

Al-Qalam

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Du'a of the day



Hadith of the day

Reported by 'Aisha (RA): Allah's Apostle (peace be upon him) said, "Do good deeds properly, sincerely and moderately and know that your deeds will not make you enter Paradise, and that the most beloved deed to Allah are the most regular and constant even though it were little."

(Bukhari)

A Reflection in the month of Zulhijjah

Zulhijjah is the last month in the Islamic calendar. This month is a special month which has many religious moments such as Hajj. As this month is the last month in the year of 1434 Hijriah, it is a good time for us to reflect on what we have done during this whole year. Sometimes we need to stop for a while from our hectic life and question ourselves about our actions that we have done. ***Did we do more good deeds than bad deeds this year? Are we better Muslims compared to last year? Did we do more Ibadah this year? Did we pay our Zakah? Did we become better parents for our children?***

Let's take a moment and evaluate our actions that we have done. A reflection will help us to know whether we have improved our lives or not.

Our lives should improve from day to day. We should always learn from our mistakes and never repeat them. It is the nature of mankind to make mistakes. Nabi S.A.W. has said in a famous hadith:

“Every son of Adam makes mistakes, and the best of those who make mistakes are those who make (Tawbah) repentance” (At-Tirmizi).

Lets make the remaining days of Zulhijjah a time of reflection on our lives and prepare ourselves for the next year Inshallah.

May Allah S.W.T. strengthen our Iman and make us from amongst the righteous, Amin Ya Rabbal Alameen.

Part 1

ZAKAH IN ISLAMIC JURISPRUDENCE

Definition of Zakah

Zakah or alms tax can be defined as that portion of a persons wealth which is designated for the poor. The term is derived from the Arabic meaning “to increase,” “to purify,” and “to bless.” it finds its origin in Allah’s command to: “ Take sadaqah (charity) from their property in order to purify and sanctify them” [Qur’an: At-Taubah 103]. That is why this kind of sadaqah is called zakah, for by paying it, one is aspiring to attain blessing, purification, and the cultivation of good deeds.

Zakah constitutes one of the five pillars in Islam. It is associated with prayer (salaah) in eighty-two Qur’anic verses.

Exhortation to give Zakah

- From the Qur’an

At-Taubah: 103 authorised the Prophet S.A.W. To take either a stipulated amount of alms from the believers’ holding in the form of the obligatory zakah. In this ayah “purify” means to purify them from stinginess, greed, and meanness, and lack of remorse toward the poor.

- From the hadith

At-Tirmidhi relates from Abu Kabshah Al Anmari that the Prophet S.A.W. Said:” I swear upon three things and I ask you to memorise my words: sadaqah taken from a poverty never decrease it; a man who suffers injustice and is patient with it, Allah will grant him strength; a man who starts begging, Allah will cause him to be poor.”

Ahmad and at-Tirmidhi relate from Abu Hurairah that the Prophet S.A.W. said: “Allah receives charity by His right hand, and then He causes it to grow for each of you. Just as you raise a horse, colt, foal or young weaned camel, so that morsel becomes as large as the Mount of Uhud.”

Punishment for Delinquents of Zakah

- From the Qur’an

Allah says: “O you who believe! Most surely many of the doctors of law and the monks eat away the property of men falsely and turn them from Allah’s way; and for those who hoard treasures of gold and silver and do not spend them for the sake of Allah-warn them of grievous suffering. On the day when that (hoarded wealth) shall be heated in the fires of hell and their foreheads and their sides and their backs branded with it, (it will be said to them:) “These are the treasures which you have hoarded for yourselves. Now taste of what you used to accumulate!” [Qur’an surah At-Taubah:34-35]

- From the hadith

Ahmad, Al-Bukhari and Muslim relate from Abu Hurairah that the Prophet S.A.W.said:” No owner of the treasure who does not pay zakah will be spared, for his treasure will be heated in the fire of hell and then made it into plates. His flanks and his forehead will be branded with them until Allah pronounces judgement on His servants during a day lasting fifty thousand years.”

Who is Obliged to pay Zakah?

Zakah must be paid by every Muslim who has a nisab, which is the minimum of one’s holding liable to zakah. The nisab is conditioned by the following:

1. Zakah should be paid on any of amount money remaining after meeting the expenses for such necessities as food, clothes, housing, vehicles and craft machines.
2. A complete year of Islamic calendar should pass, starting from the every day of the nisab’s possession, without any decrease (being less than nisab), the year count starts from the day of nisab completion.

Səçrah Sitə

Let's learn from the great people in the past

Bilal Bin Rabah

Bilal R.Ā. is believed to have been from Abyssinia (now known as Ethiopia). Being born into servitude, he probably never expected life to offer him more than hard work. However Bilal walked the earth at a very momentous time. He was a slave in the city of Mecca when an unlettered man began to call the people to worship One God. This man was Muhammad S.Ā.W., the Messenger of Allah.

Bilal heard the message of Muhammad, S.Ā.W. that Allah is One, the Almighty, All Merciful but he also heard the words of his owner. Umayya ibn Khalaf, a wealthy Meccan, was worried that his livelihood based around idol worship would be disrupted by Muhammad's message.

Bilal suffered terribly for his immediate acceptance of Islam. It is said that he was beaten mercilessly, dragged around the streets and hills of Mecca by his neck, and subjected to long periods without food or water. His owner Umayya ibn Khalaf reportedly, "would bring him out at the hottest part of the day and throw him on his back in the open valley and have a great rock put on his chest; then he would say to him, 'You will stay here till you die or deny Muhammad and worship al-Lata and al-'Uzza'. Bilal would not renounce Islam, and amidst his suffering he uttered only one word – Āhad (meaning One God).

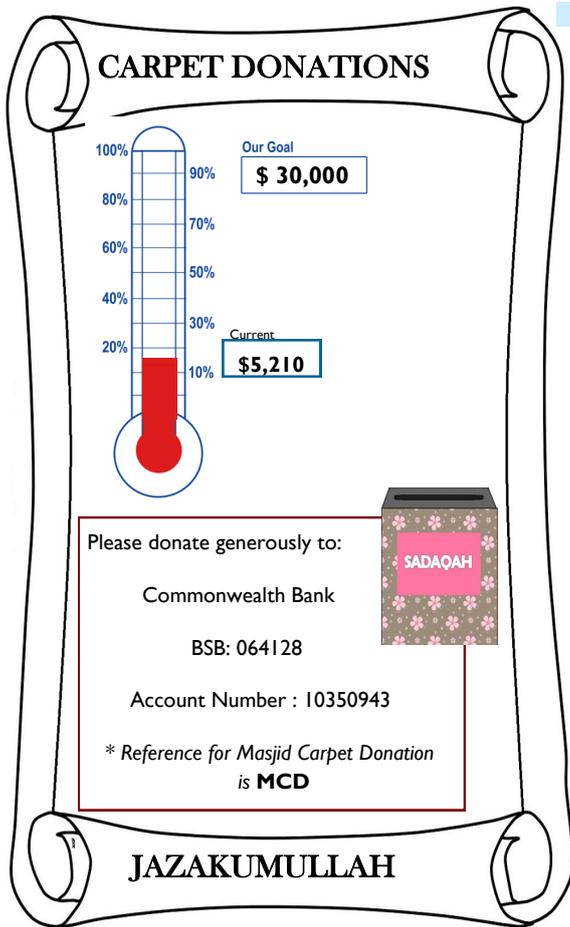
News of Bilal soon reached Prophet Muhammad S.Ā.W. Abu Bakr R.Ā. was sent to investigate. He came upon the open field where Bilal was being tortured for amusement. He said to Umayya, "Have you no fear of God that you treat this poor man like this?" He replied saying: "You are the one who corrupted him, so you save him from his plight!"

Abu Bakr replied: "Then sell him to me, name your price." Umayya sold Bilal for a good price. To humiliate Bilal, he added: "I would have sold him to you even if you had offered me only an ounce of gold." Abu Bakr answered: "I would have bought him even if you had asked for one hundred ounces."

Bilal was cared for and upon his recovery he was taken to Prophet Muhammad S.Ā.W. Bilal loved to be in the company of Prophet Muhammad S.Ā.W. and became exceptionally close to him. Bilal having the honour of waking the Prophet S.Ā.W. each morning and spending as much time as possible in his company.

One day, Abdullah bin Zaid, one of the Companions, informed the Prophet S.Ā.W. about a dream that he had. *"There appeared to me in a dream a man who was wearing two green garments, in whose hand was a bell. I said, 'O slave of God, will you sell that bell?' he said, 'What will you do with it?' I said, 'We will call the people to prayer with it.' He said, 'Shall I not show you something better than that?' I said, 'Yes.' He said, 'Say, Allaahu akbar Allaah akbar ...' Allah is great! Allah is great! I testify that there is no true deity but Allah I testify that Muhammad is the messenger of Allah. Come to prayer! Come to prayer! Come to salvation! Come to salvation! Allah is great! Allah is great! There is no true deity but Allah.* Prophet Muhammad S.Ā.W. listened to the description of the dream and said, *"This is a true dream,* (meaning a dream sent by Allah). *Get Bilal and tell him what you have seen, teach him the words so that he can give the call, because he has a beautiful voice."*

Since that moment, Bilal Bin Rabah became the first Mu'azzin in Islam who always called people to come for prayer.



Committee Report

*Assalamu'alaikum Warahmatullah
Wabarakatuhu.....*

Alhamdulillah, all praises belong to Allah S.W.T. We would like to say jazakumullah khairan for all those who have donated towards the Masjid carpet.

Respected brothers and sisters in Islam,

As one of our services is to give a comfort place for mushallihs to perform their salaah in Buranda Masjid. Our Masjid carpet needs to be changed as it has not been changed since the Masjid was built. We really encourage all to take this opportunity to donate some of our rizk that Allah has given to us. Lets take some action to help the house of Allah. Muhammad S.A.W. said in the Hadith *"Enjoining, all that is good is a Sadaqa."* (Bukhari)

We pray to Allah that He accept all our good deeds and may our Sadaqa be accepted as sadaqa jariyah amiin.

Jazakumullah Khairan!

Muslimah Corner

Women of Jannah

Jannah is for the believing men and women. The only price for it is sound belief in Allah, love of Allah and His Messenger S.A.W. and obedience to Allah and His Messenger S.A.W. In what follows are the glad tidings given by the Messenger of Allah S.A.W. to some of the women among his companions.

- Narrated 'Aishah: *I did not feel jealous of any of the wives of the Prophet as much as I did for Khadijah (although) she died before he married me, for I often heard him mentioning her, and Allah had told him to give her the good tidings that she would have a palace of Qasab (i.e. pipes of precious stones and pearls in Paradise), and whenever he slaughtered a sheep, he would send her women-friends a good share of it.* [Sahih al-Bukhari]
- Anas reports that the Messenger of Allah S.A.W. said: *'The best women of mankind are four: Mariam the daughter of 'Imran, Assiya the wife of Pharaoh, Khadijah the daughter of Khuwailid, and Fatima the daughter of the Messenger of Allah.'* [Bukhari and Muslim]

- Narrated by Abu Hurayrah R.A.: Jibril A.S. came to the Prophet S.A.W. and said, *'O Allah's Apostle! This is Khadijah coming to you with a dish having meat soup (or some food or drink). When she reaches you, greet her on behalf of her Lord (i.e. Allah) and on my behalf, and give her the glad tidings of having a Qasab (palace in Paradise) wherein there will be neither any noise nor any fatigue (trouble).'* [al-Bukhari]
- Narrated 'Ata bin Abi Rabah: Ibn 'Abbas said to me, *'Shall I show you a woman of the people of Paradise?' I said, 'Yes.' He said, 'This black woman came to the Prophet and said, 'I get attacks of epilepsy and my body becomes uncovered; please invoke Allah for me.' The Prophet said (to her), 'If you wish, be patient and you will have (enter) Paradise; and if you wish, I will invoke Allah to cure you.' She said, 'I will remain patient,' and added, 'but I become uncovered, so please invoke Allah for me that I may not become uncovered.' So he invoked Allah for her.'* [al-Bukhari]

What can we do in order to achieve that pinnacle of success, Paradise?

*O people! We have created you from a man and a woman and made you into peoples and tribes so that you may know each other, verily the most honorable among you in the sight of Allah are **the most pious.***

[Noble Quran 49:13]