



***PRACTICES AND
VIRTUES OF
SHA'BAAN***



بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

**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 all
matters He forbade.
May we all be bestowed
with blissfulness and
salvation in this world
and the Hereafter.**

On this noble day, I will discuss upon a *khutbah*.
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A photograph of a mosque interior. In the foreground, an open book with Arabic text lies on a patterned rug. The background shows a large, ornate archway (mihrab) with intricate carvings and calligraphy. The walls are decorated with circular patterns and more calligraphy. The lighting is warm and golden, creating a serene atmosphere.

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Alhamdulillah, we are
now in the month of
Sha'baan. A month that is
full of nobility and
blessings. A month that
has many virtues and
merits. The month that
Rasulullah ﷺ gave special

attention, whereby he ﷺ
would increase in
performing righteous
deeds, specifically in
sunnah (supererogatory)
fasting.

In one *hadeeth*, Usaamah bin Zayd *radiyAllaahu ‘anh* had asked Rasulullah ﷺ:

“O Messenger of Allah, I do not see you fasting any month as much as Sha‘baan.” He ﷺ ***said:***
“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)

Among the virtues of
Sha'baan is that there is
one night that is highly
anticipated by the Muslim
ummah, namely the night
of 'Nisf ash-Sha'baan'.
On that night, Allah
Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala

showers His *Rahmah*
(Mercy) and opens wide the
doors of forgiveness to His
servants.

In the *hadeeth* of Abu Moosa
al-Ash'ari *radiyAllaahu 'anh*,
Rasulullah ﷺ said:

***“Verily, Allah looks down
in middle night of
Sha‘baan and He
forgives all of His
creatures, except for an
idolater and one
carrying hostility.”***

(ibn Maajah)

**This prophetic narration
sheds a huge reminder
for us that the vast
forgiveness offered by
Allah *Subhaanahu Wa
Ta'aala* on the night of
Nisf ash-Sha'baan can be
obstructed due to two**

very dangerous deeds,
namely committing
shirk against Allah
Subhaanahu *Wa*
Ta'aala, as well as
revenge and enmity
among human beings.

Be aware, for as long as
our *'aqeedah* is not
purified from
dependence upon other
than Allah *Subhaanahu
Wa Ta'aala*, and for as
long the heart still
harbors hatred, envy, and

reluctance to forgive,
then the mercy and
forgiveness of Allah
Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala
can be shielded from us.
Hence, that glorious night
should be the very
avenue to purify

‘aqeedah and cleanse
the heart, so that we
will truly be deserving
of the forgiveness and
mercy of Allah
Subhaanahu Wa
Ta‘aala.

On the night of *Nisf ash-Sha'baan*, the Muslim *ummah* is recommended to revive that night by striving in *'ibaadah* (worship) and *munaajah* (intimate prayer) to Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.

Imaam ash-Shaafi'i
Rahimahullaah mentioned
in his book titled *al-Umm*
that *du'aa* (supplication)
is accepted on five nights,
namely Friday night, the
nights of 'Eid al-Adha and
'Eid al-Fitr, the first night

of Rajab, and the night of
Nisf ash-Sha'baan.

The superiority of this
night is also mentioned in
various *ahaadeeth* that
can be used as
encouragement for us to

perform righteous deeds.

In the *hadeeth* of
Sayyidatuna ‘A’ishah
radiyAllaahu ‘anha,
Rasulullah ﷺ said:

***“Indeed, Allah descends
on the night of the
middle of Sha‘baan to
the lowest heaven, and
He forgives more than
the numbers of hairs on
the sheep of Banu Kalb.”***

(ibn Maajah)

The *Qabeelah* (tribe) of Banu Kalb is among the Arabian tribes who were famous in having a very large number of sheep, thus depicting

the vastness and
abundance of
forgiveness from
*Allah Subhaanahu Wa
Ta'aala* on this very
honorable night.

Let us decorate the night
of *Nisf ash-Sha'baan* and
other nights with deeds
that would take us closer
to Allah *Subhaanahu Wa
Ta'aala* such as waking
up early to stand in
prayer through the

tahajjud and other
sunnah prayers,
increase in making
istighfaar seeking
forgiveness for all of our
sins, and frequently
beseech Allah
Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala

to bestow good and
blessings in our lives.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa
Ta'aala* mentions in
verse 79 of Soorah al-
Israa':

“And from [part of] the night, pray with it as additional [worship] for you; it is expected that your Lord will resurrect you to a praised station.”

Indeed, the night of *Nisf ash-Sha'baan* has its very own virtues. Even though there is no specific narration regarding specific deeds or practices for this night, we are still

encouraged to enliven
this night with any form
of righteous deeds that
can bring us closer to
Allah *Subhaanahu Wa*
Ta'aala. Reviving the
night of *Nisf ash-*
Sha'baan with righteous

deeds has been the
sunnah of the scholars of
the *Salaf* and even *Khalaf*.

ibn Rajab al-Hanbali
Rahimahullaah mentioned
in his book *Lataa'if al-*
Ma'aarif regarding the

night of *Nisf ash-Sha'baan*. In the early days, the *Taabi'een* (successors of the Companions) from among the people of Shaam (Levant) such as Khaalid bin Ma'daan,

**Makhool, Luqman bin
'Amir, and few other
Taabi'een would honor
that night.**

**At the same time, I would
like to remind fellow
congregation that this**

night that is full of
blessings must not be
tainted with acts of
munkar (evil) and
disobedience. Do not
allow a night that is
decorated with *du'aa*,
tawbah (repentance),

and *munaajah* unto Allah
Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala
to be filled with idle
entertainment,
intermixing that violates
the limits of the *shara'*,
and sins that hardens the
heart.

**Similarly, let us not
become heedless and
allow the month of
Sha'baan to pass by just
like that. Instead, take it
as the preparatory
madrasah before
stepping into the month**

of Ramadaan. Let us
prepare ourselves by
performing *'ibaadah* and
charitable deeds even if
little but with *istiqamah*
(steadfastness), so that
our *'ibaadah* becomes
complete, our soul

having *khushoo'*
(humility), and in the
end attaining the real
taqwa in the sight of
Allah *Subhaanahu Wa*
Ta'aala.

To end this *khutbah*,
the following are
several lessons that
can be derived as
guidelines in our daily
lives:

1. The Muslim *ummah* must benefit from the blessings of time in the month of Sha'baan by increasing righteous deeds as spiritual

**preparation prior to
stepping into the
blessed month of
Ramadaan.**

2. The Muslim *ummah* must avoid the sins of committing shirk and enmity among humans, so as to avoid losing *barakah* in life and the sweetness of performing *'ibaadah*.

3. The Muslim *ummah* must always strive to revive the supererogatory acts and increase the quality of *'ibaadah*, so as to attain blessings, mercy, and love of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.

“Your ally is none but Allah and [therefore] His Messenger and those who have believed - those who establish prayer and give zakaah, and they bow [in worship].

(Soorah al-Maa'idah 5:55)



THE SECOND KHUTBAH



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



Prophet Muhammad ﷺ
and his Companions
radiyAllaahu ‘anhum.

Spare us from all forms
of bribery, abuse of
power, as well as



**misguidance, shirk and
superstition, and protect
us from *fitan* that can
harm the union and unity
of the Muslim *ummah*.**



O Allah! Bestow peace and prosperity upon our state and nation. Protect us from all forms of disaster, fitnah and calamity.



**Bestow upon us leaders
that have utmost integrity,
firmness, and courage in
upholding the Truth
according to Your
*Sharee'ah.***



**O Allah! Protect the
Muslim *ummah* and
Masjid al-Aqsa in
Palestine. Preserve them
from oppression and**



**evil, and bestow upon
them steadfastness,
strength, and victory.**



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DISEDIAKAN OLEH**

**unit khutbah
bahagian pengurusan masjid**