



بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِيْمِ

JABATAN AGAMA ISLAM SELANGOR

ON THE
OUTSET OF
RAMADAAN



I implore all of us to increase
our *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu
Wata'aala* through the
fulfillment of all His Commands
and abstaining from all of His
prohibitions.



Let us increase the *adhkaar*
of Allah *Subhaanahu
Wata'aala* and increasing
our *salawaat* and *salaam*
unto our beloved Prophet
Muhammad *sallAllahu
'alayhi wasallam*,

always striving to fulfill all of his commands and his *sunnah*. May all these grant us benefit in this world and the Hereafter.

Today's *khutbah* is titled, “On The Outset Of Ramadaan.”

Whether we realize it or not,
we are already heading
towards the end of *Sha'baan*,
and *Ramadaan* that is always
mentioned and much
anticipated will soon arrive
to meet us.

*Ahlan wa sahlan, marhaban
bika ya Ramadaan!* Some of us may have even supplicated to Allah since the coming of *Rajab* with a *du‘a* having great meaning and optimism:

“O Allah, make the months of Rajab and Sha’baan blessed for us, and let us reach the month of Ramadaan.”

(Ahmad, Abu Nu‘aym)

Due to this, there is a narration which mentions that on one day, while

Rasulullah *sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam* was still alive, he had delivered a talk after *Maghrib* at the end of

Sha ‘baan, as a reminder for
the *muslimeen* and
muslimaat who were present,
on the coming of the noble
month of *Ramadaan*. These
very words were narrated by
Salman al-Faarisi

radiyAllaahu 'anh, and part
of it was:

Rasulullah *sallAllaahu 'alayhi
wasallam* had reminded us
about the coming of the
noble *Ramadaan*, having
unmatched superiority when

compared with other months throughout the year. Among its advantages are:

1- Allah has bestowed upon one of the night as being a night worth more than a thousand months;

2- *Ramadaan* is a month of patience; fasting during the day becomes *fard*, and *qiyyaam* in the night is *naafilah* or *sunnah*;

3- Whomever performs
good deeds, will be
rewarded with 70 times
the reward of *fard* acts
performed outside of

Ramadaan:



4- *Ramadaan* is a month of charity. Whoever provides *iftaar* to others will attain the reward of the fasting person, even by only providing a drink of water or a sip of milk;

5- *Ramadaan* is a month, the first part of which brings Allah's mercy, the middle of which brings His forgiveness and the last part of which brings emancipation from the fire of *Jahannam*.

(ibn Khuzaymah: *da 'eef*)

Therefore, since we are on the brink of *Ramadaan*, let us pause, ponder, and make *muhaasabah* of our own selves with the teachings of Rasulullah *sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam* as follows:

1- *Ramadaan* is a month in which Allah grants ample opportunity for the fasting person to reap as much reward as possible, as He has promised. The deeds are not tedious, but its return is manifold and lucrative.

Therefore, few questions that we should ask our own selves: With all these bountiful offers mentioned by Rasulullah *sallAllahu ‘alayhi wasallam*, are they not sufficient to entice us to

long and unite with
Ramadaan once more? Are
we able to embrace
Ramadaan firmly from the
start until its final days
leaving us? Or are we
emotionless and



lackadaisical that we become
heedless without earning
much with the arrival and
departure of *Ramadaan*?

Perhaps do we belong to

those that Rasulullah

sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam

had warned about in a
hadeeth:

"Perhaps a person fasting
will receive nothing from
his fasting except hunger
and thirst."

(ibn Maajah, ad-Daarimi, Ahmad and al-
Bayhaqi: *saheeh*)

2- *Ramadaan* is a month of trial, giving the true meaning of *sabr*; *sabr* in fulfilling any order, abiding and obedient in abstaining from Allah's prohibitions, even though having to battle with the

lustful desire (*shahawaat*)
and evil forces from among
the jinn and mankind.

Hence, those that strive in
their fasting are ennobled
by Allah all the time,

they are likened to a *mujaahid*
on the battlefield, fighting battle
after battle. The recognition that
Allah grants is illustrated in a
hadeeth narrated by ibn Abi
Awfa al-Aslami *radiyAllaahu*
'anh,

that Rasulullah *sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam* said:“The sleep of the fasting person is worship, his silence is *tasbeeh*, his *du'a* is answered and his good deeds will be multiplied.”

(al-Bayhaqi: *da 'eef*)

3- The blessing of *Ramadaan* that Allah has bestowed upon His believing slaves is intertwined with the revelation of al-Qur'an. 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)

The night in which al-Qur'an was revealed is known as “*Laylatul Qadr*” or the Night of Power (Measure). On that night, many angels were commanded to descend to the world to commemorate

the revelation of another book from the heavens, filled with Divine Guidance for mankind. It is the final holy book, revealed to the final Messenger. Al-Qur'an is a complete book of guidance,

for whoever follows and abides by its teachings will be on the path of salvation.

On the contrary, whoever refuse and stubbornly declines to follow its teachings,

will be among those deviated
in this world and Hereafter.

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

“Alif, Lam, Ra. [This is] a
Book which We have

revealed to you, [O
Muhammad], that you
might bring mankind out
of darkness into the light
by permission of their
Lord – to the path of the
Exalted in Might,

the Praiseworthy – Allah, to whom belongs whatever is in the heavens and whatever is on the earth. And woe to the disbelievers from a severe punishment.”

(Ibraaheem 14:1-2)

It is *Ramadaan* after
Ramadaan that we
endured, then, now, and
until we expire, but the key
question is: Are we
convinced, content, and
whole-hearted in accepting

al-Qur'an as our life manual? Do we feel blessed to be members of the *ummah* that was bestowed with this blessed al-Qur'an? Are we ready to uphold al-Qur'an and fully abide its teachings

as regulations in every aspect of our lives? Are we negligent upon al-Qur'an and its teachings? Do we turn a deaf ear when others refer us as being al-Qur'an illiterate?

While in within our Malay heritage, there is a saying and poetry dispraising such attitude:
*Slide the board, pull the board,
The keranji fruit (tamarind) is inside the canoe, If you tell him to eat, he will eat, Reciting al-Qur'an, he doesn't know how to.*

The questions relating to al-Qur'an previously mentioned must definitely be answered without a choice. They will be asked one-by-one in a sequence that is only known to The All-Knowing.

Would it be in a moment?
Tomorrow? The day after
tomorrow? This year, or the
next? Or at any time? No
one knows.

Indeed, successful are those
that are ever ready with their

good deeds, for he will be able to answer those questions fluently without doubts. His life that was full of dedication to al-Qur'an will assist him to answer those questions with ease.

On the contrary, those that
are heedless with al-
Qur'an, without effort and
jihad to learn its
recitation, furthermore
neglectful, lazy, proud and

arrogant, they will definitely stumble and become fearful when those questions are posed to them.

In this blessed opportunity, on the verge of blessed *Ramadaan*, let us rectify our selves in making *Ramadaan* as the turning point in our lives,

family, society, and *ummah*, towards that which excellent and having *istiqaamah*.

Let us beseech Allah to grant us one more chance to rectify our mistakes and

negligence in the past, that
at the end, we are
permitted to step through
the doors of Paradise
without any obstacle and
barrier.

**“Whoever does
righteousness, whether
male or female, while he
is a believer – We will
surely cause him to live
a good life,**

and We will surely give them their reward [in the Hereafter] according to the best of what they used to do.”

(an-Nahl 16:97)

Conclusion:

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2- *Ramadaan* is a month of trial, giving the true meaning of *sabr*; *sabr* in fulfilling any order, abiding and obedient in abstaining from Allah's prohibitions, even though having to battle with the

lustful desire (*shahawaat*)
and evil forces from
among the jinn and
mankind.

3- Allah has bestowed upon one of the night as being a night worth more than a thousand months (Lailatul Qadr).

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ وَنَفَعَنِي
وَإِيَّاكمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْأَيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ
وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِي وَمِنْكُمْ تَلَاوَتُهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ
الْعَلِيمُ. أَقُولُ قَوْلِي هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ لِي
وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ
وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ
بِإِنَّهُ 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 *imaaan*,
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.

Allaahumma ameen



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