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Story of the Prophet

Muhammad's (S.A.W.) Forgiveness

Narrated Abu Huraira radiallahu anhu: Prophet Muhammad salallahu alaihi wa sallam ordered me to guard the Zakat revenue of Ramadan. Then somebody came to me and started stealing of the foodstuff. I caught him and said, "I will take you to Allah's Apostle!"

Then Abu Huraira described the whole narration and said: That person said (to me), "Please don't take me to Allah's Apostle and I will tell you a few words by which Allah will benefit you. When you go to your bed, recite Ayatul Kursi, (2:255) for then there will be a guard from Allah who will protect you all night long, and Satan will not be able to come near you till dawn."

When the Prophet heard the story, he said (to me), "He (who came to you at night) told you the truth although he is a liar; and it was Satan."

Sahih Al-Bukhari – Book 61 Hadith 530

VIRTUE

The Prophet (S.A.W.) said,

"Whoever recites Ayat al-Kursiy (2:225), immediately after each prescribed prayer, there will be nothing standing between him and his entering Paradise except death."

[Sunan Nasa'i]

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RAJAB | SHABAN | RAMADAN

Osama bin Zaid (R.A.) narrates; I said, “O Messenger of Allah, I do not see you fasting in any month more than in Shaban.”

The Prophet (S.A.W.) said, “It is a month concerning which many people are heedless, between Rajab and Ramadhan. It is a month in which people’s deed are taken up to the Lord of the Worlds, and I would like my deeds to be taken up while I am fasting.”

Story of the Sahabah

Khuzaymah ibn Thabit (R.A.) “Dhu’sh-Shahadatain”

Narrated Uncle of Umarah ibn Khuzaymah: The Prophet (S.A.W.) bought a horse from a Bedouin. The Prophet (S.A.W.) took him with him to pay him the price of his horse. The Messenger of Allah (S.A.W.) walked quickly and the Bedouin walked slowly. The people stopped the Bedouin and began to bargain with him for the horse as and they did not know that the Prophet (S.A.W.) had bought it.

The Bedouin called the Messenger of Allah (S.A.W.) saying: If you want this horse, (then buy it), otherwise I shall sell it. The Prophet (S.A.W.) stopped when he heard the call of the Bedouin, and said: Have I not bought it from you? The Bedouin said: I swear by Allah, I have not sold it to you. The Prophet (S.A.W.) said: Yes, I have bought it from you. The Bedouin began to say: Bring a witness. Khuzaymah ibn Thabit then said: I bear witness that you have bought it. The Prophet (S.A.W.) turned to Khuzaymah and said: On what (grounds) do you bear witness?

He said: By considering you trustworthy, Messenger of Allah (S.A.W.)! The Prophet (S.A.W.) made the witness of Khuzaymah equivalent to the witness of two people.

[Abu Dawood - 3607]

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RAMADHAN MARQUEE

By the grace of Allah, the Management Committee at Wembley Central Masjid has been organising & hiring a marquee in the month of Ramadhan to accommodate for the vast number of attendees during the holy month for many years.

The cost comes up to, approximately £6000.

We would like to urge brothers & sisters to contribute towards this expense to gain the reward of all those utilising these facilities for Iftar & Tarawih Salah.

To donate please contact the Management Committee or make a bank transfer to the details provided on the back of the newsletter.

Alhamdulillah, brothers and sisters have already started making contributions through their donations. However, we are still far from our target and Ramadhan is getting closer.

RAMADHAN IFTAR

The Messenger of Allaah (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) said: **“Whoever feeds a fasting person will have a reward like that of the fasting person, without any reduction in his reward.”** [Tirmidhi - 807; Ibn Maajah – 1746]

Alhamdulillah, the Management Committee at Wembley Central Masjid has been catering and providing extra facilities during Ramadhan for many years. WCM caters for the Iftar of 400-500 people every day, during our holy month of Ramadhan. This is a daily expense of £500 to cater for our fasting brothers & sisters.

The Management Committee also organises Suhur in the last ten days of Ramadhan, catering for the people in I'tekaaf & other worshippers.

We request our brothers & sisters to donate generously, thereby acting upon the above-mentioned Hadith and gaining the reward of the



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Imam Interview Continued...

Journalist: What do you hope to achieve in Wembley Central Masjid?
As I understand it, the people there are disunited and...

Imam: I'm glad you mentioned that. First of all, we must never lose sight that we are all either brothers by blood relations, brothers in humanity, or brothers by faith, and the bonds of faith supersedes everything and binds us as Almighty Allaah states in Suratul Hujuraat 49:10 that "...the believers are a brotherhood..." of course this applies to our noble sisters as well. According to a hadith by the sahabi, Numan bin Basheer, (radiyallahu anhu) the holy prophet, likened the Muslims to 'a body'. So, naturally, brothers and sisters will have differences of opinions and disagree to varying degrees, sometimes about the most mundane things, in this case it is imperative that we make every effort to unify ourselves under the orders of Almighty Allaah. It is my hope to effect true unity of faith, purpose and learning and teaching of Islaam.



Imam Shaykh Hassan Gonzalez

J: How will you be able to achieve this?

I: Alhamdulillah, by the Grace of Allaah and His Help, I have a successful track record of working for the common good. For our Muslim community, I wish to establish more Quran and Hadith learning opportunities for all levels of learners. This includes utilizing the services of our local Huffadh and scholars in order to do so.

J: One would say that we already have madressa classes....

I: The classes I have in mind are in addition to madressa. So for example, youths and elders of both gender should have access to Tajweed, Hifdh and Tafsir classes, as well as Hadith & Sunnah studies, Aqeedah and Fiqh, in order to be more grounded in the Deen and to be better able to understand what Almighty Allaah requires of us in our ebaadaah and mu'aamalaat and to be able to discharge such duties.

J: What about different sectors of the community?

I: Within the Muslim community, there are women, NEETs and disengaged members who need up- skilling and equipping with the requisite knowledge, skills and abilities to be able to contribute in a more substantive manner. Other sectors such as the elderly need engagement programmes. We as a community can benefit so much from their vast experience and wisdom.

J: What about the wider community?

I: As I was mentioning, our Centre has to provide developmental programmes for Muslims, spiritually, socially, intellectually and in terms of their mental wellbeing, inshaAllaah. As for the wider community, there are many causes to which we can relate and support, such as cancer research, welfare such as local poverty alleviation, for example, partaking or running soup kitchens, having community sales and donating towards local community charities and the like. This not only helps to build bridges, but to foster ties of community and heighten awareness of what our local needs are and how best to meet them.

J: Didn't you used to do the 'Eid in Barham Park' some years ago?

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I: Yes, I worked with all communities and the local authority to try to revive the Sunnah of praying in open spaces and facilitating family friendly fun- days on our Eids. I was also instrumental in assisting with the Brent “Mums against Gangs” and other initiatives that involved working with many different community groups for matters related to disability, health and sports. This is especially important as once again we are faced with knife crimes, deaths and drugs.

J: For sure. These things need to be tackled as a community. Do you really think that our Centre can play a role in supporting people with mental health?

I: All of the Centre’s front-line staff such as madressa teachers, Imaams, volunteers and those who come into regular contact with members of the public not only have to be trained Islamically, but they need to have first-aid, health and safety and safeguarding training so as to be able to assist all users of our Centre. In the case of beneficiaries with mental health issues, we should all know where professional help can be had and how to signpost users of our services to the right organizations to receive the right type of help they might need at that time. It is almost always the case that people needing help with their mental health first come to their places of worship; and it is for this reason that all Centre personnel need such skills, training and continued professional development.

J: Is this ‘wish-list’ for the not-too-distant future?

I: Of course not! Programmes and CPD opportunities for all community members can start immediately and sooner rather than later. Right now, what I would like to see is that we have pre- Ramadan, and a successful Ramadan programme that utilizes the talent of our community and delivers positive growth and development for us all in all spheres: spiritually, culturally, educationally and in terms of health. Any member of our community who has ideas or expertise that he or she wishes thereby to enrich our community, can contact me and we would see how best we can assist them to deliver something beneficial to us all, inshaAllaah.

J: Imam, are there any words you would like to leave us with?

I: I am asking my brothers and sisters that they should try to reconcile their disputes and make amends before Ramadan so they can reap a spiritually beneficial and full productive Ramadaan, inshaallaah.

The Prophet (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) is reported to have said in a hadith agreed upon: “Do not hate one another, do not envy one another, do not turn away from one another. Be, O slaves of Allaah, brothers. It is not permissible for a Muslim to forsake his brother for more than three days.”

I advise you all to greet each other with ‘Salaams’ and be polite with each other so as not to incur the wrath of Almighty Allaah upon ourselves.

Almighty Allaah says: “So fear Allaah and adjust all matters of difference among you, and obey Allaah and His Messenger (Muhammad), if you are believers” [al-Anfaal 8:1]

He also says: “And obey Allaah and His Messenger, and do not dispute (with one another) lest you lose courage and your strength departs and be patient. Surely, Allaah is with those who are the patient.” [al-Anfaal 8:46]

“And hold fast, all of you together, to the Rope of Allaah (i.e. this Qur’aan), and be not divided among yourselves, and remember Allaah’s Favour on you, for you were enemies one to another but He joined your hearts together, so that, by His Grace, you became brethren (in Islamic Faith), and you were on the brink of a pit of Fire, and He saved you from it. Thus, Allaah makes His Ayaat clear to you, that you may be guided” [Aal ‘Imraan 3:103].

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Brothers and sisters, if we truly want unity, we have to work for it and Allaah will be pleased with us and we can immensely benefit all Muslims and non- Muslims...Allahumma ameen.

Finally, May Allaah's salutations and blessings be upon our beloved nabi (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him), and I wish everyone a blessed Ramadan...aameen. wassalaamu alaikum wa rahmatullaah.

Tarbiyyah - Upbrining

Tarbiyyah in Islam is very important, it is like building a foundation. Our children must be brought up on the correct path of Islam. We must guide our children and educate them through the Quran and Sunnah from their early years as it is easier to mould them from a young age. Take for example a tree, if we give it support and help it grow straight from when it is a weak stem, it will grow to be a strong and straight tree. However, if it is allowed to grow at its own will, it may grow crooked and then if it is straightened it will break.



By Shaikh Mubashir Ali

Our children and our household are our responsibility. Allah says, "O you who believe, save yourselves and your families from the fire whose fuel is people and stones." (Quran 66:6). A Hadith is stated by Imam Bukhari in his book Adab al-Mufrad that Ibn 'Umar reported that the Prophet, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, "All of you are shepherds and each of you is responsible for his flock. A man is the shepherd of the people of his house and he is responsible. A woman is the shepherd of the house of her husband and she is responsible. Each of you is a shepherd and each is responsible for his flock."

We cannot expect our children to grow up to be pious and obedient just by attending Madrassah classes while continuously neglecting our responsibilities as parents. We as parents are the first role models of our children and children, more than anyone, do as they see not as they are told. If a child will see her mother drinking water while sitting down, she will adopt this habit without being reminded. Similarly, if a child sees his father frequenting the Masjid, he will show the zeal to go to the Masjid too.

We must fulfil our responsibilities and pray to Allah for faith and guidance. To motivate us, we can think of making this effort as an investment for the hereafter as the Hadith of Sahih Muslim mentions one of the few things that can benefit a person after his death is a pious offspring who would pray for him/her.

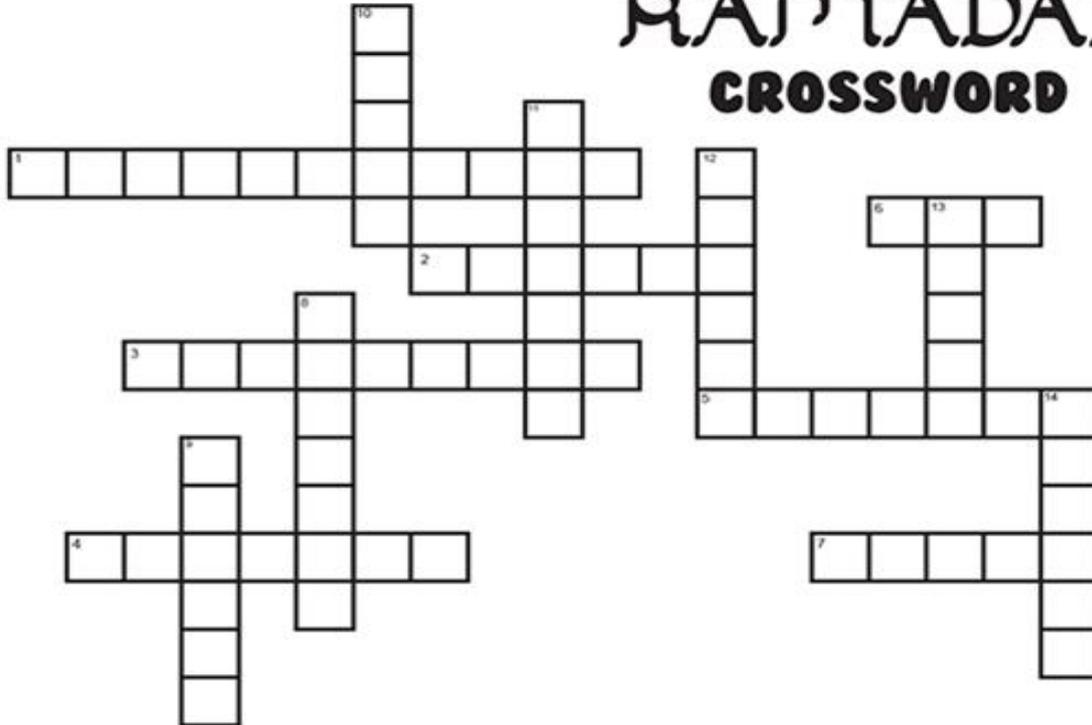
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RAMADAN CROSSWORD



ACROSS:

1. The messenger of Allah
2. Worship
3. The first surah of Quran
4. We do this from Dawn until sunrise during Ramadan
5. Those who do good deeds will get this from Allah
6. This celebration comes at the end of Ramadan
7. Our holy book

DOWN:

8. Sunset time
9. Where is best to pray?
10. We do this 5 times a day
11. The 9th month of the Islamic calendar
12. Eat this before you start fasting
13. This happens at maghrib time
14. the way of the Prophet



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