

EID MUBARAK

As Eid is approaching the excitement is building up for faithful Muslims who gave up food and drink for the entire day during the month of Ramadhan. Allah the All-Mighty recognises this great act of worship and declares the day after Ramadhan as the day of 'Eid' 'Fitr' (Day of festival and 'breakfast'). He has made fasting on this day 'Haram' to ensure all his dedicated servants eat during the day.

The night that precedes the day is also precious and very virtuous for those who do not forget Allah after Ramadhan. Since Islam is a complete way of life for the entire life, there will never be a moment or an occasion where Muslims do not remember Allah and glorify Him. Eid is an example where even before the day, the night that precedes it is also great. - Page 2

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Along with fasting and standing for long prayers at night, the Muslim community displayed true generosity by feeding and sharing their food (iftaar) with the wider community.



Don't forget the 6 Fasts of Shaw'wal!

"Whoever completes the fasts of Ramadhan then adds to them the fasts of six days in the month of Shaw'wal, it will carry the reward of fasting for the whole year." (Sahih Muslim) page 4

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Whoever stands up (in worship) in the nights preceding the two Eids expecting rewards from his Lord, his heart will not die when the other hearts will die (doomed hearts on the day of judgement). (Ibn Majah)

The least a person can do is pray all the Salahs in the Masjid including the fajr of Eid and abstain from parties where there are haram activities.

Some of the key points related to Eid;

1. History of Eid

Anas RA (May Allah be pleased with him) said: When the Messenger of Allah (Peace be upon him) came to Madinah, the people had two days on which they would play games, He (Peace be upon him) asked: What are these two days? They replied we used to play games on these days during the pre-Islamic days, then the Messenger of Allah (Peace be upon him) said:

"Indeed Allah has exchanged these two days with a better two days (they are) the day of Ad-h'ha and the day of Fitr". (Abu Dawood)

2. Saying ' Taqab'balal'lahu Min'na Wa Mink' as Eid Dua & Greeting

When the companions of the Messenger of Allah (Peace be upon him) would meet on Eid day, they would say to each other 'May Allah accept us and you'. (Fathul Bari)

3. Eating before Eidul Fitr- Salah

Buraidah RA said: "The Prophet (Peace be upon him) would not go out on Eidul Fitr until he had eaten and he would not eat on Eidul Adh'ha until he returned and he would eat from his sacrifice". (Ahmad)

4. Adornment on Eid

Hasan As-Sibt said: that the Messenger of Allah (Peace be upon him) commanded us to wear the best clothes that we could find for both Eids and to use the best perfume that we could find and to sacrifice the most expensive animal that we could find. (Haakim) - page 3

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5. Walking to Eid Salah

Ali RA said: It is sunnah to walk towards the Eid Salah. (Ibn Majah)

6. Going through one route and returning from another

Abu Hurairah RA said: "When the Prophet (Peace be upon him) would leave for Eid (Salah) he would return from a different route to the one he went in". (Muslim)

7. Praying Eid Salah in the Musalla

It was narrated from Anas bin Malik that the Messenger of Allah (Peace be upon him) prayed 'Eid at the prayer place, using a small spear as a Sutra (Barrier in front). (Sunan Ibn Majah)
It is sunnah to pray Eid salah outside the Masjid in the fields. However if there is a genuine excuse like rain etc. then it is permissible to pray in the Masjid as did the Prophet.

Women can also pray Eid salah with the condition that men and women observe hijab. Women must cover themselves and abstain from applying any perfume. Men must keep their gazes down.

It was narrated from Ibn 'Abbas that the Prophet (Peace be upon him) used to bring his daughters and his wives out on the two 'Eids. (Sunan Ibn Majah)

8. Eid is a Day of Eating & Drinking

Uqbah Ibn Amir narrated that the messenger of Allah (Peace be upon him) said: Indeed the day of Arafah and the day of Nahr (Day of slaughtering meaning Eid day) and days of Tashreeq are our Eid, the people of Islam, and they are the days of 'Eating and Drinking'. (Nasai)

Although this hadeeth only mentions Eidul Adh'ha, the same ruling is for Eidul-Fitr in terms of eating and drinking.

9. Islamic songs, playing & watching sports on Eid day

Aisha (RA) narrated that the Messenger of Allah (Peace be upon him) entered (my house) whilst I

had two girls singing the song of the battle of Buaath. Then He (Peace be upon him) lied down and turned his face away. Later Abu Bakr (RA) entered and told me off by saying 'Instruments of Satan next to the Messenger of Allah (Peace be upon him)'. Then the Messenger of Allah (Peace be upon him) turned towards him and said "leave them".

And when He (Peace be upon him) became inattentive I hinted to them (two girls to leave) hence they left.

And it was the day of Eid and the black people were playing with shields and spears.

It was, either I asked the Messenger of Allah (Peace be upon him) or he asked me that do you want to watch, so I said 'yes'. He made me stand behind him, my cheek touching his cheek and He (Peace be upon him) said: "Oh Banu Arfadah be busy" (cheering them on), when I became bored he said "Is this enough", I replied 'yes'. Then he asked me to leave. (Muslim)

Note:

- The lyrics of any songs must not contain anything un-Islamic
- In Islam musical instruments are forbidden except Duff- one sided drum
- Any gathering open to male and female must facilitate and encourage Islamic segregation as much as possible



Duff: One sided drum

'Sharing Eid Happiness' PAGE 4**Virtues and Rules of Sadaqatul Fitr (Zakatul Fitr) .. Continued**

It is narrated from Ibn Abbas RA that the Messenger of Allah (Peace be upon him) made Zakatal fitr (obligatory charity of Fitr- Ramadhan Eid) compulsory, as a source of purification of mistakes and sins during fasting and a feast for the poor. (Abu Dawood)

Ibn Abbas RA said (to the people) at the end of Ramadhan 'Take out your Charity of Fasting' (then he narrated that) the Messenger of Allah (Peace be upon him) made this charity compulsory, to give a Sa' of dates or barely, or half Sa' of wheat, it is compulsory upon all free, slave, male, female, adults and children. (Abu Dawood and Nasai)

What is Sadaqatul fitr?

Compulsory charity discharged on Eid day.

Importance & virtues

- For the person giving it Allah will purify his fasting from any sins and defects due to the charity
- Source of 'Eid smile' on those who are poor and needy by providing a feast for them

Upon whom is it compulsory?

All Muslim males, females, free, slave, young and adults as long as they have wealth beyond their necessity that is equivalent to Zakatable amount (87grams of gold, 612g of silver or its value in cash)

- Unlike Zakat, in Sadaqatul Fitr, possession of the wealth for the entire Islamic lunar year is not a condition, as long as a person owns that amount on Eid day

When is it compulsory?

From the Subh Sadiq- Early dawn of Eid day, that is the beginning time of Fajr Salah because that is when Eid Day Begins

- If someone is sending it elsewhere then it is better to give it a little earlier so it reaches the needy by Eid Day

How much is compulsory?

As mentioned in hadeeth;

- One Sa' of barely or dates that is approximately between 2 to 3kg or
- Half Sa' Of wheat which is between 1.5 to 2kg
- Or its equivalent cash
- Speak to your Local Imam and Masjid for the amount in your locality.

Note: The reason for different prices is due to the type of product (barley or date as prescribed in hadeeth) and the different market prices.

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This is a great offer from Allah as an extension of his great offers from Ramadhan.

How does it work?

Normally one good deed equals 10 good deeds therefore;

1 month of fasting in Ramadhan will equal to 10 months of fasting.

The 6 fasts of Shaw'wal will be multiplied by 10 to equal 60 days which is 2 months. As a result, it will equal 12 months to complete an entire year.

Note: 6 fasts can be kept any time during Shaw'wal.

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Oh you who believe! Fasting is prescribed for you, as it was prescribed for those before you, so that you may attain Taqwa. (2:183)

As we mourn the departure of Ramadhan and greet the coming of Eid, let us ponder for a moment why Ramadhan was given to us in the first place. The above Aayah encapsulate this very phenomenon perfectly. Allah has created us with two essential components; a Physical existence (a body) and a spiritual command (the soul). Both of these combined make us what we are. We therefore, have a religious obligation to uphold the needs of both of these things. During the 11 months of the year we tend to exhaust the physical body's desires, by responding to all its demands almost imminently, some of which, at times, are not permissible.

It is in the month of Ramadhan (for those who spend it properly) where we are able to tilt the balance. Now, in this blessed month we starve our physical desires and begin to quench the desperate thirst of our spiritual souls. For a month we prevent ourselves from those acts which are permissible in normal circumstances. This strengthens the ability of our souls to actively prevent ourselves from succumbing to impermissible actions, outside of Ramadhan. One may draw a parable with a training camp or a fire drill where we prepare for the Real DEAL. Similarly in Ramadhan we have prepared for the remaining months in controlling our desires, having patience, generosity and brotherhood. It is time, to now put our training to the test.

The stark reality is that, despite the aspirations of many being high to maintain the disciplines learnt during Ramadhan, the spirit will eventually dwindle. My sincere advice firstly to myself is Just don't let it dwindle suddenly! Another analogy is that Ramadhan is like a service for our soul, this is why Allah swt blesses us with it annually. We should try our best to maintain the spirit of Ramadhan as long as we can, otherwise we may ruin our soul to a level, that even a service may not be enough. A simple way of doing this in my opinion, is to keep company with those amongst us, we feel are able to keep us going. This could be a local brother from the Masjid, an Imam of the Masjid, A sincere colleague at work, and most essentially keeping the link with the Quran (the book of Allah).

In conclusion the Taqwa (cautiousness/ self-restraint) of the nafs (soul) is the message of Ramadhan. Let it be that it is this Taqwa that we take forward. Taqwa is a tool which keeps us connected to Allah, in Ramadhan we find that connection. Successful is the one who is able to maintain that connection throughout the remainder of the year.

Let it not be that in Ramadhan we find the password to Allah, and after Ramadhan we are kicked off the network.

May Allah bless us all with the spirit of Ramadhan throughout the year. (Ameen)

Muslims at their best in Ramadhan .. Continued

This inspiration comes from the Prophet (peace be upon him) who was described by his followers as being more generous in the month of Ramadhan than the blowing wind (a wind that brings rain for the crops etc.)



Bury Park Jami Masjid members sharing their Ramadhan food with the wider community



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