



WELCOME O
RAMADAAN



Let us increase our *taqwa* of
Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala*
by fulfilling all of His
Commands and abstaining from
all of His prohibitions. Indeed,
we truly hope to become
individuals having *taqwa*,

attaining success and salvation
in this world and the Hereafter.

On this blessed day, let us
ponder upon the khutbah titled
“Welcome O Ramadaan.”

Indeed, those having upright personality and noble *akhaaq* will serve their guests well. The guests' needs and necessities such as food and accommodation will be provided for.

Any actions or deeds that may offend the guests will not be tolerated so that the guests will not become upset or displeased, so what more if they are very well-respected and distinguished

figures.

Today, we have been granted
the opportunity once more to
give the welcoming message
upon the arrival of our noble
guest *Ramadaan* that was
distinctively sent by Allah

Subhaanahu Wata'aala, the
only month that was specifically
mentioned by name in the Holy
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)

And we embrace it with our
du ‘a:

*Allaahu Akbar! O Allah, bestow
upon us imaan and peace,
security and Islam (full
submission), your tawfeeq and
hidaayah upon*

*that which You like and are
pleased with.*

*O hilaal, our Lord and your
Lord is Allah Alone. Ahlan bika
ya Ramadaan (Welcome O
Ramadaan) ...*

We must strive with great effort
in serving and fulfilling its
needs with esteem, hoping to
reap heaps of reward that are
everlasting. In preparing to
welcome our noble guest,

the *khateeb* would like to mention a question that was once asked by ash-Shaheed al-Mihraab Shaykh Sa‘eed Ramadaan al-Bouti, that is:

Is it true that the Muslims really fast every time *Ramadaan* arrives? Shaykh al-Bouti is not denying that every Muslims are diligently performing their ‘ibaadah of fasting by abstaining from

food and drink during the day,
and praying *taraweeh* and
qiyaam during the night. These
are all manifestations of their
utmost *taqwa* with Allah. Allah
Subhaanahu Wata'aala
mentions in

al-Qur'an:

“That [is so]. And whoever honours the symbols of Allah – indeed, it is from the piety of hearts.”

(al-Hajj 22:32)

However, what is worrisome to al-Bouti is whether the Muslims truly respect the coming of *Ramadaan*? It is undeniable that the Muslims will be out on the streets, in the market including bazaar

Ramadaan, in the shopping malls, in government offices, in hotels, and everywhere else.

Does the true appreciation and respect for *Ramadaan* truly exist in those locations?

Or is it the opposite?

Let us make *muhaasabah* as thorough as we can, and ponder upon this question: Are the Muslims embracing this noble *Ramadaan* with humility and bashfulness?

Are they always observing the ethics and conducts of *Ramadaan*? Are they safeguarding and respecting its sanctity, or are there still those that rudely consume food in public,

abandoning their prayers, committing vices, and behaving indifferent as compared to other months? While in reality, such honour and reverence are to be heavily observed during

Ramadaan. Allah Subhaanahu
Wata ‘aala mentions in al-
Qur'an:

**“It is not for a believing man
or a believing woman,
when Allah and His Messenger
have decided**

a matter, that they should [thereafter] have any choice about their affair. And whoever disobeys Allah and His Messenger has certainly strayed into clear error.”

(al-Ahzaab 33:36)

Narrated Abu Muhammad
‘Abdullah ibn ‘Amr ibn al-‘As
radiyAllaahu ‘anhu,
Rasulullah *sallAllaahu ‘alayhi wasallam* said:

“None of you [truly] believes until his desires are subservient to that which I have brought.”

(Forty *Ahadeeth* of an-Nawawi,
#41: *hasan saheeh*)

So, then the next question begs:
Are the Muslims truly fearful
and nervous in embracing the
noble month of *Ramadaan* if
they continue to become rebels
to Allah, The Almighty and

All-Strong? Whilst Allah has sternly warned them in al-Qur'an:

“... and be afraid of [only] Me.”

(al-Baqarah 2:40)

Allah Subhaanahu Wata‘aala
mentions in al-Qur’an:

“The Day they are dragged
into the Fire on their faces [it
will be said], “Taste the touch
of *Saqar*.”

(al-Qamar 54:48)

All these while, *Ramadaan* after *Ramadaan*, sufficient if you are ready to accept changes. Break free from the shackles of ignorance and become that new and cleansed person.

Verily, the traditional Malay mind is very susceptible in loving to change for the better, that the Malay proverb describes the disgrace and shame in not wanting to change, in saying:

“Even after ten junks (Chinese sailing vessels) have anchored, the dog’s loincloth is still its tail.”

It means that, dozens upon dozens of merchant vessels have docked bringing in

commerce goods including clothes and goods to fulfill the demand of modern and civilized living. But even then, there are still those that stubbornly refuse to accept changes, like the dog with only its tail as its loincloth.

“For each one are successive [angels] before and behind him who protect him by the decree of Allah.

Indeed, Allah will not change the condition of a people until

they change what is in
themselves. And
when Allah intends for a
people ill, there is no repelling
it. And there is not for them
besides Him any patron.”

(ar-Ra‘d 13:11)

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيْمِ وَنَفَعَنِي
وَإِيَّاکُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ وَتَقَبَّلَ
مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاقُتُهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ. أَقُولُ
قَوْلِيْ هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيْمَ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ
الْمُسْلِمِيْنَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِيْنَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ
الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ 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*



DI SEDIAKAN OLEH :

BAHAGIAN KHUTBAH,

JABATAN AGAMA ISLAM SELANGOR

ILLUSTRASI OLEH :

UNIT TEKNOLOGI MAKLUMAT,

JABATAN AGAMA ISLAM SELANGOR