



SEEKING THE MOST INCREDIBLE NIGHT OF ALL
IN CONJUNCTION WITH LAILATUL-QADR
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الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي عَلَّمَ وَأَنْعَمَ، وَهَدَانَا بِالْقُرْآنِ لَلَّتِي هِيَ أَقْوَمُ،

قَالَ تَعَالَى: أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

إِنَّا أَنْزَلْنَاهُ فِي لَيْلَةِ مُبْرَكَةٍ إِنَّا كُنَّا مُنذِرِينَ ﴿٣﴾ فِيهَا يُفْرَقُ كُلُّ أَمْرٍ حَكِيمٍ ﴿٤﴾

أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدَهُ وَرَسُولَهُ، اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ، وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ وَمَنْ تَبِعَهُمْ بِإِحْسَانٍ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ.

أَمَّا بَعْدُ، فَيَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ، أُوصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ وَطَاعَتِهِ، فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ، وَتَزَوَّدُوا فَإِنَّ خَيْرَ الزَّادِ التَّقْوَى، وَاتَّقُونِ يَا أُولِي الْأَلْبَابِ، لَعَلَّكُمْ تُفْلِحُونَ.

Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah,

Let us strive to raise the level of our faith and conviction in Allah SWT, especially more so during this blessed month, by increasing our good deeds and by staying away from all that have been forbidden. Hopefully, while residing for a month in this garden of Ramadhan, we are able to achieve true success in this world and in the hereafter.

The title of today's sermon is: **"Seeking the Most Incredible Night of All"**.

Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah,

Time passes us by so quickly. Without realizing it, tonight, we will enter the final phase of Ramadan Al-Mubarak for the Hijri year 1437. The last ten nights of Ramadan is a



period of time so precious and must be seized by all Muslims in their quest to multiply good deeds, so that they may be closer to Allah SWT. At this moment, we have the opportunity to seek and gain one night with rewards that exceed a thousand months of worship. This incredible night is called *Lailatul-Qadr* or the Night of Power.

Allah says in Surah al-Qadr verse 1 to 5:

إِنَّا أَنْزَلْنَاهُ فِي لَيْلَةِ الْقَدْرِ ﴿١﴾ وَمَا أَدْرَاكَ مَا لَيْلَةُ الْقَدْرِ ﴿٢﴾ لَيْلَةُ الْقَدْرِ خَيْرٌ مِّنْ أَلْفِ شَهْرٍ ﴿٣﴾ نَزَّلَ الْمَلَكُ وَالرُّوحُ فِيهَا بِإِذْنِ رَبِّهِمْ مِّنْ كُلِّ أَمْرٍ ﴿٤﴾ سَلَامٌ هِيَ حَتَّىٰ مَطْلَعِ الْفَجْرِ ﴿٥﴾

Which means: “We have indeed revealed this (Message) in the Night of Power: And what will explain to you what the night of power is? The Night of Power is better than a thousand months. Therein come down the angels and the Spirit by Allah's permission, on every errand: Peace! This until the rise of dawn!”

Imam Ibn Kathir recorded in his book of interpretations, the story of Ali ibn 'Urwah who narrated that one day, Rasulullah SAW told the story of four children of Israel named Ayub, Zakaria, Hazqil bin `Ajuz and Yusya` bin Nun, who had served and obeyed Allah SWT for 80 years. They never once disobeyed Allah SWT. The companions of Rasulullah SAW were so impressed. Then came the Archangel Jibril who said: “O, Muhammad, your people were so amazed by those who served and obeyed for eighty (80) years without ever once committing any evil. Therefore, Allah SWT will deliver something better than that. It would be much better than what you and your people were impressed of.”

Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah,

To successfully acquire *Lailatul al-Qadr*, we would need to make all the efforts to plan properly. For instance, if a trader knows that his goods would be purchased by a customer at a price one hundred times more than usual, he would surely be well prepared and would not want to miss the opportunity. That is how our reaction should be as we enter the last ten days of Ramadan. The offer of blessings and rewards by Allah SWT is enormous and it is limited only during the holy month of Ramadan.



Imam al-Razi, one of the leading interpreters of the Al-Quran, once stated that the wisdom of concealing the exact night of *Lailatul al-Qadr* is so that Muslims may enhance their acts or worship during the nights for the whole month of Ramadan, rather than choosing certain nights only. In a way, Muslims would earnestly seek *Lailatul al-Qadr* during every night of Ramadan until eventually he multiplies his worship, and he will receive the rewards of his diligence.

Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah,

Let us start to have the intention and determination to jointly pursue and seek the holiest of nights, by improving ourselves and by consistently practicing the following:

First: Enliven the nights of Ramadan

Sayyidatina Aisyah once told of how Rasulullah SAW, upon entering the last ten days of Ramadan, will enliven and multiply his nightly acts of worship. Imam al-Bukhari recorded what was narrated by Sayyidatina Aisyah R.A, that Rasulullah SAW had said:

كَانَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ إِذَا دَخَلَ الْعَشْرُ أَحْيَا اللَّيْلَ وَأَيْقَظَ أَهْلَهُ وَجَدَّ وَشَدَّ
الْمِئْزَرَ. (رواه البخاري)

Which means: "When it came to the last ten nights of Ramadan, the Prophet SAW rejuvenated the night, woke his wife up and tightened his fabric (refrained from intimacy with his wife because of the additional worship and devotion)."

Praise be to Allah SWT! Should we not feel embarrassed as normal human beings when we hear that the faultless and impeccable Rasulullah SAW still sought blessings and rewards from Allah SWT at the end of Ramadan? And here we are, making many excuses for not seeking the blessings and rewards of Allah SWT due to our pursuit of various worldly affairs and illusions!

**Second: Multiply the good deeds.**

Let us fulfil the final phase of this Ramadan with many more good deeds, such as reading, reciting and appreciating the Al-Quran. Look for opportunities to retreat and take solace in mosques while devoting ourselves to acts of worship and prayers. Spend the last few nights of Ramadan with the obligatory and optional rituals, such as *Iyyak* prayers, *Tarawih* and *Witr* prayers as well as *Qiamullail*. Provide *zakat* and contribute generously to the needy. Continue to be repentant and seek forgiveness from Allah SWT for all the sins and evil we have committed, so that we are safe in this world and in the hereafter. Remember, Ramadan is here with countless opportunities for us to collect and increase as much of the blessings and graces of Allah SWT as possible, through wholehearted and unconditional worship.

Third: Stay away from vice and meaningless matters.

It would be such a waste if the last ten nights of Ramadan this year is spent neglecting the commands of Allah SWT and wallowing in sin. How could a person be rewarded with *Lailatul Qadr* if he still enjoys the vices of mind and body? Reflect and look at our attitude towards our prayers, our modesty, our social relations, our gadgets, our trust and responsibilities, our hearts and our limbs. Have we been protecting them effectively from vices and evil? Seek *Lailatul al-Qadr* with utmost sincerity rather than through singing, entertainment, slander and insult. This is not the time for us to jest or to fool around, but it is time for us to seek and obtain a victory so priceless. We need to grab this opportunity as advised by Rasulullah SAW, which was narrated by Sayyidatina Aisyah R.A and recorded by Imam al-Bukhari:

تَحَرَّوْا لَيْلَةَ الْقَدْرِ فِي الْوَتْرِ مِنَ الْعَشْرِ الْأَوَاخِرِ مِنْ رَمَضَانَ. (رواه البخاري)

Which means: "Seek *al-Qadr* out of the odd-numbered nights in the last ten days of Ramadan."

Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah,

In order to obtain *Lailatul al-Qadr*, we must always be steadfast in obeying the commands of Allah SWT and His Messenger in every step, in order for us not to fall into



ruin and loss. Be patient with any kind of test, because Allah SWT would give wisdom, blessings and rewards. Let us remember the challenges at the end of Ramadan, by persistently performing good deeds.

Do not do otherwise, by focusing more on visits to supermarkets, while the traders at bazaars are zealously making profits, and housewives so caught up with preparing for the holidays that they sacrifice their fasting because of exhaustion, without realising that Ramadan al-Mubarak is soon leaving us.

Therefore, be mindful of how we manage our time during the last ten days of Ramadan. Hopefully, we are not considered as being among those who are deprived, as what was described by Rasulullah SAW in a hadith narrated by Abu Hurairah RA and recorded by al-Darimi:

كَمْ مِنْ صَائِمٍ لَيْسَ لَهُ مِنْ صِيَامِهِ إِلَّا الظَّمْأُ، وَكَمْ مِنْ قَائِمٍ لَيْسَ لَهُ مِنْ قِيَامِهِ إِلَّا السَّهْرُ.
(رواه الدارمي)

Which means: "How many of those people who fast but do not get anything except hunger and how many of those people who perform the night worship (Qiamullail) but did not get anything except exhaustion?"

Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah,

The conclusions that can be derived from the *mimbar* this Friday are as follows:

First: The month of Ramadan offers various advantages and opportunities for Muslims to reap benefits from all the good deeds performed.

Second: Seek the Night of Power, as it is the greatest gift of Allah SWT to His servants, who are truly sincere in seeking His pleasure.



Third: Emulate Rasulallah SAW, his Companions and the believers who worship continuously, day and night, especially during the last ten nights of Ramadan.

Allah SWT declared in Surah al-Baqarah, verse 186:

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

وَإِذَا سَأَلَكَ عِبَادِي عَنِّي فَإِنِّي قَرِيبٌ أُجِيبُ دَعْوَةَ الدَّاعِ إِذَا دَعَانِ فَلْيَسْتَجِيبُوا لِي وَلْيُؤْمِنُوا
بِي لَعَلَّهُمْ يَرْشُدُونَ ﴿١٨٦﴾

Which means: And when My servants ask you, [O Muhammad], concerning Me - indeed I am near. I respond to the invocation of the supplicant when he calls upon Me. So let them respond to Me [by obedience] and believe in Me that they may be [rightly] guided.

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ بِالْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ، وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ، وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتَهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ، أَقُولُ قَوْلِي هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ لِي وَلَكُمْ وَلِجَمِيعِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ يَا فَوْزَ الْمُسْتَغْفِرِينَ يَا نَجَاةَ التَّائِبِينَ.



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الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ وَبِالصَّالِحِينَ، وَالْعَاقِبَةُ لِلْمُتَّقِينَ، وَلَا عُدْوَانَ إِلَّا عَلَى الظَّالِمِينَ، وَالصَّلَاةُ
وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَى إِمَامِ الْمُرْسَلِينَ، وَقُدْوَةِ النَّاسِ أَجْمَعِينَ، وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ وَمَنْ تَبِعَهُمْ
بِإِحْسَانٍ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ.

أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، الْمَلِكُ الْحَقُّ الْمُبِينُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا
مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدَهُ وَرَسُولَهُ، صَادِقُ الْوَعْدِ الْأَمِينِ.

أَمَّا بَعْدُ، فَيَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَكُونُوا مَعَ الصَّادِقِينَ، وَحَافِظُوا عَلَى الطَّاعَةِ
وَحُضُورِ الْجُمُعَةِ مَعَ الْمُصَلِّينِ. وَاعْلَمُوا أَنَّ اللَّهَ سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى أَمْرُهُ بِأَمْرٍ بَدَأَ فِيهِ
بِنَفْسِهِ وَشَى بِمَلَائِكَتِهِ الْمُقْرَبِينَ. فَقَالَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى مُخْبِرًا وَآمِرًا بِالْمُؤْمِنِينَ :

إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَمَلَائِكَتَهُ يُصَلُّونَ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا صَلُّوا عَلَيْهِ وَسَلِّمُوا تَسْلِيمًا



اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِ سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ كَمَا صَلَّيْتَ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَعَلَى
آلِ سَيِّدِنَا إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِ سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ كَمَا بَارَكْتَ عَلَى
سَيِّدِنَا إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَعَلَى آلِ سَيِّدِنَا إِبْرَاهِيمَ فِي الْعَالَمِينَ إِنَّكَ حَمِيدٌ مُجِيدٌ.



وَارْضَ اللَّهُمَّ عَنِ الْأَرْبَعَةِ الْخُلَفَاءِ الرَّاشِدِينَ سَادَاتِنَا أَبِي بَكْرٍ وَعُمَرَ وَعُثْمَانَ وَعَلِيًّا،
وَعَنْ أَزْوَاجِ نَبِيِّنَا الْمُطَهَّرَاتِ وَعَنْ أَهْلِ بَيْتِهِ وَقَرَابَتِهِ وَسَائِرِ الصَّحَابَةِ وَالتَّابِعِينَ وَمَنْ
تَبِعَهُمْ بِإِحْسَانٍ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ. وَارْضَ عَنَّا بِرَحْمَتِكَ يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ.

اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِلْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ. اللَّهُمَّ
أَنْزِلِ الرَّحْمَةَ عَلَى السَّلَاطِينِ الْكِرَامِ وَوُلَاةِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ الْعِظَامِ الَّذِينَ قَضَوْا بِالْحَقِّ وَبِهِ
كَانُوا يَعْدِلُونَ، وَخُصُوصًا عَلَى سَرِي قُدُوكَ بِكَيْنِدَا بِيغِ دَفَرْتَوَانِ اَكُوغِ الْمُعْتَصِمِ بِاللَّهِ
مُحِبِّ الدِّينِ تَوَانِكُو الْحَاجِّ عَبْدِ الْحَلِيمِ مُعَظَّمِ شَاهِ ابْنِ الْمَرْحُومِ سُلْطَانِ بَدَلِي شَاهِ،
وَعَلَى سَرِي قُدُوكَ بِكَيْنِدَا رَاجِ فَرْمَايسُورِي اَكُوغِ تَوَانِكُو حَاجِهِ حَمِينِهِ.

اللَّهُمَّ أَطْلُ عُمْرَهُمَا مُصْلِحِينَ لِلْمُؤَدِّينَ وَالرَّعِيَّةِ وَالْبِلَادِ، وَبَلِّغْ مَقَاصِدَهُمَا لِطَرِيقِ
الْهُدَى وَالرِّشَادِ. اللَّهُمَّ اجْعَلْ مَالِيزِيَا وَسَائِرَ بِلَادِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ طَيِّبَةً آمِنَةً مُطْمَئِنَّةً رَخِيَةً،
يَا رَوْفُ بِالْعِبَادِ.

اللَّهُمَّ انصُرْ مَنْ نَصَرَ الدِّينَ، وَاخْذُلْ مَنْ خَذَلَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ، وَأَعْلِ كَلِمَتَكَ إِلَى يَوْمِ
الدِّينِ، وَدَمِّرْ أَعْدَاءَكَ أَعْدَاءَ الدِّينِ.

O, Allah, You are the Most Gracious and the Most Merciful, we are thankful for all the favours and blessings that You have bestowed upon us, grant to us and to our leaders guidance and direction, strengthen the unity among us, join our hearts to act in Your way, facilitate all our affairs, enrich us with beneficial knowledge, invigorate our souls



with good morals, lead us to the path which You approve of, strengthen our faith when faced with all forms of trials and tests from You, preserve the peace, security and tranquillity of our nation Malaysia, especially the area of our Federal Territories. Protect us from any form of upheaval, turmoil and chaos.

رَبَّنَا لَا تُرْغِ قُلُوبَنَا بَعْدَ إِذْ هَدَيْتَنَا وَهَبْ لَنَا مِنْ لَدُنْكَ رَحْمَةً إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ الْوَهَّابُ. رَبَّنَا
آتِنَا فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِي الْآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ.
عِبَادَ اللَّهِ،

إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ وَالْإِحْسَانِ وَإِيتَايَ ذِي الْقُرْبَىٰ وَيَنْهَىٰ عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ
وَالْبَغْيِ يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ ﴿٩٠﴾

فَاذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ يَذْكُرْكُمْ، وَاشْكُرُوا عَلَىٰ نِعَمِهِ يَزِدْكُمْ، وَاسْأَلُوهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ يُعْطِكُمْ
وَلَذِكْرُ اللَّهِ أَكْبَرُ، وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا تَصْنَعُونَ.