

In the name of Allah, the most gracious the most merciful.

Peace and blessing be showered up the most pious messenger who was sent only to be the mercy for the entire universe....

My respectable brothers and sisters. ASAWW

It's within the Lord's (Allah SWT) and his ultimate powers who has decreed bounties upon both times and places. He has preferred some places over the others and times over the rest of the other times! Allah SWT has respected the holy month of Ramadan more than the other months in the year. Amongst those is the Sun in the whole of the planet. He has specialised the holy month of Ramadan because of its greatness and benefits that we get during this month as it's the month which the holy book of Quran was revealed in it.

Allah SWT tells us in surah Al Baqarah verse 185

“The month of Ramadan is the one which Quran was revealed as a guidance for mankind, a clarification of the guidance and the distinction between right and wrong. So whoever, sights and witness the moon, let him fast it.”

It is obvious that this holy month of Ramadan has a lot of benefits therefore, Muslims across the world are taking it very seriously. Muslims are organising themselves to welcome the month as they are dedicating their time to embrace it for worship, they ask Allah SWT to connect them to the month so they can fast during the days, pray tarawih at night and stay up for more worships when most people are a sleep and remembrance of Allah SWT the almighty. They also pay to charity and stay up during the last 10 days of the months otherwise known as Eaatikaf in order to do more worship within the mosque.

The tradition of the prophet (PBUH) was to announce the arrival of the month amongst his companions, teach them how to worship during this month in order to benefit most from the months.

The beloved prophet (PBUH) said : The month of Ramadan which Allah has bestowed, ordered you to fast in it, he opens the gate of heavens and closes the gate of hell, devil is chained and within it, there is a night which is better than a thousand nights in its infinities.

Allah SWT has mad the fasting compulsory because he needs us to get closer to him as he **SWT tells us in surah Al Baqarah verse 183:**

O you believers, fasting has been prescribed for you like it was prescribed for those before you so that you may become righteous.

The beloved prophet (PBUH) said, three will never have their supplication refused and they are: 1) The one who fasts until they break 2) The Justice Imam 3) the request of an oppressed individual.

Allah SWT opens loads of other opportunities for human beings during the holy month of Ramadan in order to get our hearts close to one another and ourselves purified from sins.

The beloved messenger (PBUH) said, from the first night of Ramadan, Allah SWT will chain all devils, the gates of hell are closes and none will be left open. The gates of paradise are opens and none will be left closed, then a caller calls every night and says:

Oh you who seek forgiveness from Allah, Allah will forgive you if you asked and those who do bad will lose and miss out because Allah SWT will grant forgiveness every night!

The past and future generation of this ummah have always been happy to welcome this month and embrace Ramadan. They wish to be alive during the arrival of the month in order to be granted Allah's forgiveness throughout this month. They keep remembering Allah and ask to be forgiven as the fasting will grant purifications of the one who observes it. The beloved prophet (PBUH) said, "Fasting is a paradise by which the servant will be saved from the hellfire"

He (PBUH) also said in another narration that "Anyone who fasts one day for the sake of Allah, Allah will keep his face from hellfire as far as 70 years!"

Anyone who stands and prepare to fast during the month of Ramadan, Allah most certainly wipes off his future sins. Then he (PBUH) said, anyone who observes the night of Lailatul Qadir (the most respected night!) will have their future sins wiped off.

Anyone who realised the importance of the month but they are neither observing it nor get forgiven, Allah will keep them away, as the Angel of Allah SWT revealed to the prophet (PBUH) which I would like to draw your attention to the below narration from Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) that our beloved prophet (PBUH) had gone on to the place of speech (called member) and said Ameen ,Ameen ,Ameen three times. The companion had said, oh messenger of Allah, you have gone on to the member (a place where he would give sermon) and said Ameen, Ameen, Ameen? He replied that the Angel -Gabriel had told me "Anyone who reaches the holy month of Ramadan and doesn't get forgiven, will go to hellfire and faraway from the mercy of Allah, say Ameen and I said , Ameen . Narrated authentically by Ibnu Haban.

In the second speech:

Imam stated. As promised to remind you each week an etiquette of coming to mosque, and today, we will be talking about the quietness within the mosque and how to respect the others in the best we can.

The mosque is a place of congregations and worship and the remembrance of Allah SWT so for these reasons,

Allah SWT tells us in surah An Nur verse 36 and 37

" In houses where Allah has permitted His name to be elevated and remembered, where He is glorified in the morning and the evening.

"By Men whom neither trade nor business districts from the remembrance of Allah and from keeping up prayer and giving Zakat they fear a day when the hearts and eyesight will be overturn"

The houses of Allah SWT ought to be free from the following:

1)*Loudness or question about the lost things*

Our prophet (PBUH) said, "If you hear a man asking about his lost belonging, just say, Allah will not respond to such a thing because the mosque has not been built for such a thing! Narrated by Muslim.

2) *Buy and sell in the Mosques*

Our beloved prophet (PBUH) said, If you have seen anyone selling or buying in the mosque, just tell them “may Allah not increase your profits” narrated authentically by both Imam Turmzy and Imam Albani

3) *Reading poems in the mosque is not permitted because reading poems will cause disturbance to others from remembrance of Allah and recitation of Quran.*

The messenger (PBUH) Has prevented the poems to be read in the mosque. Nassae narrated and is said to be authentic by Albani.

4) *Talking about day today in life is also not permitted in the mosque.* It is very important not to talk about things which keeps people away from what they have come to the mosque for or do! Such as shouting, screaming, and raising voices so that the mosque doesn't become a forum for the conversations of the world, the mosque was not being built for such a thing!

5) *In general “loud voices in the mosque”*

Is not permitted even to recite Quran or remembrance of Allah only if they cause disturbances to attendees unless it is authorised otherwise like Athan (calling to pray) or prayers which needs to be read loudly such as Magrib, Isha and dawn prayers- and speeches such as Friday sermon.

May Allah give us knowledge and guidance of this peaceful religion. May Allah help us to prepare for the holy month of Ramadan. Oh Allah, help us to embrace this holy month in order to get the best out of it. Ameen