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بني المرابع ا 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 happiness and success in this world and the Hereafter.

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On this glorious day, I will discuss upon a *khutbah*. titled...



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With the arrival of and the Shawwaal departure of Ramadaan, it should serve as the transitional phase for us better to become Allah servants of 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 istigaamah (steadfast) as servants of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala

that are righteous or the contrary.

lf Ramadaan was a process for us to attain the objective in becoming servants of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala

possessingtaqwa,asmentioned in verse183ofSoorah al-Baqarah:

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"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.

'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 istigaamah, firmly cling authentic upon 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 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:

"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, of this we were 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 'lyaad bin Himaar radiyAllaahu 'anh that Rasulullah mentioned a hadeeth qudsi in his khutbah:

"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.

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.

FillthemonthofShawwaalwithcontinuous

righteous deeds, beginning with the six days of supererogatory fasting. This fasting is highly encouraged by Rasulullah ﷺ where he صلالالله عليه و وسياسم actually mentioned its virtues being equivalent

to fasting the entire year.

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

"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 activities encourages that strengthens the silaaturrahm (ties of kindship) and ukhuwwah (brotherhood) through visitations, forgiving one

another, giving charity, and feeding others. These deeds not only the strengthen 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.

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

1. The Musllim ummah must instill selfmuhaasabah 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 istigamaah in good deeds and avoiding disobedience.

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

(Soorah ash-Shoora 42:25)



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,

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damages and replace the destructions their to properties with that which is better, open up their hearts in accepting Your trial with patience full 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, 0 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.

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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

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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.

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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,

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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,

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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, 'ageedah that is upon the creed of Ahl as-Sunnah wal-Jamaa'ah, which is upon the path of

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

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