



REFLECTIONS ON RAMADAN
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الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي عَلَّمَ وَأَنْعَمَ، وَهَدَانَا بِالْقُرْآنِ لِلَّتِي هِيَ أَقْوَمُ،

قَالَ تَعَالَى: أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

يَأَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تَقَاتِهِ وَلَا تَمُونُوا إِلَّا وَأَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ ﴿١٠٤﴾

أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ، اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ

وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى نَبِيِّنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ وَمَنْ دَعَا بِدَعْوَتِهِ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ.

أَمَّا بَعْدُ، فَيَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ، أَوْصِيكُمْ وَنَفْسِي بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ وَطَاعَتِهِ لَعَلَّكُمْ تُفْلِحُونَ.

Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah,

On this blessed day, let us together strive to increase the level of our conviction in Allah SWT. Together, we must be determined to implement all that He has commanded us to do and to avoid all that He has prohibited us from doing. May we be raised among those who have faith on the Day of Judgement.

Time passes us by so fast. Without realizing it, we are now in the final days of Ramadan. Therefore, today's sermon is entitled **“Reflections On Ramadan”**.

Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah,

The month of Ramadan is a precious gift from Allah SWT to His servants. It is like a mirror that allows one to see and reassess oneself. Thus, a servant can measure his own level of achievement from the aspects of worship, morality, faith and devotion.

The rites of fasting will mean more when it produces obedience and conviction in a human being. Conviction makes people more cautious with the actions they are



about to take. Conviction is achieved through the sacrifice of leaving behind things that are not beneficial for our afterlife. Therefore, for a month, these people have been trained to abstain from food, drink, and control their desires during the day. This is symbolic of how the soul must be emptied before it qualifies to be filled with devotion and conviction.

Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah,

After journeying through most of the days of Ramadan, this is the perfect time to evaluate our performance. Have the acts of worship and devotion performed during this period brought us closer to Allah SWT? Has our fasting made us more devoted? Does the *Tarawih* prayers and *Qiamullail* fill us with feelings of faith and hope towards Allah SWT? How often and how much charity have we performed? Have our values improved or otherwise? Have we vigorously multiplied our acts of worship in the quest for *Lailatul Qadar*?

Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah,

Let us reflect and contemplate as we reach the end of Ramadan. What we expect is for awareness and remorsefulness to be present within us before it is too late. Imam al-Tabarani Rahimahullah recorded a hadith narrated by Jabir RA, where Rasulullah SAW was reported to have recounted that the Archangel Jibril AS had said:

يَا مُحَمَّدُ مَنْ أَدْرَكَ شَهْرَ رَمَضَانَ، فَمَاتَ، فَلَمْ يُغْفَرْ لَهُ، فَأُدْخِلَ النَّارَ، فَأَبْعَدَهُ اللَّهُ

Which means: "O Muhammad, whoever reaches the month of Ramadan and he dies and is not forgiven, then he will enter Hellfire and Allah will cast him far away (from His blessings)."

Being in the final days of Ramadan, the *khatib* is convinced that many Muslims have attuned themselves to performing acts of worship during this holy month. The sweetness and delight of performing acts of worship is beginning to be felt. Love and longing for the Creator has blossomed within our souls. This is a positive sign for us to achieve the promise of forgiveness from Allah SWT and to increase the level of our conviction. Allah SWT declared in Surah al-Ankabut, verse 69:



وَالَّذِينَ جَاهَدُوا فِينَا لَنَهْدِيَنَّهُمْ سُبُلَنَا وَإِنَّ اللَّهَ لَمَعَ الْمُحْسِنِينَ ﴿٦٩﴾

Which means: “And those who strive in Our (cause), We will certainly guide them to our Paths: For verily Allah is with those who do right.”

Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah,

Ramadan appears only for a certain period. It will leave us when the time comes. However, we should be grateful to Allah SWT for giving us the opportunity to perform acts of worship during Ramadan. We pray that Allah SWT grants us longevity to greet Ramadan when it arrives again.

We show our gratitude to Allah SWT by continuing the good practice of worship and devotion, even if it falls outside the month of Ramadan. It is proof that we are really faithful and devoted to Allah SWT. If we recite the al-Quran devoutly during the month of Ramadan, we should then continue doing so during the other months. If we do a lot of charity during Ramadan, then it should also be likewise during the other months. This is because the multiple rewards offered during Ramadan is not the final goal of our practices. It is essentially a bonus from Allah SWT to honour His servants who do good deeds and expect pleasure and blessings only from Him.

Therefore, as Ramadan nears its end, let us steel our resolve and determination to make the best of the remaining days as possible. Ensure that we are able to perform the *Tarawih* prayers and *Qiamullail* during these last few days, despite being busy making preparations for the celebration of Eid Fitr. Remember, this offer of multiple rewards from Allah SWT still continues for as long as the new moon of Syawal is not sighted. As 1st of Syawal appears, let us ensure that the recitation of *Allahu Akbar* truly magnifies the greatness of Allah SWT. Allah SWT has made the 1st of Syawal a day of celebration for Muslims. It symbolises our return to the natural state of the creation of man, namely as a servant of Allah SWT.

Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah,

Taking this opportunity, the *khatib* would like to remind those among the congregation who will be travelling back to their hometowns to always adopt an



attitude of being safe on the road. Be careful and tolerant with drivers of other vehicles. Ensure that your health is good, your vehicle is well-maintained before traveling, and making sure your residence is left secured. These are among the steps we should take to ensure safety before leaving our trust in Allah SWT. Imam al-Tirmidhi recorded a narration from Anas bin Malik r.a:

قَالَ رَجُلٌ: يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ، أَعْقِلْهَا وَاتَّوَكَّلْ أَوْ أُطْلِقْهَا وَاتَّوَكَّلْ. قَالَ: اعْقِلْهَا وَتَوَكَّلْ.

Which means: “A man said, “O Messenger of Allah, should I tie my camel and trust in Allah, or should I leave her untied and trust in Allah?” The Messenger of Allah, SAW, said, “Tie her and trust in Allah.”

Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah,

To end the sermon today, the *khatib* would like to present the following conclusions for us to ponder upon:

- First:** Let us reflect upon and evaluate the deeds and practices that we have managed to successfully perform during Ramadan.
- Second:** We must resolve to continue with acts of worship and virtuous deeds, which we performed during Ramadan, in the subsequent months.
- Third:** We must ensure the trip back to our hometown is safe and our residence left in a secure condition.

Allah SWT says in Surah al-Hashr, verses 18 to 19:

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ
يَأَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَلْتَنْظُرْ نَفْسٌ مَّا قَدَّمَتْ لِغَدٍ وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ إِنَّ اللَّهَ خَبِيرٌ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ ﴿١٨﴾ وَلَا تَكُونُوا كَالَّذِينَ نَسُوا اللَّهَ فَأَنْسَاهُمْ أَنْفُسَهُمْ أُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الْفَاسِقُونَ ﴿١٩﴾



Which means: “O you who believe! Fear Allah, and let every soul look to what (provision) He has sent forth for tomorrow. Yes, fear Allah: for Allah is well-acquainted with (all) that you do. And be not like those who forgot Allah, so He made them forget themselves. Those are the defiantly disobedient.”

بَارَكَ اللهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ بِالْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ، وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ،
وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتَهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ. أَقُولُ قَوْلِي هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللهَ الْعَظِيمَ لِي
وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ،
فَأَسْتَغْفِرُوهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ.



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الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ وَبِإِيَّاسِ الصَّالِحِينَ، وَالْعَاقِبَةُ لِلْمُتَّقِينَ، وَلَا عُدْوَانَ إِلَّا عَلَى الظَّالِمِينَ، وَالصَّلَاةُ
وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَى إِمَامِ الْمُرْسَلِينَ، وَقُدُوةِ 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.

The *Mimbar* would like to request for the congregation who are here today to use the donation boxes provided around the mosque to donate from their pockets, so that we can continue organising activities that would utilise the benefit of this House of Allah SWT. May such donations be counted by Allah SWT as part of the charity given by us throughout our life.

وَاعْلَمُوا أَنَّ اللَّهَ سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى أَمْرُهُ بِأَمْرٍ بَدَأَ فِيهِ بِنَفْسِهِ وَثَبَّتْ بِمَلَائِكَتِهِ الْمُقَرَّبِينَ.
فَقَالَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى مُخْبِرًا وَآمِرًا بِالْمُؤْمِنِينَ :

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

تَسْلِيمًا ﴿٥٦﴾



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 وَعَلِيَّ،
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.

وَأَيِّدِ اللَّهُمَّ بِالتَّوْفِيقِ وَالْهُدَايَةِ مُدَبِّرَ هَذِهِ الْبِلَادِ الْإِسْلَامِيَّةِ مَلِكَنَا كِبَاوَهَ دَوْلِي

يَعْمَهَا مَلِيَا سَرِي قُدُوكَ بَكِينِدَا يَغِ دَفَرْتَوَانِ اكَوْغِ ك-15 سُلْطَانِ مُحَمَّدِ ك-5.

اللَّهُمَّ أَطْلُ عُمُرَهُ مُصْلِحًا لِلْمُؤَدِّينَ وَالرَّعِيَّةِ وَالْبِلَادِ، وَبَلِّغْ مَقَاصِدَهُ لِطَرِيقِ الْهُدَى
وَالرَّشَادِ. اللَّهُمَّ اجْعَلْ مَالِيزِيَا وَسَائِرَ بِلَادِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ طَيْبَةً آمِنَةً مُطْمَئِنَّةً رَّخِيَّةً، يَا
رُؤُوفُ بِالْعِبَادِ.

اللَّهُمَّ أَعِزِّ الْإِسْلَامَ وَالْمُسْلِمِينَ فِي كُلِّ مَكَانٍ وَحِينٍ، وَأَنْصُرْ مَنْ نَصَرَ الدِّينَ،
وَاخْذُلْ مَنْ خَذَلَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ، وَأَعْلِ كَلِمَتَكَ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ، وَدَمِّرْ أَعْدَاءَكَ أَعْدَاءَ
الدِّينِ.

O, Allah, You are The One Lord Who is the Most Gracious and the Most Merciful, we express our gratitude to You for all the gifts and blessings which you have bestowed upon us, provide to us and to our leaders



direction and guidance, strengthen the solidarity among us, unite our hearts for Your sake, ease all our affairs, multiply our beneficial knowledge, cultivate our souls with good morals, lead us to the route that You would approve, reinforce our faith while facing all forms of trials and tribulations from You, preserve the peace, harmony and safety of our country Malaysia and of our states and territories, namely the Federal Territories. Eschew us from any form of upheaval, disunity and chaos.

رَبَّنَا لَا تُزِغْ 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 يَذُكُرْكُمْ، وَاشْكُرُوا عَلَىٰ نِعَمِهِ يَزِدْكُمْ، وَاسْأَلُوهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ
يُعْطِكُمْ وَلِذِكْرِ اللَّهِ أَكْبَرُ، وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا تَصْنَعُونَ.