



THE LAST 10 DAYS OF RAMADHAN & EID

THE LAST ASHRAH (ten days of Ramadhan)

The month of Ramadhan enjoys an intrinsic superiority over all the other months of the year. Likewise, its last 'Ashra or ten days are superior to the two earlier 'Ashras, and laylatul Qadr or the Night of Power, generally, falls in it. That is why, the sacred Prophet (peace & blessings upon him) devoted himself more intensively to prayer and other forms of worship during it and urged others, also, to do the same.

Ayesha (RA) related to us that "the Apostle of Allah (peace & blessings upon him) strove harder and took greater pains to observe prayer etc., during the last ten days of Ramadhan than during the other days." [Muslim]

It is related by Ayesha (RA) that "when the last ten days of Ramadhan began the Apostle of Allah (peace & blessings upon him) would gird up the loins and keep awake in the nights (i.e., he used to spend the whole of the nights in prayer and worship), and, also, wakened the members of his family (so that they, too, could partake of the blessings of the nights of that month)." [Bukhari]

(by Shaykh Mohammad Manzoor Nomani)

The Night Preceding 'Eid-ul-Fitr'

It had been the practice of the Prophet, Sall-Allahu alayhi wa sallam, that he would not sleep in the night preceding the day of Eid-ul-fitr. This night has been named in a Hadith as the Night of Reward (Lailatul Jaiza). Almighty bestows his rewards on those who have spent the month of Ramadan abiding by the dictates of Shari'ah, and all their prayers in this night are accepted. Therefore, it is desirable to perform nafl prayers in this night. The Prophet, Sall-Allahu alayhi wa sallam, is reported to have said: 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. (Ibn Majah)

To benefit from this opportunity, one should perform as much worship in this night as he can, and should pray for all his needs and desires. (Islamic months).

Eid-ul-fitr

One of the meritorious aspect of Shawwal is that it has been chosen by Allah Almighty for the celebration of "Eid-ul-fitr", one of the only two annual festivals recognized by the Shari'ah. This happy day is designed by the Shari'ah as a sign of gratefulness by the Muslims on the accomplishment of Ramadan, and as an immediate reward by Allah for those who spent the month of Ramadan in fasting and performing other forms of 'ibadah.

Instead of commemorating an event from the past, the Shari'ah has prescribed the first of Shawwal as an annual festival for the Muslims at an occasion when they themselves accomplish a great 'ibadah. This approach reminds the Muslims that they should not rely only on the accomplishments of their ancestors; rather, they should themselves perform meritorious acts to please their Creator.

In prescribing the ways to celebrate the happy day, Islam has adopted another unique approach. The festivals of other religions or nations normally comprise of some acts of rejoicing and enjoyment. The whole happy day is normally spent in dancing, singing and playing.

In contrast, Islam has prescribed a simple yet graceful way to observe the happy day. First of all, it is mandatory on all the well-off Muslims to start their day by paying "Sadaqat-ul-fitr" to the poor of their society, so that they, too, may enjoy the day along with others, and may not be worried for earning their livelihood at least on that day of happiness.

After paying the "Sadaqat-ul-fitr", the Muslims are required to proceed to an open place where they can offer the Eid prayer collectively. In this way, they are supposed to present themselves before their Creator and offer two rak'ats of this special type of Salah, which makes them receive blessings from Allah and start their celebration by these divine blessings.

After the Salah also, they are supposed to rejoice the day in a responsible manner, without violating the limits prescribed for them and never indulging in the acts prohibited by Allah.

(Islamic months, Mufti Taqi Usmani db)

After Ramadan

The Holy month of Ramadaan came like seasonal rain and passed by. This rain did not water the plants and crops -it showered upon the hearts of believers. It is sad, but true, that the hearts of the majority of Muslims are stricken with spiritual drought and spiritual decadence. It is a drought caused by excessive indulgence in un-Islamic activities, immoral behaviour, unjust actions, unfair dealings etc. Drought caused by lack of rain destroys crops -drought caused by

lack of piety, lack of fear of Allah and lack of Allah consciousness destroys the SPIRITUALITY of the heart.

Ramadaan's spiritual rains brought to life the Masaajid and other prayer places. Ramadaan had fanned the dying spark of charity .Ramadaan had awakened the dying spirit of tolerance, patience and sympathy for the less fortunate.

Now that we come to the end of Ramadaan the big question is what to do? Did we go through all the spiritual exercises in Ramadaan in order that we may have the freedom to indulge, on Eid day, in all types of immoral, shameless and indecent amusement? Did we restrain ourselves from halaal food, drinks and other pleasures from dawn to sunset throughout Ramadaan, so that we may return with renewed vigour to gambling, drinking, adultery and fornication? Will the spirit of tolerance, mercy, patience, charity and sympathy be still evident or will these noble qualities be shelved until the dawn of the next Ramadaan?

Will the Masajids which were filled on most nights in Ramadaan remain the same or will they become empty wondering where the faithful have gone? Our lifestyles after Ramadaan will show whether we used the month to bring about a total reformation within ourselves or are we going to waste the valuable opportunity?

The National and international position of the Muslim communities leaves much to be desired. Muslims are lamenting the loss of lives, destruction of property, oppression, tyranny, injustice and a host of other problems all over the world. They are wondering why the promised help of Allah to the believers is nowhere in sight. Just one glance into the lifestyles of the overwhelming majority of the Muslims is sufficient to answer the question. Millions of Muslims do not have much to their credit besides Muslim names.

Allah's help comes with action and Islamic qualities -not with names or faces – Arabs or non-Arabs, African or European, Chinese or Indians. On the other hand every group, organization, society or individual who talks Islam, seems to have got its own brand of Islam. The Islamic teachings which were left behind for us, crystal clear and pristine pure, have become so adulterated with foreign customs, alien practices and un-Islamic ideologies, that a new Muslim has to make an effort to search for the Quran and Sunnah brand of Islam or remain confused and ignorant.

May Allah Ta'ala on the occasion of Eid give us the guidance to resolve that we shall make the Quran and Sunnah our guiding lights and practise Islam as much as possible. If the non-Muslim inhabitants of our country see Islam in the lives of Muslims, they will not require much persuasion to accept our beautiful deen.
Hazrat Moulana Yunus Patel

AS THE EID GREETINGS START...

Beware...

As your phone goes into meltdown with Eid greetings, and as you rush around to prepare for Eid tomorrow beware of this distraction that robs you of the final precious hours of Ramadan. Make time even if a little between now and maghrib to cut off all distractions, turn to Allah and make heartfelt duas for Him to accept your Ramadan and save you from disgrace on the day of Judgement and the hellfire and to enter you into the eternal gardens of peace by His Mercy. Pray for yourself your parents your families and the Ummah.

Weep, plead and beg in these golden moments that will not return for another year

Actions are determined by how we finish so let's make up for our shortcomings and deficiencies that we had this month in these last few hours of this most amazing and blessed of months.

(Haqislam.org)

TIPS ON HOW TO SPEND THE DAY OF EID

- Keep in mind the pleasure of Allah and uphold Shariah at All times.
- Adorn yourself and your family modestly in the best of garments (not necessarily new).
- Avoid over eating and other festivities that have no benefit.
- Visit the poor, needy, orphans, elderly and sick.
- Should Eid be made at "my mum or your mum or whoever/wherever?" This requires Mashwera. Mashwera is a Sunnah of the Prophet (s.a.w). Try to compromise and accommodate each other.
- Maintain and strengthen family bonds. Rasulullah (s.a.w) is reported to have said, *"Anyone who wishes to have his means of livelihood enlarged and a prolonged life, should treat his relatives with kindness."* (Abu Dawood)
- Don't forget the oppressed, poor and needy Muslims in all parts of the world in your Duas and charity.
- Be punctual with our acts of worship and on this joyous day.
- Last of all be Happy.

MADRASAH NOTICES FOR PARENTS

- ☑ Madrasah holidays will start from **Friday 24th May 2019** for 2 weeks and 1 day. Madrasah will open as usual from **Monday 10th June** with the usual timings.
- ☑ We have no places left for any admissions for any classes from September 2019.

Total Madrasah Attendance	MAY	93.9%
Best Attendance	HIFZ CLASS	98.1%

۞ May Student of the Month ۞	
Class 1	Umair Hawaldar
Class 2	M.Uzair Karolia
Class 3	Zara Raja
Class 4	Maleeha Bahadur
Class 5B	Muhammad Badat
Class 5G	Zahra Bahadur
Class 6A	Raahil Mulla
Class 6B	Yahya Achhala
Class 7	Aishah Sidat
Class 8	Huzaiyah Lunat
Class A1	Anas Malik
Hifz Class	M.Musatfa Khan

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

“One of the spiritual benefits of a proper fast is that it creates a higher level of consciousness and awareness of Allāh.”

Shaykh Riyadh ul Haq