

All praise and thanks is due to Allah Most Merciful

Dear brothers and sisters. In the beginning of revelation in Makkah, the Muslims were few in number and they were oppressed immensely by the pagans. This was their state for 13 years and then Allah commanded that they migrate to Madina. The name of the city that time was yathrib but when The Messenger (ﷺ) migrated, it became Madinatul Rasulullah (the city of the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ)) and Madina for short.

The Messenger (ﷺ) knew that the Muslims needed a place of safety and security to establish and learn their religion. This is why the first thing they did when they arrived in Madina was the building of a Masjid. This is of great importance on many fronts. On one side, it was a place that the Muslims could worship unmolested and come closer to their Lord. On another side it was a place of learning, a university teaching the Muslims their religion. Another important point was raising the companions to be the leaders of humanity. This is why the building of a masjid was the first thing to be done in Madina.

From this foundation the plans were laid to build the khilafa (Islamic state). From that early time the masjid became the place where the light of the revelation from Allah was learnt. A place where the Muslims learnt the correct Aqeeda (creed) of their religion. A place where the nearness of Allah was sort and in turn the shedding of the burdens of sin. A place where the Muslims were readied to take the last revelation from Allah all over the world. It was a place where plans to conquer new lands were made. In many places of the Quran and Sunnah we find where the importance of a masjid is spoken about. For example

Allah High and Mighty States

“And the mosques are for Allah (Alone), so invoke not anyone along with Allah.” Translation of AL-Jin 18

It is a place where Allah is remembered, a place of accumulating good deeds to fill the scales.

Allah Exalted in Might also States

In masjids which Allah has ordered to be raised and that His name be mentioned therein; exalting Him within them in the morning and the evenings men whom neither commerce nor sale distracts from the remembrance of Allah and performance of prayer and giving of zakah. They fear a Day in which the hearts and eyes will [fearfully] turnabout –

That Allah may reward them [according to] the best of what they did and increase them from His bounty. And Allah gives provision to whom He wills without account. Translation of An-Nur 36-38

The importance of building or helping out of a masjid is rewarded with high places in Jannah. One of those who are shaded under the throne of Allah on the day of resurrection is a man whose heart was always attached to the masjid.

It was reported that the Messenger (ﷺ) said: "The masjid is the house of every believer."

Allah is pleased with the person whose heart is attached to the masjid and is happy when he's in the masjid.

It was narrated from Abu Hurairah that The Prophet said: "A Muslim does not regularly attend the mosques to perform prayer and remember Allah, but Allah feels happy with him just as the family of one who is absent feels happy when he comes back to them." Sunan Ibn Majah 800

It is the place which Allah is most pleased with.

Abu Hurairah (May Allah be pleased with him) said: The Prophet (ﷺ) said, "The dearest parts on the face of the earth near Allah are its mosques, and the most hated parts near Allah are its markets." Sahih Muslim Ryad al salihin Book 19, Hadith 34

Brothers and sisters, as you know on the 24 July 09 we opened this masjid with the permission of Allah. We had help from all the community and we have tried to meet the needs of all since we have been blessed with this masjid. In the beginning it was only the first floor, then we were able to have the second. Then we raised £350,000 and it has been invested in making the space of the masjid bigger.

Then the toilets and the wudhu area were moved downstairs and upgraded to meet everybody's needs at a cost of £135,000. Honoured guests for a few years now the masjid committee has been negotiating with the land owners of the masjid to buy all of it back completely and to make it freehold, we thank Allah Azza Wajjal that just last week we came to an agreement to buy it all for the price of £65,000 which we have borrowed from a few of our brothers and have already closed the deal with the land owner. But now we are in need of all our brothers and sisters here to raise the money to pay the brothers back that we borrowed from. This is an amazing opportunity to have a share in the masjid as sadaqa jariyah that will always remain for you in sha Allah filling your scales. Dear brothers and sisters the house of Allah will bear witness for you for having part in maintaining, buying or raising it.

Allah High and Mighty states

“The mosques of Allah are only to be maintained by those who believe in Allah and the Last Day and establish prayer and give zakah and do not fear except Allah, for it is expected that those will be of the [rightly] guided.” Translation of Taubah 18

Narrated Uthman Ibn 'Affan: I heard the Prophet (ﷺ) saying, 'Whoever built a mosque, (Bukair thought that `Asim, another sub-narrator, added, "Intending Allah's Pleasure"), Allah would build for him a similar place in Paradise.' " Sahih al-Bukhari 450

So we ask all of you again to please donate generously may Allah accept it from all of you and build us all palaces in Jannah for every penny donated. The masjid is open to all you any time my dear brothers and sisters for it is the house of Allah that welcomes all the believers. May Allah reunite all of us in Jannatul firdos and safeguard all of us, our homes, our children, our parents and most importantly our eman.

Ameen and Allah Ultimately Knows best.