

The Tamkeen Times

Fear

يَـٰأَيُّهَا ٱلَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا ٱتَّقُوا ٱللَّهَ وَءَامِنُوا بِرَسُولِةِ يُؤْتِكُمْ كِفْلَيْنِ مِن رَّحْمَتِةِ وَيَجْعَل لَكُمْ نُورًا تَمْشُونَ بِهِ وَيَغْفِرْ لَكُمْ ۚ وَٱللَّهُ غَفُورٌ رَّحِيمٌ

O people of faith! Fear Allah and believe in His Messenger. 'And' He will grant you a double share of His mercy, provide you with a light to walk in 'on Judgment Day', and forgive you. For Allah is All-Forgiving, Most Merciful.

Surah Hadid, Ayah 28



Alhamdulillah, this month's theme s fear. Having fear of Allah (swt) is of course, the most important type of fear. It also goes hand in hand with the concept of taqwa, or awe and submission to Allah (swt) with our entire being. As muslims, we should also fear the punishment of Allah (swt). Maintaining this fear is healthy for our iman because it can protect us from committing sins and being influenced by our greatest enemy: Shaytaan. Islam, of course, is not a religion of fear, rather it is a religion of peace and truthfulness. Essentially, fear is a beneficial component of Iman that protects us in several aspects.

الكبير

The Greatest One

Al Kabeer (The Greatest) is one of Allah's (swt) most powerful and strong names. This name teaches us that Allah (swt) has power over all things, and everything is under his control. He is the Lord of the heavens and the Earth and there is nothing unknown to him whether concealed or hidden-although nothing can ever be hidden from our Lord. He is the most deserving of our fear (and also our hope in his mercy on the same level). It is a declaration of his unwavering greatness and power over everything He has created. There is nothing like Allah (swt) and nothing that deserves our worship and praise. Allah (swt) does not need our worship however, nor does he require our praise and glorification. Our efforts do not make Allah (swt) greater, nor would a lack of our worship and remembrance of Him diminish him in any respects.





Deed of the month

- Fearing Allah SWT is important, having the correct level of love and fear is essential. You should love Allah SWT to the degree that you wouldn't want to anger Him, but you should also fear Him and His punishment so that you wouldn't go and stray off on a different path.
- Learn more about Allah SWT and his punishment. Learn about the Day of Judgement and the afterlife specifically and understand the fundamentals of his punishment, why they were set and who would enter it (i.e the kinds of people who would enter it).
- Learn about the angel Malik (AS) and his characteristics. All we may know generally is that he resides in hellfire, but we should know about his characteristics and personality and be more well-versed in him in general.
- Read Surat Al Muddathir.
- Read the specific punishments for different sins, for example, punishment of the grave, punishment for zina, etc.





حَدَّثَنَا عَنْدُ

رُجُو اللَّهَ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ وَأَخَافُ دُنُوبِي . فَقَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ـ صلى الله عليه وسلم ـ : " لا يَجْتَمِعَان فِي قُلبِ عَبْدٍ فِي مِثْل هَذَا الْمَوْطِن إلاَّ أَعْطَاهُ اللَّهُ مَا يَرْجُو وَآمَنَهُ مِمَّا يَخَافُ " .ا

It was narrated from Anas that the Prophet (مطياليه) entered upon a young man who was dying and said: "How do you feel?" He said: "I have hope in Allah, O Messenger of Allah, but I fear my sins." The Messenger of Allah (مطية عليه عليه) said: "These two things (hope and fear) do not coexist in the heart of a person in a situation like this, but Allah will give him that which he hopes for and keep him safe from that which he fears."

Sunan Ibn Majah 4261



Quiz of the Month

Having arrogance like that of the captain of the Titanic ship is a dangerous thing as Allah has revealed in the Quran and the Prophet SAW has warned us in the hadith.

"And do not turn your nose up to people, nor walk pridefully upon the earth. Surely Allah does not like whoever is arrogant, boastful." [31:18]

The captain of the ship did exactly what Luqman warned his son not to do. He thought himself mightier than he was and even dareed to look down upon Allah SWT. His words "Even God himself couldn't bring this ship" was challenging Allah and we know no man can beat Allah in a challenge. An example of this is from when the Makkan people claimed that the Quran was a work of poetry, they were challenged against Allah and had to back down.

Salamah bin Al-Akwa' (RA) reported: Messenger of Allah (مطواله) said, "Man continues to display haughtiness and arrogance until he is recorded among the arrogant and will be therefore afflicted with what afflicts them."

This hadith summarizes exactly what happened to the captain, he let his arrogance get better of him and said, "Even God himself couldn't sink this ship." Soon after this statement was made, his arrogance backfired on him and sank him and his ship instead.

We can remind ourselves of Allah's superiority above all things using his names including: Al-Azeez, Al-Malik, Al-Mu'min, Al-Muhaymin, Al-Khaliq, Al-Barre and so on. Allah not only has names showing His strength ang power but also ones reminding us that He is the originator and the creator of all things. The Captains words challenge Allah's ability in destroying something man made while Allah is the one who created the things that man can not.

Money/wealth is a dangerous thing for it can bring about arrogance in people. We have seen countless times in the History Halaqa when Muslim leaders get themselves too wrapped up in the material wealth and worldly life bringing about the fall of the Ummah. The reason the Ummah collapses is not because of the money itself but because of the false security and power one feels like they have when the riches are in the palms of their hands. They see that their money can buy them what most people don't have becoming the first step in making them prideful and thinking themselves better than those around them. They forget that the money can disappear just as fast as it came and that without Allah who gives their hearts permission to beat they could make them disappear as well.





Sadaqah for Barakah

As we all know, the Palestinian Occupation continues to be a pressing issue for our ummah, and our Muslim Brothers and Sisters are still suffering throughout all parts of Palestine. https://www.perf.net/ is a Humanitarian donation site that specifically targets a wide range of the youth in Palestine, as that is what makes up a majority of the population. Inshallah on the day of Judgement when we are asked what we did for the people of Palestine, we can say that we donated and took part of wealth and put it to good use.



حَدَّثَنَا مُحَمَّدُ بْنُ الْمُصَفَّى الْحِمْصِيُّ، حَدَّثَنَا الْوَلِيدُ بْنُ مُسْلِمٍ، عَنِ ابْنِ جُرَيْجٍ، عَنْ أبي الزُّبَيْرِ، عَنْ جَابِرِ بْنِ عَبْدِ لم ـ " أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَأَجْمِلُوا فِي الطَّلبِ فَإِنَّ نَفْسًا لَنْ تَمُوتَ حَتَّى تَسْتَوْفِيَ رِزْقَهَا وَإِنْ أَبْطَأَ عَنْهَا فَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَأَجْمِلُوا فِي الطَّلبِ خُدُوا مَا حَلَّ وَدَعُوا مَا حَرُمَ " ا

It was narrated from Jabir bin 'Abdullah that the Messenger of Allah (عليه عليه) said: "O people, fear Allah and be moderate in seeking a living, for no soul will die until it has received all its provision, even if it is slow in coming. So fear Allah and be moderate in seeking provision; take that which is permissible and leave that which is forbidden."



History Halaqas Summary

Alhamdulilah, this month, we started a new series called "The Great Fitnah". In this Halaqa, we explored the beginning of the verbal involvement of Omar Ibn Abdel Aziz (ra) in this fitnah between the sahabas after the khilafa of Othman Ibn Affan (ra). We also discussed important reasons for studying this fitnah (despite the advisement of Omar ibn Abdel Aziz to never ever speak about it) which include learning what actually happened so that we can defend our beloved sahabas- thus defending our deen to preserve it against the enemies of Islam who would slander them and spread lies about them/inject falsehood into our history to corrupt our deen and our iman to support their own agendas. Another reason being that defending the sahabas is the least that we can do to repay the sahabas for all of their sacrifices that, with the help of Allah (swt), ensured the preservation and passing down of the Sunnah of Rasulullah (saw); thus, denouncing the companions of the prophet (saw) means denouncing the means through which our deen was passed onto us so many years ago. Lastly, we covered the disclaimer writted by Imam At-Tabary in the beginning of his history book which originally covered some 30,000 pages!











Tamk-Foolery



Media: Muslims are scary!

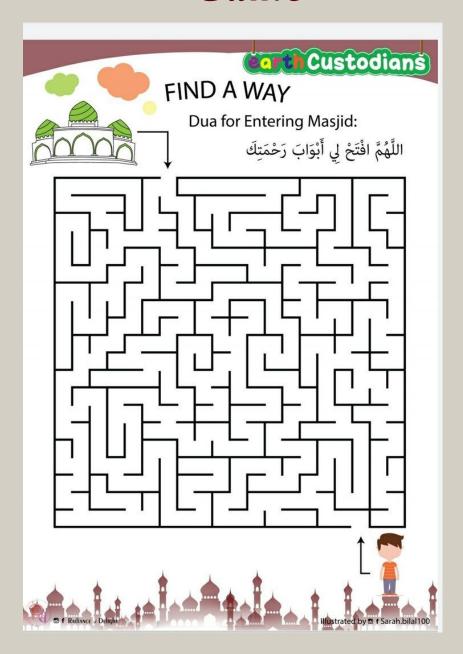
Muslims:



me looking in the mirror after realizing i did my 10 step skincare routine but forgot to make wudu.



Game



وَلْيَخْشَ ٱلَّذِينَ لَوْ تَرَكُوا مِنْ خَلْفِهِمْ دُرِّيَّةٍ ضِعَلَّهَا خَافُوا عَلَيْهِمْ فَلْيَتَّقُوا ٱللَّهَ وَلْيَقُولُوا قَوْ إِلَّا سَدِيدًا

Let the guardians be as concerned 'for the orphans' as they would if they were to 'die and' leave 'their own' helpless children behind. So let them be mindful of Allah and speak equitably.

Surah Nisa, Ayah 9



Story of the Month

In the emptiness of the desert, Hajar (AS) faced the unimaginable challenge of survival with her infant son, Isma'il (AS). As she ran between the hills of Safa and Marwah, desperately seeking water, her heart was filled not just with fear for their lives but with a profound remembrance for Allah (SWT). Each step echoed her unwavering faith that despite the dire circumstances, Allah SWT's mercy would not forsake them. When her efforts seemed endless, Hajar (AS) surrendered her anxiety to the Creator, embodying a deep awareness of His presence and power. This profound fear of Allah (SWT), a fear rooted in love and trust, drove her to call upon Him for help, demonstrating that true strength lies in the balance of reliance on divine mercy and the recognition of one's own vulnerability. In her moment of despair, Allah (SWT) responded by sending the angel Jibril (AS), guiding her to the life-giving well of Zamzam.

Tamkeen News

Alhamdullilah another month of memories made and lectures taught has occurred in Tamkeen!

Quiz News: There has been a recent trend within the Quiz answer flow, and it fluctuates then decreases soon after. As of now we reside in 51 to 59 quiz answers on average, and our current record holds at 79 answers. We have lost 20-28 by average answers, and Inshallah we will overcome it and break our goal in the future!

Reflection Articles: New Articles have been made and posted this month Alhamdulillah, Including "Be Grateful" By Nusaybah Siddiqui, "Swimming in an Ocean of Fatwas" by Our Sheikh and many more that should be read and understood.

Overall it has been a beautiful month with many fun activities that were enjoyed by our dear Tamkeeners and Inshallah many more to come. May Allah SWT strengthen us and carry ourselves with strong Iman and Yaqeen.



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