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If This Is Our Last Ramadan



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الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْخَبِيرِ الْحَكِيمِ ، أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ الْوَاحِدُ
الْقَوِيُّ الْمَتِينُ ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدَهُ وَرَسُولَهُ صَادِقُ
الْوَعْدِ الْأَمِينِ ، اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ
وَأَصْحَابِهِ وَمَنْ اتَّبَعَهُ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ .
أَمَّا بَعْدُ ، فَيَا أَيُّهَا الْمُسْلِمُونَ ، أُوصِيكُمْ وَنَفْسِي بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ ، فَقَدْ
فَازَ مَنْ اتَّقَى وَخَابَ مَنْ عَصَى .

- Blessed Friday Jemaah,
- Today is the final Friday of this Ramadan. In these last few days of this blessed month, let us boost our takwa to Allah s.w.t. and to increase in our supplication of doa to Allah, seeking from Him in the hope of being able to meet this month, which is full of barakah, again.

- Dear Jemaah,
- Every second of Ramadan is extremely valuable for those who understand the beauty and how special this month is. If we knew the value of Ramadan, surely we will not let it pass without having gained something from it.

- Last week, we were reminded of the importance of increasing our doa (supplication) to Allah s.w.t. throughout Ramadan. Allah s.w.t. encourages us to make doa to Him, to seek from Him, especially in these last ten nights of Ramadan where one of these nights is the night of Lailatul Qadar.

- It is the night where every person who meets this night in a state of worship to Allah, will be granted Allah's *rahmah* and forgiveness. How unfortunate it will be if we continue to be ignorant and forgetful even as Ramadan will soon leave us.

- However, what if this is the last Ramadan for us? Have we put in enough effort to ensure that this is our best Ramadan? Are we satisfied with our good deeds and acts of worship throughout this month? Jemaah, ask yourselves, are you ready to bid farewell to this blessed month?

- Beloved jemaah,
- we should be aware that none of us will know what will happen tomorrow. None of us knows when death will come upon us and where we will be buried. It is all in Allah's decree and only Allah s.w.t. is the Most Wise and Most Knowing.

- Allah s.w.t. says in surah Luqman verse 34:

إِنَّ اللَّهَ عِنْدَهُ رِجَالُ السَّاعَةِ وَيُنزِّلُ الْغَيْثَ وَيَعْلَمُ مَا فِي الْأَرْحَامِ

وَمَا تَدْرِي نَفْسٌ مَّاذَا تَكْسِبُ غَدًا وَمَا تَدْرِي نَفْسٌ بِأَيِّ أَرْضٍ

تَمُوتُ إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَلِيمٌ خَبِيرٌ



Which means: “Verily the knowledge of the Hour is with Allah (alone). It is He Who sends down rain, and He Who knows what is in the wombs. Nor does any one know what it is that he will earn tomorrow: Nor does anyone know in what land he is to die. Verily with Allah is full knowledge and He is acquainted (with all things).”

- Honourable jemaah,
- If one is to know that it will be one's last opportunity to perform good deeds, one will definitely appreciate every second to do so.

- Every deed and act of worship will be done to the best of one's ability, to ensure that it is more meaningful and of a high standard.

- On that basis, Prophet Muhammad s.a.w. reminded his people to focus on their deeds as if it is the last time one will be able to perform the deed.

- Rasulullah s.a.w. said, regarding solat (prayers):

إِذَا قُمْتَ فِي صَلَاتِكَ , فَصَلِّ صَلَاةَ مُودَعٍ

- Which means: *“When you stand to pray, pray like a man bidding farewell”*.
[Hadith narrated by Imam Ahmad and Ibn Majah]

- Subhanallah, that is indeed the advice of our beloved Rasulullah s.a.w. for anyone who is performing an act of worship.

- Imagine dear jemaah, if this Friday prayer that we are about to perform is our last prayer, the last time we will be able to recite the Fatihah, the last time we bow in rukuk and prostrate in sujud; will we be able to perfect this prayer that will be presented to Allah?

- Jemaah,
- This is the effect that one will feel if one can truly appreciate the meaning of death. This awareness will not cause a person to be less enthusiastic and lead to asceticism, drawing away from his surroundings.

- On the contrary, a mukmin who can appreciate and understand that death will definitely come, will be more driven and motivated to strive in doing one's best and will be encouraged to perform more good deeds.

Just like the Companions r.a. who truly appreciated the reality of death, and in fact they were the most hardworking in this world, “investing” to increase their rewards in the hereafter.

- A believer does not only sit around waiting for an opportunity to come to him, a believer does not simply wait for the next Ramadan

- Instead, a believer will hold on to this principle that was shared by Ibn Umar, a companion of Rasulullah s.a.w.:

إِذَا أَمْسَيْتَ فَلَا تَنْتَظِرِ الصُّبْحَ، وَإِذَا أَصْبَحْتَ فَلَا تَنْتَظِرِ الْمَسَاءَ،
وَأَخُذْ مِنْ صِحَّتِكَ لِمَرَضِكَ، وَمِنْ حَيَاتِكَ لِمَوْتِكَ.

- Which means: *“If you survive till the evening, do not expect to be alive in the morning, and if you survive till the morning, do not expect to be alive in the evening, and take from your health for your sickness, and (take) from your life for your death”.*
[Reported by Imam Al-Bukhari]

- In these last few days of Ramadan, let us reflect upon ourselves; reflect upon our deeds and our acts of worship throughout this entire month.

- If there are still many shortcomings in our fasting, then we should strive hard to compensate for it in these last few days, whether through increasing our acts of worship or giving more charity.

- Friday jemaah,
- Before I end this sermon, I would like to share a doa that was taught by our beloved Rasulullah s.a.w. which means:
"O Allah, Make the best of my life the end of it, the best of my actions the last of them, the best of my days the day in which I meet You. " [Musannaf Ibn Abi Syaibah].

- May Allah s.w.t. forgive our mistakes, and with Allah's mercy and love grant us and our entire family a strong iman and takwa. May we attain success in this world and the hereafter. Amin ya Rabbal Alamin.

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ، وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ
الْآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ، وَتَقَبَّلْ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتَهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ
الْعَلِيمُ، أَقُولُ قَوْلِي هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ لِي وَلَكُمْ، وَلِسَائِرِ
الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ، وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ، فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ فَيَا
فُوزَ الْمُسْتَغْفِرِينَ وَيَا نَجَاةَ التَّائِبِينَ.

2nd Sermon



الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ حَمْدًا كَثِيرًا كَمَا أَمَرَ.
أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ،
وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدَهُ وَرَسُولَهُ .
اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ
وَمَنْ تَبِعَهُمْ بِإِحْسَانٍ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ . أَمَّا بَعْدُ ،
فَيَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ فِيمَا أَمَرَ، وَانْتَهُوا عَمَّا نَهَاكُمْ عَنْهُ
وَزَجَرًا .

O servant of Allah, remember that this world is a place for temporary lodging. Truly, hereafter is the everlasting and permanent abode. So let us devote to Allah for obtaining happiness and escape from the punishment of hellfire.

- Allah says in Surah Al Ahzab verse 56:

إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَمَلَائِكَتَهُ يُصَلُّونَ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ
آمَنُوا صَلُّوا عَلَيْهِ وَسَلِّمُوا تَسْلِيمًا ﴿٥٦﴾

- Which means:

“Indeed Allah confers blessing upon the prophet and His angels (ask Him to do so). O! You who have believed, ask Allah to confer blessing upon him and ask Allah to grant him peace.”

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ
وَعَلَى آلِ سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ

- Let us pray that Allah SWT accept the khalifah of Rasulullah s.a.w Sayyidina Abu Bakr al-Siddiq r.a., Sayyidina Umar al-Khattab r.a., Sayyinda Uthman ibn Affan r.a., Sayyidina Ali ibn Abi Thalib r.a.

- And to his companions who struggle to uphold the religion of Allah, also to his uncles Sayyidina Hamzah and Sayyidina Abbas r.a. and to his grandchildren Sayyidina Hassan and Sayyidina Hussain r.a., his daughters sayyidatina Fatimah al-Zahraa', his wives Sayyidatina Khadijah and Sayyidatina Aisyah r.a. and the other wives.
- Followed by his family, companions, followers of the companions and those who come after them from time to time until the end of the world.

اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرِ لِلْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ

وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ وَالْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ،

- O Allah, forgive the Muslims and the believers, whether surviving or deceased.
- O Allah, grant us guidance, strength, prosperity and help the leaders of the Muslim countries especially your servant Sultan Ibrahim Ibni Almarhum Sultan Iskandar, the Sultan and ruler for the State of Johor Darul Takzim.

- To Raja Zarith Sofiah Binti Almarhum Sultan Idris Shah, Tengku Ismail Ibni Sultan Ibrahim, Tengku Mahkota Johor; and the Prince and Princess, the royal kinship, and all Muslims.

اللَّهُمَّ أَعِزَّ الْإِسْلَامَ وَالْمُسْلِمِينَ ، وَاخْذُلِ الْكُفْرَةَ
وَالْمُبْتَدِعَةَ وَالْمُشْرِكِينَ وَكُلَّ مَنْ هُوَ عَدُوٌّ لِلدِّينِ .

رَبَّنَا هَبْ لَنَا مِنْ أَزْوَاجِنَا وَذُرِّيَّاتِنَا قُرَّةَ أَعْيُنٍ وَاجْعَلْنَا
لِلْمُتَّقِينَ إِمَامًا .

اللَّهُمَّ ادْخِلْنَا وَذُرِّيَّاتَنَا وَأَصُولَنَا وَفُرُوعَنَا الْجَنَّةَ مَعَ الْأَبْرَارِ يَا عَزِيزُ يَا
غَفَّارُ يَا رَبَّ الْعَالَمِينَ . رَبَّنَا اغْفِرْ لَنَا وَلِإِخْوَانِنَا الَّذِينَ
سَبَقُونَا بِالْإِيمَانِ وَلَا تَجْعَلْ فِي قُلُوبِنَا غِلًّا لِلَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا
رَبَّنَا إِنَّكَ رءُوفٌ رَحِيمٌ . رَبَّنَا ءَاتِنَا فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِي
الْآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ وَالْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ .

عِبَادَ اللَّهِ ، إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ وَالْإِحْسَانِ وَإِيتَايَ ذِي

الْقُرْبَىٰ وَيَنْهَىٰ عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَالْبَغْيِ

يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ .

فَاذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ يَذْكُرْكُمْ ، وَاشْكُرُواهُ عَلَىٰ نِعَمِهِ

يَزِدْكُمْ ، وَلَذِكْرُ اللَّهِ أَكْبَرُ ، وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا تَصْنَعُونَ .

