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INSTILLING AL-QURAN IN OUR LIVES

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ شَهْرُ رَمَضَانَ الَّذِي أُنزِلَ فِيهِ الْقُرْآنُ
 هُدًى لِّلنَّاسِ وَبَيِّنَاتٍ مِّنَ الْهُدَىٰ وَالْفُرْقَانِ ۚ فَمَنْ
 شَهِدَ مِنْكُمُ الشَّهْرَ فَلْيَصُمْهُ ۖ وَمَنْ كَانَ مَرِيضًا أَوْ عَلَىٰ
 سَفَرٍ فَعِدَّةٌ مِّنْ أَيَّامٍ أُخَرَ يُرِيدُ اللَّهُ بِكُمُ الْيُسْرَ وَلَا يُرِيدُ
 بِكُمُ الْعُسْرَ وَلِتُكْمِلُوا الْعِدَّةَ وَلِتُكَبِّرُوا اللَّهَ عَلَىٰ
 مَا هَدَاكُمْ وَلَعَلَّكُمْ تَشْكُرُونَ ۝¹



أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ
وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ
وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ
أَجْمَعِينَ. أَمَّا بَعْدُ، فَيَا أَيُّهَا الْمُسْلِمُونَ! اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ،
أَوْصِيَكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ. قَالَ
اللَّهُ تَعَالَى: يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تَقَاتِهِ
وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ.

- Dear Jama'ah,
- I invite myself and dearest audience to strive to have the taqwwa of Allah by fulfilling all of His Commands and avoiding all of His prohibitions.

- In conjunction with Ramadaan, a month in which al-Qur'an was revealed, let us internalize upon a khutbah entitled :

“INSTILLING AL-QUR'AN IN OUR LIVES”

- Dear brothers,
- I am certain that everyone present in this masjid would actually own at least a copy of al-Qur'an at home.

- We are always reminded that al-Qur”an serves as guidance from Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta’aala for us.

- However, to ensure that we could practice the teachings of al-Qur'an in the best manner, we must diligently strive to comprehend its teachings.

- We must understand the stories mentioned in al-Qur'an.

- Are the main themes in al-Qur'an actually interrelated with our daily lives ?

- For Muslims that truly internalize the Divine book of al-Qur'an, Kalaamullaah (the Word of Allah) is not just mere legacy of Rasulullah S.A.W.

- The greatest miracle of Prophet Muhammad S.A.W. that was revealed in stages for 23 years, was entrusted upon mankind to actually learn, internalize, and then practice upon all of its contents.

- Such is the best guidance, guiding humans to the true lifestyle and providing guidance to a life that is everlasting with excellence.

- Al-Qur'an was revealed with the purpose of driving mankind towards the path of Truth, providing guidance, mercy, giving glad tidings, as healing, reminder, and guiding light in our lives.

- Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala mentions in al-Qur'an (interpretation of the meaning):

- **“O mankind, there has come to you instruction from your Lord and Healing for what is in the breasts and guidance and mercy for the believers”**

(Yoonus 10:57)

- Dear brothers,
- This verse explains to us the reason that al-Qur'an was revealed, which is to provide advice, healing, and hidaayah (guidance) for the entire mankind.

- Hence, we must always evaluate our relationship with al-Qur'an.

- In these recent times, are we actually referring to al-Qur'an in seeking guidance and counseling from Allah while we made through our lives?

- Dear jama'ah,
- Have we pondered upon the stories mentioned in al-Qur'an and derive lessons from them?

- We do not want any one of us to utilize al-Qur'an only as a home decoration item, pr purely as symbolic gift, or only “heard” when death occurs.

- What is certain is that today, al-Qur'an is becoming more isolated by our society, whether the young or old.

- While its recitation has become seasonal, it is no longer a daily practice.

- Even if recited, it is merely lip service.

- We would only learn the bare minimum, and even then, some would recite al-Qur'an without knowing the tajweed rulings.

- Dear brothers,
- Not knowing the maad rulings and the proper elongation of recitation.

- Some are of the opinion that its recitation alone would suffice, whereas reciting al-Qur'an with proper tajweed and its discipline is fard 'ayn (individual obligation) upon every Muslim.

- Even a mistake in the pronunciation of a letter can change the meaning of that particular verse.

- The home is the early educational (tarbiyyah) institution in developing personality and nurturing a generation that recites al-Qur'an.

- Therefore, earnest efforts must be undertaken in realizing the instilment of al-Qur'an at home.

- Among them :
- First : it is the obligation of the parents to become exemplary for the family members.

- The parents should always recite al-Qur'an at home and ensure that al-Qur'an is often recited by the family members.

- How is it that we would have time to read the newspaper, magazines, watching television, browsing the internet, socializing on WhatsApp and Instagram, and many others?

- Why cannot we allocate a little bit of time to recite al-Qur'an?

- Abu umaamah al-Baahili radiyAllaahu ‘anh reported :
Rasulullah SAW said :

- **“Recite the Qur’an, for on the Day of Resurrection it will come as an intercessor for those who recite it...”**

(Muslim)

- We as Muslims should take al-Qur'an as our main reading material at all times.

- Those that recites al-Qur'an, even listening or looking at al-Qur'an, will be rewarded by Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala.

- Ibn mas'ood radiyAllaahu 'anh reported : Rasulullah SAW said :
“Whoever recites a letter from the Book of Allah, he will be credited with a good deed, and a good deed gets a ten-fold reward. I do not say that Alif-Lam_Mim is one letter, but Alif is a letter, Lam is a letter and Mim is a letter”
(at-Tirmidhi: hasan

- Second :
- Parents should instill the appreciation for al-Qur'an at home systematically by allocating suitable time for its recitation, learning, tadabbur(reflection), and teaching the recitation of al-Qur'an to family members.

- Why is it that many of us as parents would grieve, become upset, disappointed, and sorrow if our children failed in their accademic studies?

- And why is it that not many would feel sad or disappointed if their children do not know or failed to recite al-Qur'an?

- Al-Qur'an is Kalaamullaah that is noble, where it is rendered as 'ibaadah for the one who recites it and practice upon its teachings.

- Imagine ! By only reciting it, we are promised with great rewards and benefits.

- So, what more if it is enhanced with its comprehension, internalization, and application of its teachings.

- With today's technological advancement, al-Qur'an is easily accessible.

- If back then it would be cumbersome to carry a physical copy of al-Qur'an, today we have mobile phones that can store various applications for al-Qur'an.

- Therefore, let us include the recitation and learning of al-Qur'an as part and parcel of our lives.

- Let us allocate our precious time for al-Qur'an on a daily basis.

- Let us begin our day with the sound of al-Qur'an and also end our day with the sound of al-Qur'an.

- Similar goes with our family members.

- When al-Qur'an becomes part of our family lives when resting or on a vacation, then it becomes a habit and permanently remains as an interest.

- Let us ponder upon a hadeeth narrated by Mu'aadh al-Juhani radiyAllaahu 'anh where Rasulullah SAW said :

- **“if anyone recites the Qur’an and acts according to its content, on the Day of Judgment his parents will be given to wear a crown whose light is better than the light of the sun in the dwellings of this world if it were among you. So what do you think of him who acts according to this?”**

(Abu Dawood: da’eef)

- Therefore, our effort in implementing the teachings of al-Qur'an provide a secondway for us to attain goodness and blessings from it.

- However, to ensure that we can practice upon al-Qur'an properly, we must understand how to comprehend its teachings.

- We must comprehend the stories within it, its lessons and the major themes within al-Qur'an that are related with the daily lives of our families and ours.

- Pondering upon today's khutbah, it behoove us as Muslims to:

1. Believe and have certainty that al-Qur'an is the life guidance that was revealed to mankind.

2. Have certainty that the contents of al-Qur'an are true, accurate, and suitable for mankind at all times.

3. Utilize all forms of facilities and technological sophistications in aiding the learning, recitation, and internalization of al-Qur'an.

4. Have certainty in the Promise of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala that those reciting al-Qur'an will be granted with rewards that are multiplied.

- **“ And We send down of the Qur’an that which is healing and mercy for the believers, but it does not increase the wrongdoers except in loss”**

(al-Israa’ 17:82)

بَارِكْ اللَّهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ بِالْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ ، وَتَفَعَّنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنْ
الْآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ ، وَتَقَبَّلْ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتَهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ
السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ ، أَقُولُ قَوْلِي هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ لِي وَلَكُمْ ،
وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ ،
فَأَسْتَغْفِرُوهُ فَيَا فَوْزَ الْمُسْتَغْفِرِينَ وَيَا نَجَاةَ النَّائِبِينَ .