

ICB Newsletter

Ramadan Edition



Ramadan: The Month of The Quran

"The month of Ramadan in which was revealed the Qur'an, a guidance for mankind and clear proofs for the guidance and the criterion {between right and wrong}. (Baqarah:185)

Ramadan is here and that means it's time to increase our amount of Ibadah and focus on getting closer to our Rabb. We learn from our Prophet Muhammad (saw) that the rewards for any act of worship is greater in the month of Ramadan than any other month. Hence, we should take advantage and waste no time. Also, remember that fasting does not only mean abstaining from food, but also abstaining from talking ill or acting wrongfully.

Sahabah of the Month: Khalid Bin Waleed (Sword of Allah)

We all know Superman and Batman, but what about the Superheroes in Islam? This month, we are going to talk about Khalid Bin Al- Waleed. Khalid Bin Waleed (ra) was the best military strategist and very strong. He was undefeated in battle. Khalid Bin Waleed passed away on his bed because despite fighting hundreds of battles, Khalid Bin Waleed couldn't die on the battlefield because he was the Sword of Allah and no one can break the sword of Allah.



Fun Fact:

If you memorize an ayah a day, you would finish the Quran in about 17 years!



The Sunnah Way

Pick a Sunnah that you do not already do and commit to doing it everyday!



Tip!

Do not spend your time sleeping to pass the time. Instead, read Quran and make dua to pass the time!

Nafil Salah

by: Asiya Shaikh

Abu Huraira reported Rasulullah ﷺ said: "When there comes the month of Ramadan, the gates of mercy are opened, and the gates of Hell are locked and the devils are chained" [Muslim]

Ramadan is the month of mercy, the month of many blessings. How can we not take advantage of the multitude of reward promised to us in this holy month? As Muslims, it is our duty to spend our time worshipping Allah. Whether it's praying in the last third of the night, or making dhikr as we work, as Muslims, we should try to maximize our time in the worship of Allah. In the span of 24 hours, the average person spends 1 hour and 8 minutes eating in a day. Imagine what Ibadat and worship can be done in a whole hour!

In one narration, Rasulullah ﷺ says, "Whosoever tries drawing nearer to Allah by performing any virtuous deed in this month, for him shall be such reward as if he had performed a fardh (obligatory observance) in any other time of the year. And whoever performs a fardh for him shall be the reward of seventy fardh in any other time of the year" [Ibn Khuzayma & Bayhaqi]

From this, we learn that a fardh act is rewarded seventy times and sunnahs are rewarded the amount of a fardh. In this manner, the reward of nafl salaahs in the month of ramadan exceeds greater than any other time of the year!

Nafl salaahs are often overlooked, but they carry a great reward. The Prophet (SAW) always emphasized the excellence of praying sunnah and nafl salaahs because of their rewarding nature. If we plan to make the most of our Ramadan, wouldn't the best way be through nafl salaahs?

There are so many different types of nafl salah that can be prayed throughout the day, it's impossible to not have time for them! Here are a list of a few that will greatly benefit you in this life and the hereafter.

Tahiyatul Wudu

After making wudu, praying 2 rakats is full of blessings. In one narration by Abu Hurairah, Rasulullah (SAW) asked Bilal (RA) "Tell me of the best deed you did after embracing Islam, for I heard your footsteps in front of me in Paradise" Bilal replied, "I did not do anything worth mentioning except that whenever I performed ablution during the day or night, I prayed after that ablution as much as was written for me." [al-Bukhari]

While this salah is very convenient and



beneficial, keep in mind there are three times at which any salaah is forbidden or makhrooh, those being: When the sun rises, When the sun is at the zenith, and When the sun sets.

Ishraak Salah

It is said, by a narration of Anas ibn Malik, that Rasulullah (SAW) said "Whosoever offers his fajr prayer in congregation, then remains seated making zikr of Allah until the sun rises and thereafter offers two rakats, they will receive the reward of performing a Hajj and Umrah" [Tirmizi]

Salatul Awwabeen

Abu Hurairah (RA) reports that Rasulullah (SAW) said, "Whosoever offers six rak'ahs after Maghrib and does not speak of any evil within that time, he will receive the reward of twelve years of worship"

Subhanallah! In the month of Ramadan, the reward is multiplied 70 times, so if one is able to delay their food for just a little bit and offer six rakaat awwabeen, it would be as though being in worship for 840 years!

Tahajjud Salah

Allah says in the Quran, "And from [part of] the night, pray with it as additional [worship] for you; it is expected that your Lord will resurrect you to a praised station." [Quran, 17: 79]

In another Hadith it is said, "The best prayer after the obligatory prayers is the night prayer." [Muslim] The time for Tahajjud begins after Isha is prayed and lasts until the time of Fajr.

In the month of Ramadan, if one can take a few extra minutes before suhoor praying 2 rakat tahajjud, it will benefit them greatly!

Inshallah, I hope everyone will take benefit from the blessings given to us by Allah the most beloved in the month of Ramadan, and may everyone's Ramadan be rewarding and easy!

Respect Towards Others

by: Zahir Khalifa

We have lost a specific moral within ourselves due to our own egos. This moral is very important not only for ourselves, but to others. More importantly, towards others. It's as if this moral doesn't have value anymore. Without this moral no one can have value. It's become such a burden for us. It's almost extinct. This specific moral that I'm talking about is none other than respect.

We've become somewhat blinded by the mere fact of showing others respect. What happened to that? We're too busy on seeing each other's awas that when we see that person, in our minds, we don't think anything good about them. We ignore them and don't even say "Salaams" to them. Sending peace on them becomes a burden. This person has a specific way of doing something and I don't agree with it so I'm not going to waste my time with him/her.

This person did this to me back then so I'm going to do something worse, and every time they give me eye contact, I'm not going to look at them at all. This guy is Desi and he goes to an Arab masjid. This guy is Arab but he goes to a Desi masjid. Since when did Masjids belong to a specific group of people? We can't stand up, because we can barely cooperate together.

When kids see how we treat other people, by completely disrespecting them. What lesson are they going to take from us when they physically see this taking place? It brushes off on them, and when they disrespect someone, we are the first to scold them. We are the first to say, "You can't say that or do that because that's not respectful." But if we were to do it, we would find excuses for ourselves.

The Prophet Muhammad (sallallahu 'alaihi wa sallam) said:

"A believer is not an attacker nor a curser nor someone obscene or abusive." [at-Tirmidhi]

We have to take this matter very seriously. We are living in times where all the morals are scattered. Nothing is stable anymore. The society we are living in is getting more corrupt day by day.

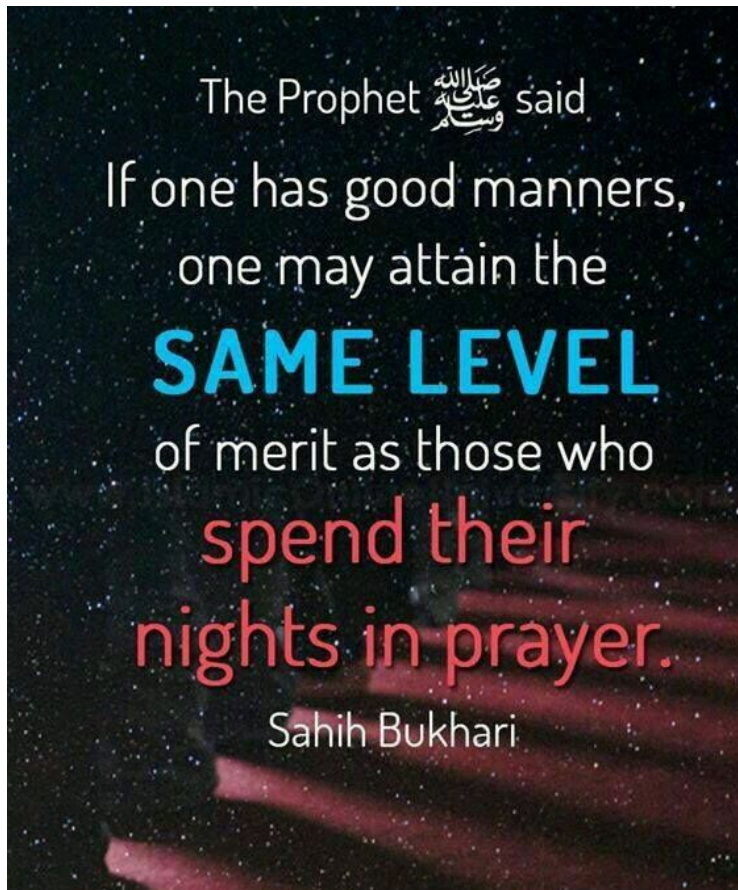
Respect has been completely tainted. Whether it towards families, friends, animals, properties, and everything in general. It's a sad thing to see, where even the Masajids people will not look at each other because they've had some sort of mis-communication. Parents will not show respect to the kids. Kids will not show respect to the parents.

Younger generations will not show respect to the elder generations.

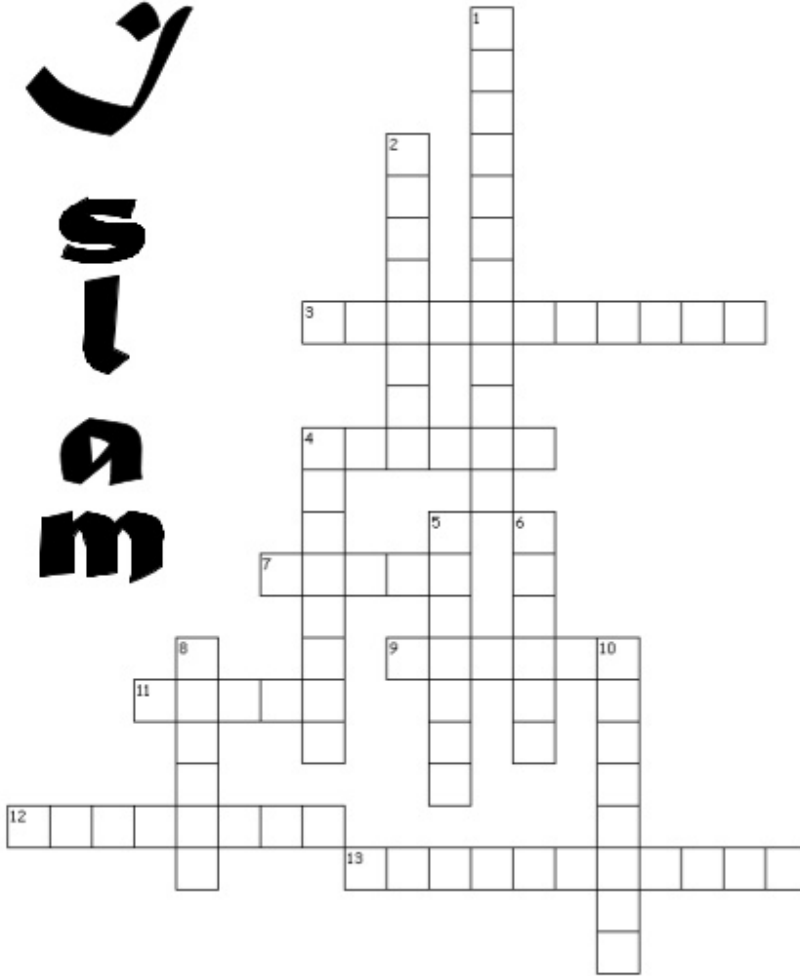
Elder generations will not show respect to the younger generations. Husbands will not show respect to the wives. Wives will not show respect to the husbands. It just ends up being a cycle. If we

change ourselves, and start respect- ing and truly showing respect, we will get this lost moral of respect back. Once we truly realize "If you want respect, you have to learn to give it too." Then only will we learn the true essence of giving respect and getting respect back in return.

May Allah Subhanahu Wata' A'la grant us the strength to give respect to everyone and everything because truly we are all the property of Allah.



Islam



Across

- 3. The country where Islam began in.
- 4. The name for someone who believes and worships Allah.
- 7. This place is considered the holiest place of Islam.
- 9. Abu Bakr became the first _____ which means he was a successor of Muhammad.
- 11. The city where Muhammad was born.
- 12. Muslims were very _____ of their conquered people, meaning they were lenient.
- 13. Many _____ helped the exchange of ideas.

Down

- 1. Islam believes only in one god, therefore is a _____ religion.
- 2. Nomads who lived in Arabia's deserts.
- 4. The prophet of Allah
- 5. Muslims fast during _____.
- 6. The city where Muhammad founded Islam
- 8. Geographically, Saudi Arabia is made up of mostly _____.
- 10. The Quran is the _____ of Islam.

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Upcoming Events:
Annual Ramadan Fundraiser Saturday June 3rd, 2017

THE IMPORTANCE OF HAVING SUHOOR

Suhoor is often something that many people either forget to wake up for or, just don't do it all. However, it was the Sunnah of our Nabee (saw) to always have suhoor upon fasting. It was narrated that Anas ibn Maalik (may Allaah be pleased with him) said: The Prophet (saw) said: "Eat suhoor, for in suhoor there is blessing." (Bukhari)

Furthermore, Suhoor is an act that distinguishes our fast from the fasting of the People of the Book. We should also try to delay our Suhoor for it is another sunnah of our Nabee (saw). Not only do you receive immense rewards for having Suhoor, but it also gives you more strength throughout the rest of the

