



جَابَاتَانِ اِسْلَامِ سِلَانْجُور
JABATAN AGAMA ISLAM SELANGOR

MARHABAN

YA

RAMADAAN



Have the *taqwa* of Allah
Subhaanahu Wata 'aala by
fulfilling all of His Commands
and avoiding all of His
prohibitions. Truly, we hope to
attain success in this world, well
being

and the pleasure of Allah
Subhaanahu Wata ‘aala in the
Hereafter.

On this blessed day, let us
ponder upon the *khutbah* titled
“*Marhaban Ya Ramadaan.*”

*Alhamdulillah, we are grateful
to Allah Subhaanahu Wata ‘aala
because due to His Mercy, once
more we are granted the
opportunity to embrace
*Ramadaan,**

a truly noble month, precious, superior, and filled with *barakah*. There are many privileges and virtues in such blessed month.

Ramadaan is not only a month that was chosen by Allah for us to perform our obligatory fasting and supererogatory *taraweeh* prayers. It was honored by Allah with the revelation

of al-Qur'an, which serve as the book of guidance for our entire lives.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala* mentions in al-Qur'an:
“The month of *Ramadaan* [is that] in which was

revealed the Qur'an, a
guidance for the people
and clear proofs of
guidance and criterion."

(al-Baqarah 2:185)

Therefore, let us embrace the arrival of noble *Ramadaan* with deeds that are pleasing to Allah so that our sincere appreciation will have resounding effect in our hearts.

The Companions of the Prophet
ridwanullaahi ‘alayhim were
overjoyed with the coming of
Ramadaan with gratefulness,
and would grieve with the
passing of *Ramadaan*.

It was illustrated that their sorrow at the end of *Ramadaan* is akin to a child being abandoned by the parents, or even more severe than that. Such is the slave of Allah whose heart is filled

with *imaan* and obedience when faced with the Divine Call. We are well aware that *Ramadaan* is a month of trials and tribulations for the Muslims.

Even more, it is to gauge and measure the strength of *imaan* of the slaves of Allah. With prohibitions and stipulations that must be abided during crucial times, while in hunger and thirst,

prohibited from marital relations during the day, avoiding matters that can nullify the fast, forsaking tobacco addiction, and many other matters that are difficult upon the self, so

what more for those having weak *imaan*. But Allah is the All-Wise and All-Just, granting privileges to His slaves during *Ramadaan*, as mentioned in the *hadeeth qudsi*.

Narrated Abu Hurayrah
radiyAllaahu ‘anh, the
Messenger *sallAllaahu ‘alayhi
wasallam* said:
“(Allah said), ‘Every good
deed of Adam’s son

**is for him except fasting; it
is for Me. And I shall
reward (the fasting person)
for it.' ... ”**

(al-Bukhari and Muslim)

There are few important matters
in preparing for *Ramadaan*,
among them:

1- *Muhaasabah* and self-
reflection upon wrongdoings
and evil deeds that were

committed knowingly that led to sinful acts. Then, follow it up with multitudes of *istighfaar* in seeking forgiveness from Allah for all the wrongdoing and sins committed,

so that these sins will be
expiated and not carried into
Ramadaan.

2- Honoring our parents by
visiting them and seeking their
forgiveness. Make them happy
and do not upset

them, for hurting the mother's feelings is a rebellious act, and similarly for the father.

Therefore, before *Ramadaan*, let us purify ourselves from sins that were committed to our

parents. If they are deceased, then visit their graves, supplicate for them, recite al-Qur'an in sending its reward for them, and give *sadaqah* on their behalf.

3- Strengthen the ties of *silaaturrahm* (kinship) between family, relatives, friends, and colleagues to further unify the hearts of the Muslims, always forgiving, and overlooking conflicts

and faults. That way, we will purify ourselves from any mistakes and sins.

4- Cleansing ourselves externally or physically is very important. For example, cleaning

areas of our dwelling and its surrounding, in creating a true and conducive *Ramadaan* atmosphere that is blessed. The state of external purity is a manifestation of the spiritual

purity that affects the heart, a clear indication that we are truly honoring *Ramadaan* both spiritually and physically.

During the nights of *Ramadaan*, we are to perform the ‘ibaadah of *taraweeh* prayers. Among its objectives is so that the entire month of *Ramadaan* is filled with ‘ibaadah,

both during the day and night,
for it is a blessed month.

Blessings in the fasting, in the
prayers, in Qur'anic recitation,
and in the Night of Power.
Indeed, these blessings are not
found

in other months. The special distinction and blessing for *Ramadaan* is a gift from Allah to His slaves, whether male or female. However, those bounties will not be present without deeds

performed with *ikhlaas* and
resoluteness in beseeching Allah
Subhaanahu Wata‘aala.

The virtues of righteous deeds
in *Ramadaan* will be rewarded
straightaway by

Allah unto His slaves that rigorously engage in good deeds with *ikhlaas*, that after one full month of ‘ibaadah their hearts and soul are purified returning to the original *fitrah*,

like the newborn baby.

Narrated ‘Abdur Rahman ibn ‘Awf *radiyAllaahu ‘anh*, the Prophet *sallAllahu ‘alayhi wasallam* had said:

“*Ramadaan* is a month that Allah has enjoined upon you fasting and urged you to pray during its night. Whoever fasts during the month of *Ramadaan* and performs ‘ibaadah

during its nights out of sincere
faith and hoping to attain
Allah's rewards, then he will
exit from his sins just like the
newborn child exits from his
mother's womb."

(ibn Maajah, ibn Khuzaymah, al-Bayhaqi:
da 'eef)

According to this *hadeeth*, it is clear that deeds that are performed in *Ramadaan* expiates sins and cleanse the soul, transforming one unto becoming a sound individual.

The lessons derived from several *ahaadeeth* regarding the virtues of ‘ibaadah during *Ramadaan* can be concluded as follows:

- 1- Those engaged in ‘ibaadah, staying awake

during the Night of al-Qadr will be rewarded with more than a thousand months worth of good deeds as compared to other months. Among the ‘ibaadah are supererogatory prayers,

making *istighfaar*, making *tasbeeh*, indulging in *dhikr*, reciting al-Qur'an, and many more.

2- Performing supererogatory acts that are granted with the reward of

fard (obligatory) acts, while *fard* acts are rewarded 70 times more.

3- The reward of feeding the fasting person is like freeing a slave and having sins forgiven.

The doer is rewarded with a thousand deeds, expiation for a thousand evil deeds, and elevated in rank by a thousand degrees.

4- The sleep of the fasting person is ‘ibaadah (*da‘eef*), his breathing is *tasbeeh*, his prayers are accepted, his sins forgiven, and his righteous deeds are multiplied by Allah.

5- Fasting serve as an effective shield in preventing one from falling into disobedience, whether major or minor sin.

Islam enjoins us to perform the *taraweeh* prayers, always reciting al-Qur'an, increasing charity, loving the poor and needy, thus as Muslims we must perform all these deeds with sincere

intention for the sake of our
imaan and hoping solely for the
pleasure of Allah.

We should liven up our
Ramadaan by encouraging our
children, family, and even
relatives to diligently

perform the *taraweeh* prayers in congregation at the masjid, surau, or designated areas. We should always indulge in *dhikrullah* and frequent circles of knowledge, for they are all

nourishment for one's spirituality that cleanses the soul from all types of internal filth and illness.

Among the *hikmah* of fasting are:

1- From a health and medical perspective, fasting is very beneficial. The human stomach is like an engine. If the engine is constantly in operation, then it will wear out and breakdown quicker.

Similarly with the stomach.

In the *hadeeth* of Abu Hurayrah *radiyAllaahu ‘anh*, Rasulullah *sallAllaahu ‘alayhi wasallam* said:

“... Fast and you will be healthy ...”

(at-Tabaraani, Ahmad, Abu Nu‘aym, al-Haakim:
da‘eeef)

2- From a social perspective, fasting can inculcate mercy and compassion towards the poor, the needy, and those unable to make ends meet. Everyone enduring hunger and thirst at the stipulated

times will develop compassion towards the needy within the society. Therefore, fill up your *Ramadaan* with beneficial activities. Avoid matters that are prohibited by Allah

Subhaanahu Wata ‘aala. Take heed, for day by day our age is nearing its end.

Therefore, let us increase our ‘ibaadah in attaining the pleasure of Allah. Insha Allah, we will become

among His righteous slaves.
Overall, we can conclude that
deeds in *Ramadaan* all points to
four objectives:

1- Mental purification and
cleansing through fasting,
i'tikaaf, religious lessons,

humbling oneself, beseeching,
and attaining nearness to Allah.

2- Increasing ‘ibaadah in aiding
the community through
donations, charity, helping the
poor, caring and

loving the orphans.

3- Reviving and upholding the Symbols of Islam by organizing the *taraweeh* prayers in *jamaa‘ah* at various mosques, suraus, and designated areas.

4- Increasing our knowledge and understanding upon the *Sharee'ah* of Allah, as we are encouraged to recite al-Qur'an often in *Ramadaan*. This entails more than just reading, but to understand

and ponder upon its content as well.

Let us perform our ‘ibaadah of *Ramadaan* with full *ikhlaas* beginning from our innerselves, then inviting our children and

family members, our neighbors and the entire neighborhood to reap the blessings and happiness of *Ramadaan*. It is truly hoped that none of the Muslims will desecrate the sanctity of

Ramadaan al-Mubaarak, by being pursued or caught by the authorities for consuming food during the day in public. The same goes out for restaurant and food outlet operators, it is hoped that

they will honor and abide by the regulations stipulated by the Selangor Islamic Religious Council, in safeguarding and prioritizing the dignity of the Muslims over commercial profit and

concerns only.

“[Fasting for] a limited number of days. So whoever among you is ill or on a journey [during them] – then an equal number of days [are to be made up].

And upon those who are able
[to fast, but with hardship] – a
ransom [as substitute] of
feeding a poor person [each
day].

**And whoever volunteers
excess – it is better for him.
But to fast is best for you, if
you only knew.”
(al-Baqarah 2:184)**

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْفُرْزَآنِ الْعَظِيْمِ وَنَفَعَنِي
وَإِيَّاکُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْأَيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ وَتَقْبَلَ
مِنِي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاقَتِهِ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ. أَقُولُ
قَوْلِيْ هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيْمَ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ
الْمُسْلِمِيْنَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِيْنَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ
الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتَ فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ
إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ

**O Allah, You are the Almighty Lord,
we are grateful unto You for having
bestowed upon us Mercy and
Blessings, nourishing us to strive
to continue in strengthening the
Muslim nation especially the state
of Selangor, as an advanced,
progressive, peaceful, and
benevolent state.**

**We beseech and beg You, Ya Allah,
to strengthen our *imaan*, increase
our good deeds, strengthen our
unity, increase our provision,
enrich us with beneficial
knowledge, nourish our soul with
beautiful *akhlaaq*, guide us to the
Path that is Pleasing to You,**

protect us from Your severe tribulations such as the long drought, severe flooding, disease outbreak, violence and instability, poverty, and others, so that our land will become more peaceful and blessed.

Oh Allah, we ask You to open up the hearts of the Muslim *ummah* especially in Selangor, to fulfill their *zakaat* obligation as You had decreed in al-Qur'an. Bless the lives of those who have fulfilled their *zakaat* obligation, loving and caring for the poor and needy.

**Purify their wealth and soul so that
they will live according to that
which pleases You. Protect the poor
and needy from disbelief and
everlasting poverty. *Allaahummaa
ameen***



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