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الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ: شَهْرُ رَمَضَانَ الَّذِي أُنْزِلَ فِيهِ الْقُرْآنُ هُدًى
لِّلنَّاسِ وَبَيِّنَاتٍ مِّنَ الْهُدَى وَالْفُرْقَانِ فَمَنْ شَهِدَ مِنْكُمُ الشَّهْرَ
فَلْيَصُمْهُ ¹

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. ²

Dear blessed Muslims,

I humbly implore all of us to altogether strive in increasing our *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* by performing all that He commanded and abandoning all matters that He forbade. May we all be bestowed with happiness and salvation in this world and the Hereafter.

¹ al-Baqarah 2:185.

² Aal 'Imraan 3:102.

On this very noble day, I will discuss upon a *khutbah* titled **“REVIVING RAMADAAN WITH QUALITY WORSHIP.”**

Blessed Friday audience,

The month of Ramadaan al-Mubaarak is back. We must express our gratitude to Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta’aala* for being bestowed with the opportunity and life to experience this month. Not all servants are privileged with the opportunity to experience a month that is full of nobility and *barakah* (blessings). It is the only month where the gates of Paradise are wide open, while the gates of Hell are kept shut, and the *rahmah* (mercy) of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta’aala* are showered upon His servants who are seeking forgiveness and His pleasure.

A very unfortunate and tremendous loss for one who is met with Ramadaan but did not experience, even if little, any change upon his or her attitude and *akhlaaq* (character). Know that forgiveness from Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta’aala* is vast, however it is not bestowed upon those that do not strive in seeking and beseeching it. Take heed upon the threat from Rasulullah ﷺ upon those that endures Ramadaan but did not attain forgiveness from Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta’aala* due to heedlessness.

This is as mentioned in the *hadeeth* of Abu Hurayrah *radiyAllaahu ‘anh* where Rasulullah ﷺ said:

“May he be abased who passes through the whole of Ramadaan before his sins are forgiven.”

(at-Tirmidhi)

Dear beloved Friday audience,

On this very opportunity that is filled with *barakah*, let us revive the month of Ramadaan with a plethora of Qur'anic recitation, reciting and pondering upon the verses of the Holy Qur'an. Let us recite according to our capacity, at a pace that is suitable and consistent with our circumstances.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 20 of Soorah al-Muzzammil:

فَاقْرَءُوا مَا تَيَسَّرَ مِنَ الْقُرْآنِ

"So recite what is easy [for you] of the Qur'an."

Rasulullah ﷺ also gave encouragement for us to increase our interactions with al-Qur'an, specifically during the night *'ibaadah* (worship).

In the narration of 'Abdullah bin 'Amr *radiyAllaahu 'anhuma*, Rasulullah ﷺ said:

مَنْ قَامَ بَعَشْرَ آيَاتٍ لَمْ يُكْتَبْ مِنَ الْغَافِلِينَ، وَمَنْ قَامَ
بِمِائَةِ آيَةٍ كُتِبَ مِنَ الْقَانِتِينَ، وَمَنْ قَامَ بِأَلْفِ آيَةٍ كُتِبَ مِنَ
الْمُقْنَطِرِينَ

"If anyone prays at night reciting regularly ten verses, he will not be recorded among the negligent; if anyone prays at night and recites a hundred verses, he will be recorded among those who are obedient to Allah; and if anyone prays at night reciting one thousand verses, he will be recorded among those who receive huge rewards."

(Abu Dawood)

Furthermore, the Prophet ﷺ explained the privileged relationship between fasting and al-Qur'an. Both are not only *'ibaadah* that are performed in worldly life, but they will serve as protectors and provides *shafaa'ah* (intercession) in the Hereafter.

In the *hadeeth* of 'Abdullah bin 'Amr *radiyAllaahu 'anhuma*, Rasulullah ﷺ said:

"Fasting and the Qur'an will intercede for the servant on the Day of Resurrection. Fasting will say: 'O Lord, I prevented him from food and desires during the day, so let me intercede for him.' The Qur'an will say: 'O Lord, I prevented him from sleeping during the night, so let me intercede for him.' Thus, they will both intercede for him."

(Ahmad)

Dear esteemed Friday congregants,

In a month that is filled with nobility, Rasulullah ﷺ had also encouraged us to enliven the nights of Ramadaan with the *'ibaadah* of *qiyaam* (standing in prayer), specifically through the *taraweeh* supererogatory prayer.

In the *hadeeth* of Abu Hurayrah *radiyAllaahu 'anh*, Rasulullah ﷺ said:

"Whoever prays during the night in Ramadaan out of sincere faith and seeking its reward from Allah, will have all of his previous sins forgiven."

(al-Bukhaari and Muslim)

May this Ramadaan educates us to comprehend that every moment of obedience is truly precious. Every moment of patience is rewarded. Every sacrifice undertaken is observed by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. Moreover, the fatigue endured in fulfilling responsibilities with sincere intention is also the reason for us to not miss out in pursuing the virtues of Ramadaan.

Dear respected guests of Allah,

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

1. The Muslim *ummah* must celebrate the noble month of Ramadaan with the resolution to improve oneself unto becoming perfect and abandon all sins and disobedience.
2. The Muslim *ummah* must preserve its '*ibaadah*' of fasting so that it will not render in vain, at the same time intensifying the internalization upon the teachings of al-Qur'an through recitation, reflection, and practicing upon them.
3. The Muslim *ummah* must seize the very opportunity to revive the month of Ramadaan with '*ibaadah*' and righteous deeds to attain forgiveness, *rahmah*, and the pleasure of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* and achieving the true quality of *taqwa*.

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ
الَّذِينَ يَقُولُونَ رَبَّنَا إِنَّنَا ءَامِنَّا فَاغْفِرْ لَنَا ذُنُوبَنَا وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ.
الصَّابِرِينَ وَالصَّادِقِينَ وَالْقَاتِلِينَ وَالْمُنْفِقِينَ وَالْمُسْتَغْفِرِينَ
بِالْأَسْحَارِ.

"Those who say, "Our Lord, indeed we have believed, so forgive us our sins and protect us from the punishment of the Fire," The patient, the true, the obedient, those who spend [in the way of Allah], and those who seek forgiveness before dawn."

(Soorah Aal 'Imraan 3:16-17)

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 أَنْزَلَ الشَّرِيعَةَ، هَدَى لِلنَّاسِ وَرَحْمَةً،
أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا
عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ
وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ 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.³

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ
أَجْمَعِينَ.

اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِلْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ
الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ، بِرَحْمَتِكَ يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ.
اللَّهُمَّ أَعِزَّ الْإِسْلَامَ وَالْمُسْلِمِينَ، وَأَذِلَّ الشِّرْكَ وَالْمُشْرِكِينَ،
وَدَمِّرْ أَعْدَاءَ الدِّينِ، وَاجْعَلْ هَذَا الْبَلَدَ آمِنًا مُطْمَئِنًّا وَسَائِرَ
بِلَادِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ.

اللَّهُمَّ وَفِّقْ أُمَّةَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَوُلاةَ أُمُورِهِمْ وَجَمِيعَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ
لِمَا فِيهِ صَلَاحُ الْبِلَادِ وَالْعِبَادِ.

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ وَنَتَوَسَّلُ إِلَيْكَ بِنَبِيِّكَ الْأَمِينِ، وَنَسْأَلُكَ
بِأَسْمَائِكَ الْحُسْنَى، وَصِفَاتِكَ الْعُظْمَى، أَنْ تَحْفَظَ بَعِينَ

³ al-Ahzaab 33:56.

عِنَايَتِكَ الرَّبَّانِيَّةِ، وَبِحِفْظِ وَقَايَتِكَ الصِّمَدَانِيَّةِ، جَلَالَةَ مَلِكِنَا
الْمُعَظَّمِ، سُلْطَانَ سَلَاطُونِ، سُلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ اَدْرِيسِ شَاهِ
الْحَاجِ ابْنِ الْمَرْحُومِ سُلْطَانَ صَلَاحِ الدِّينِ عَبْدِ الْعَزِيزِ شَاهِ
الْحَاجِ. اَللّٰهُمَّ اَدِمِ الْعَوْنَ وَالْهِدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ
وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْكَ، لَوْلِيَّ عَهْدِ سَلَاطُونِ، تَغْكُو اَمِيرِ شَاهِ ابْنِ
السُّلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ اَدْرِيسِ شَاهِ الْحَاجِ، فِي اَمْنٍ وَصَلَاحٍ
وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنْكَ وَكَرَمِكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْاِكْرَامِ. اَللّٰهُمَّ اَطْلُ
عُمْرَهُمَا مُصْلِحَيْنِ لِلْمُؤَظَّفَيْنِ وَالرَّعِيَّةِ وَالْبِلَادِ، وَبَلِّغْ
مَقَاصِدَهُمَا لِطَرِيقِ الْهُدَى وَالرَّشَادِ.

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*, as formulated by Imaam Abu Hasan al-Ash'ari and Imaam Abu Mansoor al-Maatureedi, practicing upon the *Shaafi'i Madhhab* (juristic school of thought) while accepting the other three *madhaahib*, practicing *tasawwuf* upon the way of Imaam Junayd al-Baghdaadi and Imaam al-Ghazaali. Spare us from all forms of bribery and 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.

رَبَّنَا هَبْ لَنَا مِنْ أَزْوَاجِنَا وَذُرِّيَّتِنَا قُرَّةَ أَعْيُنٍ وَاجْعَلْنَا لِلْمُتَّقِينَ إِمَامًا.⁴
رَبَّنَا ءَاتِنَا فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِي الْآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ.⁵
عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ وَالْإِحْسَانِ وَإِيتَايَ ذِي الْقُرْبَىٰ وَيَنْهَىٰ
عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَالْبَغْيِ يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ.⁶
فَاذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ يَذْكُرْكُمْ وَاشْكُرُوهُ عَلَىٰ نِعَمِهِ يَزِدْكُمْ،
وَاسْأَلُوهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ يُعْطِكُمْ وَلَذِكْرُ اللَّهِ أَكْبَرُ وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا
تَصْنَعُونَ.

⁴ al-Furqaan 25:74.

⁵ al-Baqarah 2:201.

⁶ an-Nahl 16:90.