

# The Samkeen Times

## Ramadan

لَنْ تَنَالُوا الْبِرَّ حَتَّى تُنْفِقُوا مِمَّا تُحِبُّونَ ۚ وَمَا تُنْفِقُوا مِنْ شَيْءٍ فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ بِهِ عَلِيمٌ ٩٢

cherish. You will never achieve righteousness until you donate some of what you  
And whatever you give is certainly well known to Allah



Ramadan Kareem, this month we will dive into the beautiful theme of remembrance during this special time of the year! As we fast, pray, and give back to our communities, let's take a moment to explore what it truly means to remember during Ramadan. We'll chat about how remembering Allah enriches our experience, share personal reflections, and offer some easy tips to infuse mindfulness into our daily routines. Let's come together and make this Ramadan a memorable journey of spiritual growth and connection.

In the most sacred month of Ramadan, the name of Allah, Al-Quddus, holds profound significance. Al-Quddus translates to "The Most Holy" or "The Most Sacred," emphasizing Allah's purity and perfection. During Ramadan, we strive to purify our hearts, minds, and actions through fasting, prayer, and acts of charity. By embodying the qualities of Al-Quddus, we seek to cleanse our souls and draw closer to Allah. Ramadan serves as a time for introspection, repentance, and spiritual rejuvenation, where individuals reflect on their relationship with Allah and strive to live in accordance with His divine attributes. Through the practice of remembrance and devotion, Ramadan offers a unique opportunity to experience the sanctity and holiness of Allah, exemplified by the name Al-Quddus.



## Story of the Month

The relationship of Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) and his companions with the Quran during Ramadan was deeply profound. They prioritized Quranic recitation, not merely as a ritual but also for contemplation of its meaning. Companions like Uthman bin Affan would complete reciting the Quran daily during Ramadan. Their devotion was such that they wept upon hearing Quranic verses, reflecting their deep fear and reverence for Allah. The followers of the righteous predecessors also exemplified a similar dedication to the Quran during Ramadan, with activities revolving around its recitation. A typical day for them involved starting with prayers and supplications, followed by extensive Quranic recitation. They would fast during the day and engage in prayer and prostration at night. Their days were marked by supplications, avoidance of vain talk, and distancing themselves from sinful gatherings. They would eagerly compete in feeding the poor at iftar time, reflecting their commitment to charity and compassion. Ultimately, their devotion to Ramadan activities, particularly Quranic recitation, was exemplary, leaving a lasting impact on their hearts and souls. May Allah swt bring us closer to Him swt during the month of Ramadan.



وَمِنْ ءَايَاتِهِ أَنْ خَلَقَ لَكُمْ مِنْ أَنْفُسِكُمْ أَزْوَاجًا لِتَسْكُنُوا إِلَيْهَا وَجَعَلَ بَيْنَكُمْ مَوَدَّةً وَرَحْمَةً إِنَّ فِي ذَلِكَ لَآيَاتٍ لِقَوْمٍ يَتَفَكَّرُونَ ٢١

And one of His signs is that He created for you spouses from among yourselves so that you may find comfort in them. And He has placed between you compassion and mercy. Surely in this are signs for people who reflect



# Game

## Islam

H E L L F I R E P A R E Y A R P A  
 N I X P G S D I J S A M I Z V V J  
 H C R M A D I N A M E C C A I D N  
 G Y A H G E G A M I R G L I P E A  
 N E H A L L A Y T I R A H C J X S  
 R Z S H A H A D A M M K Q C M R H  
 N A H A D I T H F U A T C P U E I  
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 O Z A N A R U Q L D A E C E Y A R  
 P S J T P P H U N G N D N M F R T  
 H C I F L U H C D L B O L U A A Y  
 E C H B T P T G W U L H C Z J P O  
 T F A S T I N G I E W X Q O H L X

WUDU	TAWHEED	TAQWA	SHIRK	SHAHADA
SALAM	RAMADAN	QURAN	PROPHET	PRAVER
PILGRIMAGE	PARADISE	ONE	MUHAMMAD	MECCA
MASJID	MADINA	IHSAN	HIJAB	HELLFIRE
HADITH	FASTING	FAITH	CHARITY	ALLAH

Here's a fun game to play to make iftar come quicker! Can you find all the words?

رَجُلًا زَارَ أَخَاهُ فِي قَرْيَةٍ أُخْرَى فَأَرْسَلَهُ

اللَّهُ لَهُ عَلَى مَدْرَجَتِهِ مَلَكًا فَلَمَّا أَتَى عَلَيْهِ قَالَ أَيْنَ تُرِيدُ قَالَ أُرِيدُ أَنْ أَلْقَى أَخِي فِي هَذِهِ الْقَرْيَةِ قَالَ هَلْ لَكَ عَلَيْهِ مِنْ نِعْمَةٍ تَرِيهَا قَالَ لَا غَيْرَ أَنِّي أَحْبَبْتُهُ فِي اللَّهِ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ قَالَ فَإِنِّي رَسُولُ اللَّهِ إِلَيْكَ يَا أَلْحَبُّ كَمَا أَحْبَبْتُهُ فِيهِ

A man set out to visit his brother from another town, so Allah sent an angel to watch over his steps. When the angel came to him, he said: Where are you going? The man said: I am visiting a brother of mine in this town. The angel said: Do you have a favor over him to be repaid? He said: No, only that I love him for the sake of Allah Almighty. The angel said: I am a messenger from Allah to tell you that Allah loves you as you love him.

Source: Ṣaḥīḥ Muslim 2567, Grade: Saḥih

## Saturday Halaqah

**2/03/24:** In the Arab Peninsula, there were many bad qualities in the early times of Muslims, however people still held firm to their deen. As a response to this, Shaytaan used alcohol and drinking as a way to lure people into sinning. Because when you lose your train of thought you can do anything. You can sin in any way because you have no control over yourself. However most times, if anyone during that period was known for having any bad qualities, they were not considered respectable among the community.

Open your heart: I feel like parents don't realize they will be questioned. Why do some parents not put in as much effort as they should into certain Islamic aspects of their kids, and then notice the bad things when they get older?

First of all, there should always be a level of adab maintained when talking about the parents. So no blatant criticism should ever be used when talking about the parents. It may be a trick of Shaytaan when they begin to learn that they are better than others, including the parents. And, there is no excuse for going astray in Islam even if your parents didn't provide you with the best environment for gaining knowledge. Though it would be best that they did, if you as a person are aware enough to be wondering this, you are aware enough to gain knowledge and teach yourself the deen as well.

Open your heart: What are the proper times for adhkarus sabah wal masa'?

Adhkar wal masa is from Asr to Maghrib. Adhkarus Sabah is from Fajr till shurooq. There is a long list of different adhkar however, and it was never recorded that the Prophet PBUH would sit from the morning and read all of them. Sometimes he would say some things, and other times he'd say other things, and the companions would hear him do so.

**2/10/24:** Although Arabs had many bad qualities during the earlier periods in time, Allah chose them to spread the message of Islam, as they also had many good qualities as well. Because the bad qualities that were in the community were acknowledged as bad, and people understood that they were bad. Some people have bad qualities but see it as perfectly fine and make excuses. And a distinct good quality that was had at the time was Ghirah, or Protective Jealousy. Before the Prophet PBUH, there were many other religions existing at the time, like Judaism and Christianity. St. Paul was a large benefactor of corrupting the church. He introduced the concept of the 3 in 1 God ideology. People were split between righteous and corrupted. The true Christians were tortured in their land by corrupted people for following the true path, so they had to run away and find protection somehow. The followers of Isa ran away to the Pagans, where they explained how they were tortured for their religion. The true Christians modified their deen to appeal to the Pagans, so that the Pagans wouldn't torture them as well. This caused corruption in the religion long term, and things like Christmas were made, which is originally a Pagan holiday. The Persian Empire were fire-worshippers, and they were a large power during that time. People in that empire were divided into classes depending on what they were born in and who they were.

**2/24/24:** Open your heart: I'm an 18 year old man who wants to take a break from my studies to travel the world and learn Islam, but my parents don't consent to this. Do I need their permission to go?

If it's in matters related to them then you must listen to them. For example, if your parents are sick and frail and need you to take care of them, then you can't take this journey. However, if it is just that they don't support your decision, you must talk it out with them, and make sure there is no tension at all, as you don't just disregard your parents entirely. However at the end of the day, if it is not a matter related to them and you are financially self sufficient, then you can go without their permission.

Open your heart: If a man comes to propose to a woman and she accepts, but the father disapproves because of his race or ethnicity, then what should the girl do?

Of course, you should hear your father out, and listen to what he has to say, as every father has good intentions for his daughters. There may be valid reasons as to why, such as the lack of the Arabic Language. Arabic to the father may be a fundamental key to a good and healthy environment for raising children, and its lack is a valid reason for the Father to refuse. However, if there is no valid reason and it is proven true that he only refuses because of race, then the title of Wali can be transferred, in a Muslim country, to the ruler of that city, or the judge. But in America, the title can be transferred to the main sheikh of your community, but it must be proven that the Father purely declines for this reason.

Open your heart: Is saying swear words haram?

There was a hadith recorded where the prophet PBUH said "A believer is not a defamer nor a curser nor coarse nor obscene." These descriptions can be translated and interpreted differently, but ultimately, a believer is not anyone of ill speech or crude language.

Open your heart: Can a little brother have a say in his older sister's life?

If he hasn't hit puberty or reached maturity and is still fairly young, then no, as he should maintain respect and listen to his older sister at all times. Once he grows up and starts becoming a man, then he can take care of his sister and advise her.

Open your heart: Can I get married to a second wife Islamically but not legally?

Sheikh's advice is to never do it, as it will make your life 100x times harder and you will face numerous amount of difficulties. You could probably get married in another Muslim land where it is legal, or have one wife living in one place and the other in another place, but again, situations are hard to tell and there are many risks you take by doing this.





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# Tamk-Foolery

No one is more excited for iftar  
Than little kids who have been  
eating All day



Me : I am going to lose weight this ramadan  
Me during iftar :



when you have a massive  
iftar but then realise  
taraweeh is in 15 minutes



**NOT SURE WHICH CLOCK TO  
TRUST**

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**AT IFTAR TIME**





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## *Sadaqah for Barakah*

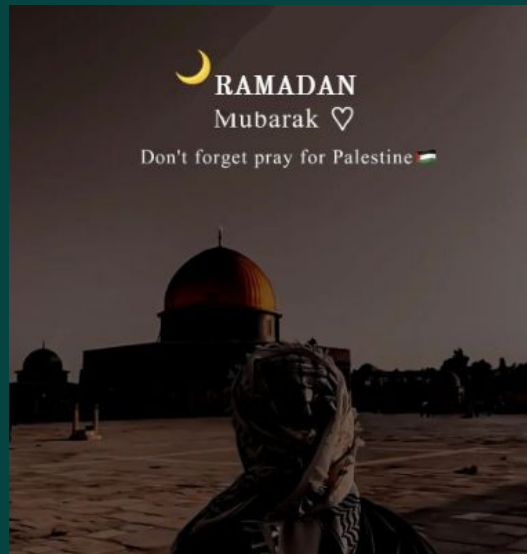
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## Deed of the month

- Give yourself a mini Islamic task for a change, that you don't normally do for other days. For example, start going to the Masjid for Fajr, or start *praying* Fajr. Whatever level you're at, try to go up instead of staying still in your deen
- Try implementing the Sunnah more with your daily activities. Praying the Sunnah after the Fard prayers, not eating a large amount for Iftar, waking up for Suhoor, etc.
- Try reading as much of the Quran as you can during Ramadan, whether it be a third, half, or the entire thing, as long as Quran is something added more into your daily life, it would be best.
- Always keep in mind that your strive for change is not a "Ramadan thing". Ramadan is like a kick start, and the things you do to better yourself should be permanent.
- Keep your surroundings clean for Ramadan, so that you always have a good headspace when in this holy time. Having a messy room or messy house can clutter and give you a messy mind, so stay clean!
- And lastly, try journaling your progress if you feel that would be useful to you. Write down in a notebook "This is what I got done for this year's Ramadan and what I improved on. This is also good as a memory, when you look back on the things you were struggling with, you may feel closer to Allah knowing how far He's taken you, this is optional but would be recommended!



قَالَ اللَّهُ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ الْمُتَحَابُّونَ فِي جَلَالِي لَهُمْ مَنَابِرُ مِنْ نُورٍ يَغِطُّهُمْ النَّبِيُّونَ وَالشَّهَدَاءُ

*Allah Almighty said: Those who love each other for the sake of my glory will be upon pulpits of light, admired by the prophets and the martyrs.*

Source: Sunan al-Tirmidhī 2390, Grade: Sahih



## *Tamkeener of the month*

Alhamdulillah we can finally award a Tamkeener of the month! This month's Tamkeeners of the month goes to **Hamza** and **Hassan Hassan**! They have become regulars to the Tamkeen halaqah and activities, showed passion and joined the media team, and most recently started a Tamkeen Fajr group! Alhamdulillah all of these contributions are why they are deserving to be a top Tamkeener. In shaa Allah we see more and more come from them!







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