



بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِيْمِ

JABATAN AGAMA ISLAM SELANGOR

UNDERSTANDING

ZAKAAT AL-FITR

ZAKAT



I remind myself and fellow
audience to strive our
utmost in increasing our
imaan and *taqwa* of Allah
Subhaanahu Wata ‘aala,

by abiding by all of His Commands and abstaining from all of His prohibitions.

Indeed, the most noble of people in the Sight of Allah are those having utmost *taqwa*.

In this very blessed time, let us utter and manifest our gratefulness to Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala*, that we are still given the opportunity to continue on in this blessed month.

The month that is full of
barakah, with the promise
of rewards multiplied in
manifold for every deed
performed.

Zakaat al-fitr is heavily associated with the month of *Ramadaan*. With the coming of this month, every Muslim is compelled to fulfill this very obligation of *zakaat al-fitr*.

Even so, do we really fully understood this ‘ibaadah of *zakaat al-fitr*?

Zakaat al-fitr is from among the two types of *zakaat*, the other one being *zakaat al-maal* (wealth).

Zakaat al-fitr is also known as “*zakaat badan*” (i.e. pertaining to the body). It was made *fard* by Allah Subhaanahu Wata ‘aala in the year 2 After Hijrah.

In terms of its obligation,
zakaat al-fitr is obligated
upon every Muslim
individual, whether a slave
or free person, infant, young
child, adults, the sane or
insane.

In a hadeeth, ibn ‘Umar
radiyAllaahu ‘anhu
mentioned:

*“Allah's Messenger
(sallAllahu ‘alayhi
wasallam) ordered*

*sadaqat al-fitr on behalf of
the young and the old, and
the free and the slave -
whom you provide for.”*

*(al-Bayhaqi, ad-Daaraqutni:
hasan)*

Zakaat al-fitr has a different *nisaab* (minimum amount required) compared to *zakaat al-maal*. In this regard, Islam has stipulated that anyone having food that is enough for himself for the night

before (eve) ‘eid until the day of ‘eid, then *zakaat al-fitr* is due upon the person.

The amount of *zakaat al-fitr* to be given is determined at a *saa‘* of basic food, which is based upon the staple diet of

that particular community (nation). In the Malaysian context, it is approximately equivalent to 2.7kg and its pricing according to rice grain changes from year to year,

depending on the current price of that commodity.

Therefore, the Selangor Fatwa Committee has determined that the rate of *zakaat al-fitr* due in the state of Selangor is RM7

per person, equivalent to the current price of rice grain of medium grading. With this standardization, it is hoped that the Muslims in this state are capable of fulfilling their *zakaat al-fitr* obligation

within its due time.

When are we to fulfill this *zakaat al-fitr*? Some of us are in the habit of procrastinating to the very final moment, meaning right before *salaat al-‘eid* begins,

on the pretext that it is the preferred time. However, in the book *Fiqh al-Manhaji* (Volume 1), it was elaborated in details regarding the time to fulfill *zakaat al-fitr*:

“Whoever fulfills zakaat al-fitir from the 1st of Ramadaan, then the ruling is that it is permissible and valid. If one fulfills it between the period of after sunset at the end of Ramadaan until right before

salaat al-‘eid begins, then those are the preferred (afdal) times. But fulfilling zakaat al-fitr after salaat al-‘eid, then the ruling is makrooh. And delaying it

until sunset on the 1st of Shawwaal is deemed sinful; but it is still waajib to fulfill this obligation and it would be considered as qadaa'.”

Even though the best time is right before *salaat al-‘eid*, we should not just wait until those final moments. Let us fulfill this obligation even from early *Ramadaan*, for it will ease the affairs of its

disbursement, and helps to avoid the risk of fulfilling it late or even missing it entirely. Let us ensure that we give out our *zakaat al-fitr* to certified *zakaat* collectors, those authorized by the

Islamic Religious Council of Selangor (MAIS).

There are numerous *hikmah* for *zakaat al-fitr*. Among them:

- 1- Brings happiness to every Muslim.

This was mentioned in the
hadeeth of Abu Hurayrah
radiyAllaahu ‘anh, where
Rasulullah *sallAllaahu ‘alayhi
wasallam* stated:

“... *There are two
(occasions) of joy for the*

observer of fast. He feels joy when he breaks the fast and he is happy when he meets Allah ...”

(Muslim)

2- *Zakaat al-fitr* can help rid one from stinginess and miserliness. Vanity will be replaced with humbleness and instill the love of sharing with others upon the *ni‘mah* that Allah Subhaanahu

Wata ‘aala has bestowed upon them. If sharing RM7 with others brings such grieve, then how could one give off more than that in fulfilling their *zakaat al-maal* and giving *sadaqah*?

3- Zakaat *al-fitr* helps develop the love and care of the rich towards the poor and needy. Such that the ill feeling of *hasad* and envy that leads to the erosion of brotherhood and harmony

amongst Muslims will be further eradicated.

4- *Zakaat al-fitr* is a form of self-purification for the Muslim *ummah*. As it was narrated by ibn ‘Abbaas *radiyAllaahu ‘anhu*:

*“The Messenger of Allah
(sallAllahu ‘alayhi
wasallam) enjoined zakaat
al-fitr as a purification for
the fasting person from idle
talk and obscene speech, and
to feed the poor.”*

(Abu Dawood: hasan)

5- *Zakaat al-fitr* helps to manifest the unity of ‘*aqeedah* and deeds that is required by Allah, such as helping one another, and easing the burden of one another.

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

“*And cooperate in
righteousness and piety,*

*but do not cooperate in
sin and aggression.
And fear Allah; indeed,
Allah is severe in
penalty.”*

(al-Maa’idah 5:2)

Indeed, it behooves us to display high characters as Muslims in *Ramadaan al-Mubaarak*, as believers that are well mannered, sympathetic, and courteous towards one another,

with genuine *ikhlaas* and
obedience to Islamic
teachings. Let us fulfill our
zakaat al-fitr with absolute
ikhlaas and awareness. From
Salmaan al-Faarisi
radiyAllaahu ‘anh,

Rasulullah *sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam* had said:

*“...Whosoever tries drawing nearer to Allah by performing any virtuous deed (*naafilah*) in this month, for him shall be*

such reward as if he had performed a fard in any other time of the year. And whoever performs a fard for him shall be the reward of seventy fard in any other time of the year...”

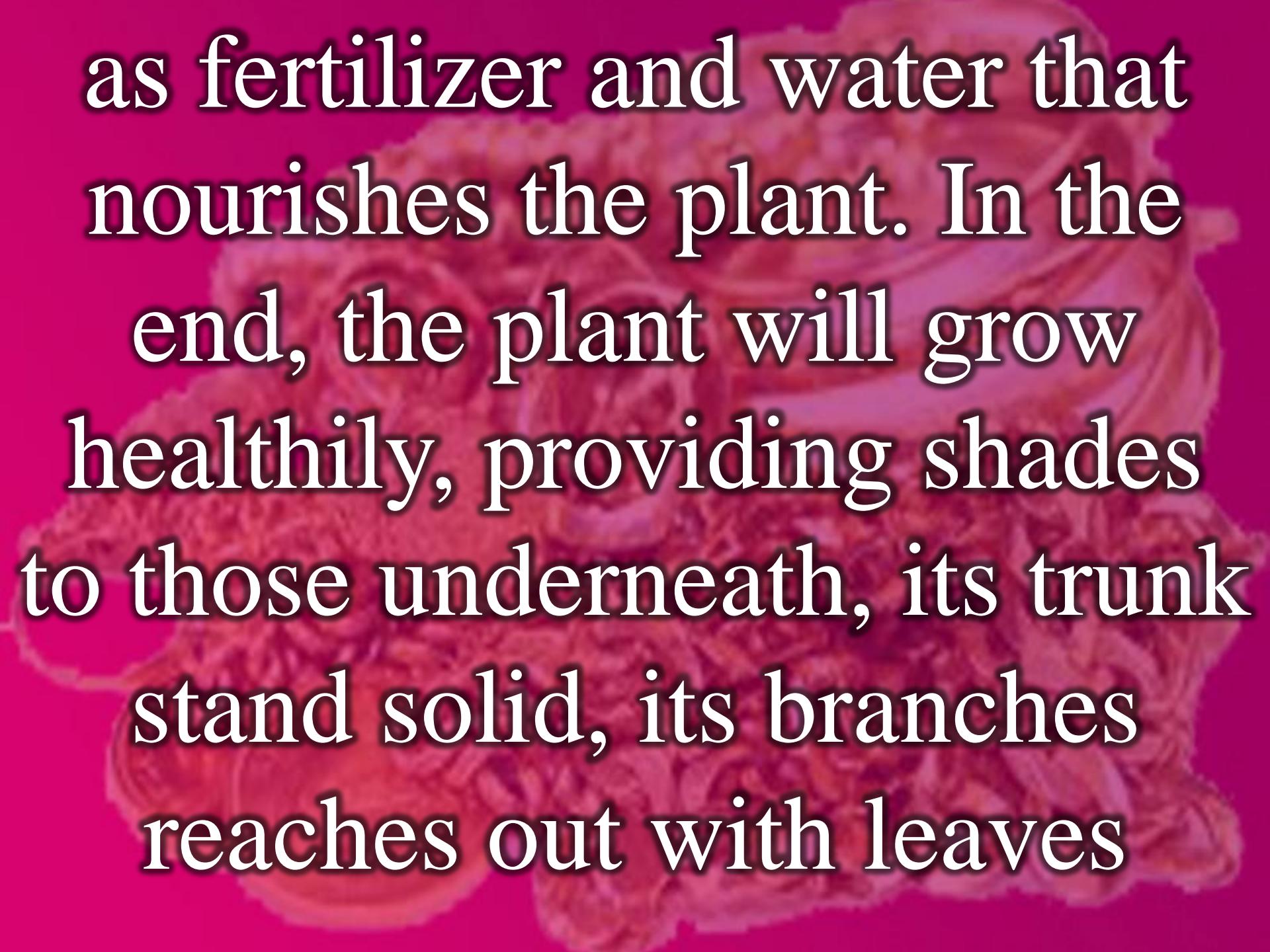
(al-Bayhaqi, ibn Khuzaymah: da‘eef)

Such greatness in the reward
offered by Allah

Subhaanahu Wata ‘aala in
this blessed month of
Ramadaan. Hence, it makes
a whole lot of sense for us
Muslims to utilize

Ramadaan as the month of *zakaat*. Not just for *zakaat al-fitr*, but to fulfill *zakaat al-maal* due on our possessions such as gold, income, savings, shares, commerce, livestock, and agriculture.

Have *yaaqeen* and full surety,
that the *zakaat* and *sadaqah*
given out to the *fuqaraa'* and
masakeen are like fertilizer
that will further cultivate and
enhance the wealth. It takes
the same role and function

A large, vibrant red rose flower with many petals and a green stem, serving as a background for the text.

as fertilizer and water that nourishes the plant. In the end, the plant will grow healthily, providing shades to those underneath, its trunk stand solid, its branches reaches out with leaves

giving off ripe fruits, tasty
and succulent. Is this not the
reward for those that planted,
toiled, and took great care of
the trees they planted?

Therefore, those that fulfill
their *zakaat* and give

sadaqah, their rewards are with Allah Subhaanahu Wata ‘aala as He Promised. Furthermore, they will be granted *barakah* in their lives in this world.

Conclusion:

1- There are 2 types of zakat in Islam; *Zakat Fitr* and *Zakaat al-maal* (wealth). *Zakaat al-fitr* is obligated upon every

Muslim individual,
whether a slave or free
person, infant, young
child, adults, the sane or
insane.

2- Time to perform the Zakaat al-Fitr

I - From 1st of Ramadaan -
Permissible and Valid.

II - After sunset at the end of
Ramadaan until right before
salaat al-‘eid begins - Preferred
(afdal) times.

iii-After salaat al-‘eid
– Makrooh.

iv - After sunset on
the 1st of Shawwaal –
sinful.

*“And the example of those
who spend their wealth
seeking means to the
approval of Allah and
assuring [reward for]
themselves is like a garden
on high ground which*

is hit by a downpour – so it yields its fruits in double.

And [even] if it is not hit by a downpour, then a drizzle [is sufficient]. And Allah, of what you do, is Seeing.”

(al-Baqarah 2:265)

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْفُرْقَانِ الْعَظِيمِ وَنَفَعَنِي
وَإِيَّاكمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْأَيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ
وَتَقْبَلَ مِنِي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتُهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ
الْعَلِيمُ. أَفُوْلُ قَوْلِيْ هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ لِيْ
وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسَلِّمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ
وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ
إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّجِيمُ

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.**

Allaahumma ameen



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