾

***"And it is He who accepts repentance from his servants and pardons misdeeds, and He knows what you do."***

*(Soorah ash-Shoora 42:25)*

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 بَعِينَ

عَنَّايَتِكَ الرَّبَّانِيَّةِ، وَبِحِفْظِ وَقَايَتِكَ الصَّمَدَانِيَّةِ، جَلَالَةَ مَلِكِنَا  
الْمُعَظَّمِ، سُلْطَانَ سَلَاطُور، سُلْطَانَ شَرْفِ الدِّينِ اَدْرِيسِ شَاهِ  
الْحَاجِ ابْنِ الْمَرْحُومِ سُلْطَانَ صَلَاحِ الدِّينِ عَبْدِ الْعَزِيزِ شَاهِ  
الْحَاجِ. اَللّٰهُمَّ اَدِمِ الْعَوْنَ وَالْهِدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ  
وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْكَ، لَوْلِيَّ عَهْدِ سَلَاطُور، تَعَكُّوْا اَمِيرَ شَاهِ ابْنِ  
السُّلْطَانَ شَرْفِ الدِّينِ اَدْرِيسِ شَاهِ الْحَاجِ، فِي اَمْنٍ وَصَلَاحٍ  
وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنْنِكَ وَكَرَمِكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْاِكْرَامِ. اَللّٰهُمَّ اَطْلُ  
عُمْرَهُمَا مُصْلِحَيْنِ لِلْمَوْظَفَيْنِ وَالرَّعِيَّةِ وَالْبِلَادِ، وَبَلِّغْ  
مَقَاصِدَهُمَا لِطَرِيقِ الْهُدَى وَالرَّشَادِ.

O Allah! The Most Merciful! We beseech Your forgiveness and mercy for our brethren who have been victims in the recent Putra Heights gas pipeline blast. Bestow healing upon the injured victims, replace the damages and destructions to their properties with that which is better, open up their hearts in accepting Your trial with full patience and contentment, and make this afflicting calamity as a reminder and guidance for us all, in administering our lives according to the ways and guidance of Your *Sharee'ah*.

O Allah! At a time when the Muslim *ummah* is celebrating the victory in the month of Shawwaal with full gratitude and happiness, at a time when the Muslims are rejoicing in celebrating 'Eid with their relatives, friends and

colleagues, these affected individuals are gravely tested with a trial that was unexpected, something that neither we nor they would ever imagine, yet we have full certainty that everything happens by Your will and decree. Therefore, bestow forgiveness upon them, O Allah, for their patience in wading through this severe trial, which surely has its hidden wisdom and valuable lessons for us as Your slaves. O Allah, their adversity is also our adversity, their suffering is also our suffering, their pain is also pain for us, and their sorrow is also our sorrow.

O Allah! We plead for the safety and well-being of the frontline workers, who have tirelessly sacrificed their time and energy, abandoning their personal and family affairs, fulfilling the responsibilities entrusted to them, comforting and aiding the victims. Grant them manifold rewards for all the sacrifices and services rendered and facilitate their affairs in this world and the Hereafter.

اللَّهُمَّ اشْفِ الْمُسَابِينَ، وَارْفَعْ عَنْهُمْ الْبَأْسَ وَالضَّرَّ، وَعَافِهِمْ  
وَاعْفُ عَنْهُمْ. اللَّهُمَّ أَجِرْهُمْ فِي مُصِيبَتِهِمْ، وَأَخْلِفْ لَهُمْ خَيْرًا  
مِنْهَا.

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! Protect the Muslims and Masjid al-Aqsa in Palestine. Safeguard them from oppression and evil, and bestow upon them determination, courage, and victory.

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 وَإِيتَايَ ذِي الْقُرْبَى وَيَنْهَى عَنِ  
الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَالْبَغْيِ يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ ﴿٩٠﴾  
فَاذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ يَذْكُرْكُمْ وَاشْكُرُوهُ عَلَى نِعَمِهِ يَزِدْكُمْ،  
وَاسْأَلُوهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ يُعْطِكُمْ وَلَذِكْرُ اللَّهِ أَكْبَرُ وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا  
تَصْنَعُونَ.