

Ramadan: reflection, remembrance... and patience

Once more, we are most fortunate to be able to see another Ramadan. Here is our chance to improve ourselves, including our patience, which many of us lack.

Prophet Job was always very grateful to Allah, remembering him all the time.

"Truly we found him patient. How excellent a slave! Verily, he was ever oft-returning in repentance to us" (Quran 38:44)

Iblis wanted to tempt Job. So he tried, but Job would not let these whisperings disturb him.

Annoyed, Iblis went to Allah, saying that Job was only worshipping Allah because he wished to keep his wealth. Allah knew that Job was a sincere believer but to prove

Job's sincerity, he gave Iblis permission to do as he will.

Iblis began wrecking Job's wealth, until nothing remained of it. He came in the form of an old man to Job and said:

"Your wealth is gone - if your lord Allah could have prevented this, then why did he not do so?"

Job replied that it hadn't been so, and prostrated upon the ground.

Iblis was displeased but he was willing to try again. This he did, a great many times, taking his children and then his health.

However, Job was still patient, even when close friends and relatives deserted him. Only his wife stayed to comfort him. Iblis came to her and reminded her of

the good life she had lead
She cried out to Job:

"Why don't you call upon Allah to remove this suffering?"

Job saw that she had lost her faith in Allah and asked her to leave the house. He took an oath that if he ever regained health, she would receive 100 strokes. So Job called upon Allah, not to complain, but to seek his mercy:

"Verily, distress has seized me, and you and the most merciful of all those who show mercy. So we answered his call, and we removed the distress that was on him, and we restored his family to him and the like thereof along with them - as a mercy from ourselves and a reminder for all who worship us" (Quran 21:83-84)

And so Allah restored his bounties to Job - even his wife came back to him. And once more, Job was grateful for the favours Allah had bestowed upon him.

Allah's mercy lets us see another Ramadan, for indeed, the fate of a person's soul lies only with him.

Take this opportunity before it is too late. It may be the last one!



"So patiently persevere: for verily the promise of Allah is true: nor let those shake thy firmness, who have no certainty of faith."
(Surah 30 Al-Rum, verse 60)

The power of a thousand months all-in-one

of Paradise are wide open and those of Hell are closed, and the devils are chained.

Those who do take this opportunity will have all their previous sins wiped away.

It is recommended to make long night prayers on this night. In many hadeeth it is recorded that 'whoever stood for the sake of Allah on the night of Qadr, all his/her previous sins will be forgiven'.

Allah says in the Quran:
"The night of decree is better than a thousand months"
(Quran 97:2)

It is also important to make supplication during this night. It is reported in a hadith that Aisha asked the Messenger of Allah:

"Oh Messenger of Allah! If I knew which night was the night of Qadr, what should I say?"

The Messenger of Allah told her to say:

"Oh Allah, you are forgiving and you love to forgive, so forgive me"

This night is in the last ten days of Ramadan.

Allah says in the Quran:

"The angels and the spirits descend therein by permission of their Lord for every matter.

Peace it is until the emergence of dawn" (Quran 97:4,5)

The Prophet would, on the last ten days of Ramadan, stay away more from his wives in order to have time to worship, and spend the whole night awake in prayer.

He would worship more during these days.

This may be your last opportunity...

...Use it wisely.

The Quran was revealed during the month of Ramadan, on the night of power. Indeed, the Quran mentions this in Surah-Qadr:

"Verily we revealed the Quran on the night of Qadr" (Quran 97:1)

This one night has the power of more than 1000 months and is a most blessed night, because he who misses this opportunity has missed a very worthwhile opportunity indeed. This is, after all, the month in which the gates



Eid in the park

Reviving the sunnah

COM will be holding Eid Salah at the Overton Park in Sutton, Insha'Allah.

This is the first time that this kind of event has been held locally so we need as many volunteers as possible to make this a success.

We will have a bouncy castle to keep the kids entertained after the salah. Please bring snacks if you can.

If you can help then please get in touch with brother Ahad Surooprajally on 07713 189032 or brother Abdussalam 07946 489 099.

'Whosoever chooses to follow guidance, follows it for his own good; whosoever goes astray, goes astray to his own loss.'
Surah 17 Al-Isra, Verse 15

The month of Quran

Ramadan is of course the month in which the Qur'an was revealed in:

"The month of Ramadan is the one in which the Quran was sent down, a guidance for humanity, clear proofs for the guidance, the Criterion; so whoever amongst you witnesses this month, let him fast it." (2:185)

Many Muslims often take this book for granted. Your life is in Allah's hands and this month is your chance to understand it, before it's too late.

Knock, Knock, Who's there?

One night I heard a knock on my door;
Who can it be, I wasn't quite sure.
I open the door and am filled with glee;
The visitor ahead is no stranger to me.

I welcome the guest with utmost delight;
For I know it has come to give me respite.
An air of happiness fills the space;
My home now seems, a better place!

Have you any clue who this visitor could be?
Yes! It's Ramadan, the month of mercy.

The pious and righteous can't await its arrival;
Others seem to greet it, with waves of denial.

For Allah we fast from dawn to dusk;
For Him our breath is the fragrance of musk.
The Muslims who pray and fast with zest;
Are aware of the rewards of this month manifest.

Throughout this month we weep and repent;
Now is the time to strongly lament.

And those who shun this sacred month;
on the day of reckoning will face the brunt.

In the last ten nights, hides the night of decree;
Allah then awaits for his slaves to plea.

The angels descend with Gabriel in the lead;
To check on the steadfast and record every deed.

A feeling of grief now fills my heart;
As the month of Ramadan will soon depart.

So lets make a start and worship him alone;
Now that the worth of this month is known.

Ramadan is the month of Allah, whose beginning is mercy, whose middle is forgiveness and whose end is the freedom from hell fire.

Give us a smile!

Charity has its different forms - every good deed is considered a charity. Giving charity, whatever its form, will make you among one of the righteous slaves.

The beauty of charity is that we do it to please Allah, and he uses this act to cleanse us of the evil that we have in our hearts. In other words, we are pleasing Allah with something that comes back to benefit us!

Islam has only come for the benefit of man, and one of Allah's bounties is that he's opened for us a door, that still remains open after our death, which we can open with charity and sacrifice

During his life, a Muslim may contribute his money towards the building of a mosque or an orphanage.

Breaking Fast on Fridays

Breaking our fast together as a community is an excellent way to widen your social circle of Muslims and meet many others in your neighborhood.

This is why we have again decided to break our fast together as a community on every Friday of Ramadan.



After his death these deeds lighten up his grave and this indeed is a great opportunity, unique to the teachings of Islam.

"Amongst them are men who made a covenant with God, that if He bestowed on them of His bounty, they would give in charity, and be truly amongst those who are righteous." 9:75

A man should be so astute so as to sow his farm only to reap the harvest in the hereafter. The beauty of a charity will live on, forever.

Each family may bring a dish if possible.

Please notice that segregation will strictly be observed, with a separate room available for the sisters. You are invited to bring your family along as well as non-Muslims friends and family that you may have.

Environment Fair

Companions of the Mosque, in partnership with Discover Islam, will be holding a mini exhibition on Islam and the environment at the environmental fair that is scheduled to take place on: Bank holiday Monday 30th August 2010 Carshalton Park, Ruskin Road, Carshalton, Surrey. 10:30am - 8pm.

We need volunteers (male & female) to give dawah or hand out leaflets. We also need volunteers who can do henna painting and face painting. For Info. brother Abdussalam on 07946 489 099.

The organisers are also intending to have Taraweeh prayers as part of the program"

Fridays in Ramadan, from 7.30pm - 11.00pm, at the Civic Offices in Sutton.

All welcome.