



“EARNING THE REWARDS OF AL-QUR’AN IN THE NOBLE MONTH”

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ: إِنَّ الَّذِينَ يَتْلُونَ كِتَابَ اللَّهِ وَأَقَامُوا الصَّلَاةَ وَأَنْفَقُوا مِمَّا رَزَقْنَاهُمْ سِرًّا وَعَلَانِيَةً يَرْجُونَ تَجْرَةً لَنْ تَبُورَ ۗ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، أُوصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ. قَالَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى: يَتَأَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تَقَاتِهِ وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ.

Dear blessed Muslims,

I remind myself and fellow audience that let us strive to increase our *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* with *istiqaamah* (steadfastness) in performing all of His Commands and avoiding all of His prohibitions. With unwavering *imaan* (faith), may we attain the pleasure of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*, hence becoming His successful servants in this world and the Hereafter.

Today I will be discussing a *khutbah* titled “EARNING THE REWARDS OF AL-QUR’AN IN THE NOBLE MONTH.”

Respected audience,

It is generally known that Ramadaan is a month in which we are highly recommended to increase our *'ibaadah* (worship). Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* will reward every good deeds, and even multiplies the reward of *'ibaadah* performed in this month far greater than those performed in other months. In addition to obligatory acts, we are highly encouraged to increase our deeds by performing the *sunnah* (supererogatory) acts. For example, performing the *sunnah* prayers specifically *taraaweeh*, giving *sadaqah* (charity), performing *i'tikaaf*, attending circles of knowledge, and reciting al-Qur'an. Its virtues have been explained by Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم in the *hadeeth* of 'Abdullah ibn Abi Awfa *radiyAllaahu 'anh*, where the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم said:

نَوْمُ الصَّائِمِ عِبَادَةٌ، وَصُمْتُهُ تَسْبِيحٌ، وَدُعَاؤُهُ مُسْتَجَابٌ، وَعَمَلُهُ مُضَاعَفٌ

“The sleep of the fasting person is worship, his silence is *tasbeeh* (glorification), his *du'aa* (supplication) is answered and his good deeds will be multiplied.”

(al-Bayhaqi)

¹ Faa-tir 35:29.



Al-Qur'an was revealed as *rahmah* (mercy) to the worlds. This holy book is filled with advice and guidance for mankind in wading through the life of this world and also the Hereafter. Moreover, this holy book was also revealed to be recited, as mentioned in the verse recited earlier in this *khutbah*:

"Indeed, those who recite the Book of Allah and establish prayer and spend [in His cause] out of what We have provided them, secretly and publicly, [can] expect a profit that will never perish."

Al-Qur'an is the Word of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*, and it is a *mu'jizah* (miracle) that was revealed to Rasulullah ﷺ through angel Jibreel 'alayhissalaam. It is a noble book that was sent down on a night that is full of *barakah* (blessings). Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 3 of soorah ad-Dukhaan:

إِنَّا أَنْزَلْنَاهُ فِي لَيْلَةٍ مُبَارَكَةٍ إِنَّا كُنَّا مُنذِرِينَ ﴿٣﴾

"Indeed, We sent it down during a blessed night. Indeed, We were to warn [mankind]."

Reciting al-Qur'an is an *'ibaadah* in Islam and its reciters will be rewarded for doing so. Regarding this, in the *hadeeth* of 'Abdullah bin Mas'ood *radiallahaahu 'anh*, Rasulullah ﷺ said:

مَنْ قَرَأَ حَرْفًا مِنْ كِتَابِ اللَّهِ فَلَهُ بِهِ حَسَنَةٌ، وَالْحَسَنَةُ بِعَشْرِ أَمْثَالِهَا، لَا أَقُولُ حَرْفٌ، وَلَكِنْ أَلِفٌ حَرْفٌ وَوَلَامٌ حَرْفٌ وَمِيمٌ حَرْفٌ

"[Whoever recites a letter] from Allah's Book, then he receives the reward from it, and the reward of ten the like of it. I do not say that Alif Lam Mim is a letter, but Alif is a letter, Lam is a letter and Mim is a letter."

(at-Tirmidhi)

Reciting al-Qur'an has tremendous virtues. In addition to attaining rewards from Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* its reciter will also be granted *shafaa'ah* (intercession) on the Day of Judgment. In the *hadeeth* of Abu Umaamah al-Baahiliy *radiallahaahu 'anh*, Rasulullah ﷺ said:

اقْرءُوا الْقُرْآنَ فَإِنَّهُ يَأْتِي يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ شَفِيعًا لِأَصْحَابِهِ

"Recite the Qur'an, for on the Day of Resurrection it will come as an intercessor for those who recite it."

(Muslim)

In the *hadeeth* of 'Abdullah bin 'Amr *radiallahaahu 'anhuma*, Rasulullah ﷺ said:



الصِّيَامُ وَالْقُرْآنُ يَشْفَعَانِ لِلْعَبْدِ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ

"Fasting and the Qu'ran will intercede for the servant on the Day of Resurrection."

(Ahmad)

Dear blessed Muslims,

Therefore, with all the chances and opportunities bestowed upon us in this glorious month, let us altogether strive to increase our provision of good deeds with the following deeds. Among them is increasing the recitation of al-Qur'an.

Imam an-Nawawi mentioned that it is from the *sunnah* to fully concentrate upon the recitation of al-Qur'an in the month of Ramadaan. This is especially in the last ten days, and specifically on the odd nights.

Let us strive to increase our recitation of al-Qur'an far above other months. If we are used to only complete reciting the entire al-Qur'an in six months or even a year, then in this noble month let us instill the determination to complete it once within one month. It is truly a blessing for those that can complete the recitation twice or thrice in this noble month of Ramadaan. Let us substitute our leisure times with the recitation of al-Qur'an, instead of browsing the Internet, Facebook, and others. With the increased recitation of al-Qur'an, may we attain multiple rewards offered by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.

In revitalizing this noble month, many mosques are determined in organizing various spiritual programs. Among the ones that are given emphasis and due attention are *tadarrus* (recitation) and *tadabbur* (reflection) of al-Qur'an, *qiyaam al-layl* (night prayer), *dawrah kitaab* (intensive study of a book), *i'tikaaf*, and others.

Dear blessed audience,

To end the *khutbah*, let us altogether derive lessons upon the following matters:

1. The Muslim *ummah* must have certainty that reciting al-Qur'an will increase one's *imaan* in Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.
2. The Muslim *ummah* must be passionate in increasing righteous deeds so as to earn all of the virtues and rewards in the month of Ramadaan.
3. The Muslim *ummah* must *tadabbur* (ponder) and thoroughly practice upon the teachings of al-Qur'an, for they are guidance in our worldly lives in attaining blissfulness in this world and the Hereafter.

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ



مَنْ جَاءَ بِالْحَسَنَةِ فَلَهُ عَشْرُ أَمْثَالِهَا ^ط وَمَنْ جَاءَ بِالسَّيِّئَةِ فَلَا تُجْزَىٰ إِلَّا مِثْلَهَا وَهُمْ
لَا يُظْلَمُونَ ﴿١٦٠﴾

"Whoever comes [on the Day of Judgment] with a good deed will have ten times the like thereof [to his credit], and whoever comes with an evil deed will not be recompensed except the like thereof; and they will not be wronged."

(al-An'aam 6:160)

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ، وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ
وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتَهُ، إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ.
أَقُولُ قَوْلِي هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ لِي وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ،
فَأَسْتَغْفِرُوهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ.



THE SECOND KHUTBAH

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي جَعَلَنَا مِنَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ، وَرَزَقَنَا مِنَ الطَّيِّبَاتِ. أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ، وَمَنْ تَبِعَهُمْ بِإِحْسَانٍ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ. أَمَّا بَعْدُ، فَيَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ، أَوْصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ.

Dear blessed audience,

“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.”

(al-Ahzaab 33:56)

وَقَالَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى : إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَمَلَائِكَتَهُ يُصَلُّونَ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا صَلُّوا عَلَيْهِ وَسَلِّمُوا تَسْلِيمًا.

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا وَمَوْلَانَا مُحَمَّدٍ سَيِّدِ الْمُرْسَلِينَ وَارْضَ اللَّهُمَّ عَنْ أَصْحَابِهِ وَقَرَابَتِهِ وَأَزْوَاجِهِ وَذُرِّيَّاتِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ.

اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِلْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ، إِنَّكَ سَمِيعٌ قَرِيبٌ مُجِيبُ الدَّعَوَاتِ وَيَا قَاضِيَ الْحَاجَاتِ. اللَّهُمَّ أَعِزِّ الْإِسْلَامَ وَالْمُسْلِمِينَ، وَأَهْلِكَ الْكُفْرَةَ وَالْمُبْتَدِعَةَ وَالْمُشْرِكِينَ وَدَمَّرْ أَعْدَاءَكَ أَعْدَاءَ الدِّينِ. وَانصُرْنَا عَلَى الْقَوْمِ الْكَافِرِينَ.

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ وَنَتَوَسَّلُ إِلَيْكَ بِنَبِيِّكَ الْأَمِينِ، وَنَسْأَلُكَ بِأَسْمَائِكَ الْحُسْنَى، وَصِفَاتِكَ الْعُظْمَى، أَنْ تَحْفَظَ بَعَيْنِ عِنَايَتِكَ الرَّبَّانِيَّةِ، وَبِحِفْظِ وَقَايَتِكَ الصِّمْدَانِيَّةِ، جَلَالَةَ مَلِكِنَا الْمُعْظَمِ، سُلْطَانَ سَلَاطِينِ، سُلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ اَدْرِيسِ شَاهِ الْحَاجِ ابْنِ الْمَرْحُومِ سُلْطَانَ صِلَاحِ الدِّينِ عَبْدِ الْعَزِيزِ شَاهِ الْحَاجِ. اللَّهُمَّ أَدِمِ الْعُونَ وَالْهَدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْكَ، لَوْلِيِّ عَهْدِ سَلَاطِينِ، تَعَاوَنِ أَمِيرِ شَاهِ ابْنِ السُّلْطَانَ شَرَفِ



الدِّينِ ادريس شاه الحاج، فِي اَمْنٍ وَصَلَاحٍ وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنِّكَ وَكَرَمِكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ
وَ الْاِكْرَامِ. اَللّٰهُمَّ اَطْلُ عُمْرَهُمَا مُصْلِحِيْنَ لِلْمَوْظِفِيْنَ وَالرَّعِيَّةِ وَالْبِلَادِ، وَبَلِّغْ مَقاصِدَهُمَا
لِطَرِيْقِ الْهُدٰى وَالرَّشَادِ.

O Allah, You are the Lord that is All Mighty, we are grateful to You for having bestowed *rahmah* and *barakah* upon this state, which continues to remain advanced and prosperous, with its residents united under the auspices and leadership of our Ruler as the Head of Islamic affairs in this state.

Hence, we sincerely beseech You, O Allah, strengthen our *imaan* and creed according to that of *Ahl as-Sunnah wal-Jamaa'ah*, and protect us from teachings that are outside the fold of Islam such as *Qadiyaani* and deviant teachings such as *Shee'ah*. O Allah, Ya *Rahmaan*, Ya *Raheem*, unite our hearts, bestow upon us *rizq* with blessings, enrich us with beneficial knowledge, protect us from calamities. O Allah, bestow upon us guidance in performing the five daily prayers in congregation, fulfilling *zakaat* through *Lembaga Zakat Selangor* (Selangor *Zakaat* Board), making *waqf* and *infaaq* of our wealth to *Perbadanan Wakaf Negeri Selangor* (Selangor *Waqf* Corporation), and *Tabung Amanah Pembangunan Islam Selangor* (Islamic Development Trust Fund of Selangor).

رَبَّنَا هَبْ لَنَا مِنْ اَزْوَاجِنَا وَذُرِّيَّتِنَا قُرَّةَ اَعْيُنٍ وَاجْعَلْنَا لِلْمُتَّقِيْنَ اِمَامًا. رَبَّنَا ءَاتِنَا فِي
الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِي الْاٰخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ.
عِبَادَ اللّٰهِ، اِنَّ اللّٰهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ وَالْاِحْسَانِ وَاِيتَايَ ذِي الْقُرْبٰى وَيَنْهٰى عَنِ الْفَحْشَآءِ
وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَالْبَغْيِ يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُوْنَ ﴿١٠١﴾
فَاذْكُرُوْا اللّٰهَ الْعَظِيْمَ يَذْكُرْكُمْ وَاشْكُرُوْهُ عَلٰى نِعْمِهِ ۚ يَزِدْكُمْ، وَاَسْأَلُوْهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ ۗ
يُعْطِكُمْ وَلَذِكْرُ اللّٰهِ اَكْبَرُ وَاللّٰهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا تَصْنَعُوْنَ.

