



The Samkeen Times

Enjoining Good & Forbidding Evil



Introduction

To “Enjoin the good and forbid the evil” is a vital principle in our deen. Does it sound familiar? To “يَأْمُرُونَ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ وَيَنْهَوْنَ عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ” (enjoin the good and forbid the evil) comes in the Quran three times: ayah 104 and 110 of Surah Aal Imran, and ayah 71 of Surah Tawbah. In these ayahs, embodying this principle is explicitly linked to righteousness, success, and receiving Allah’s mercy. Ayah 110 specifically mentions “يَأْمُرُونَ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ وَيَنْهَوْنَ عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ” as the quality of the best community raised in humanity (“كُنْتُمْ خَيْرَ أُمَّةٍ أُخْرِجَتْ لِلنَّاسِ”). Although this months theme is a buzz-phrase, many of us don’t know what it means enough to practice it. In our “Theme Exploration” section, we’ll walk you through it and leave you with actionable steps to reap the benefits of this principle that we mentioned above. Happy reading! :)



November News

Alhamdulillah, on Saturday November 1st, we kicked off with the **first session of our fall quarter** halaqa plan! The theme of this fall is "Build Your Personality According to the Sunnah of the Prophet (saw)", so from November 1st to January 10th is the time period dedicated to covering the first 10 hadiths in the compilation of Imam Nawawi (containing 42 hadeeths). This month, we covered the first 3 hadiths. We also situated our Quran and Tamkeener groups for Saturdays and fell into a routine with memorizing our new surahs together and studying some basic arabic and tajweed rules to help us understand what we are memorizing and prevent our own mistakes!

Regarding **quiz answers**, we had 4 quizzes on the first hadith of the 40 nawawi (**75 answers**) the domino effect (**77 answers**), fake X accounts exposing zionists and islamophobes in India (**8 and counting!**), and we reflected on the situation of two dogs from a facebook video (**82 answers**).

Article-wise, we saw content from the digitization team of the first three Hadith's. As part of our homework from sheikh, go read the articles and add a meaningful comment. Also make sure you can answer all the questions on the halaqah companion guides.

Recently, our **Tamkeen Clubs** have been semi-active. Our basketball club has unfortunately dissipated, but the Fishing club met twice this month. In addition to learning about fishing and implementing their knowledge, Amo Ismael has put the tamkeen fisherman on an exercise schedule where they have a certain amount of specific exercises to do each day. Each member also gets homework that includes researching specific lakes, what fish are there, and planning to go there in the season that they would catch the most fish in.



Best Quiz Answer of the Month: Anonymous

You could always interpret the video in different ways, but in my opinion I think the video describes to us how that one small lie (the small domino) could continue to grow (the big domino) to the point where it could ruin your life (the domino's size reaching empire state). Dominoes that I have seen place and get toppled down in real life, would be what's happening right now in Gaza/ Palestine, and the thing that would be the small domino would be very far back in history when first the Palestinians invited the Jews over to their country, and then the domino kept growing and growing and even reaching more than empire state which is the Jews stealing the Palestinians land and making it there own calling it "Israel" while also torturing Palestinians.

In my life, at this moment, I don't think I have any domino's that I want to get toppled down, I like my life, and any bad inconvenience that happens to me makes me realise that I probably was not even supposed to do that in the beginning, so I kinda just end up stopping my domino from growing further in size. Except it wasn't always like this for me, I had some really bad experiences in my life that probably nobody knows about, but I tried and I tried and I ended up stopping my domino's from growing in size before reaching its empire state.

This Hadith relates to my 2nd paragraph, and it's because it shows how you should always strive for what benefits you, seek Allah's help, and never give up. This Hadith really explains the situation for when I was at my lowest because at that moment I had really low iman, but when I started focusing more on my deen it really did save me.

قال رسول الله ﷺ: «المؤمن القوي خيرٌ وأحبُّ إلى الله من المؤمن الضعيف... احرص على ما ينفعك، واستعن بالله ولا تعجز»
A small domino that I could probably place right now and would have a massive impact towards the end would be the way I present myself and the way I act. I think so because your reputation really does matter, and it doesn't really matter whether you're a man or a woman because at the end people know you from your reputation, so you should always represent yourself respectfully while .also living your life to the fullest

حَدَّثَنَا قُتَيْبَةُ، حَدَّثَنَا عَبْدُ الْعَزِيزِ بْنُ مُحَمَّدٍ، عَنْ عَمْرِو بْنِ أَبِي عَمْرٍو، عَنْ عَبْدِ اللَّهِ الْأَنْصَارِيِّ، عَنْ حَدِيفَةَ بْنِ الْيَمَانِ، عَنِ النَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ قَالَ " وَالَّذِي نَفْسِي بِيَدِهِ لَتَأْمُرَنَّ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ وَلَتَنْهَوْنَ عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ أَوْ لَيُوشِكَنَّ اللَّهُ أَنْ يَبْعَثَ عَلَيْكُمْ عِقَابًا مِنْهُ ثُمَّ تَدْعُوهُ فَلَا يُسْتَجَابُ لَكُمْ " . قَالَ أَبُو عِيَسَى هَذَا حَدِيثٌ حَسَنٌ .
حَدَّثَنَا عَلِيُّ بْنُ حُجْرٍ، أَخْبَرَنَا إِسْمَاعِيلُ بْنُ جَعْفَرٍ، عَنْ عَمْرِو بْنِ أَبِي عَمْرٍو، بِهَذَا الْإِسْنَادِ نَحْوَهُ .

Hudhaifah bin Al-Yaman narrated that the Prophet (s.a.w) said: "By the One in Whose Hand is my soul! Either you command good and forbid evil, or Allah will soon send upon you a .punishment from Him, then you will call upon Him, but He will not respond to you



Featured Story/Person

If there is anyone that has walked the face of this Earth who has fully embodied this teaching (outside of the prophets) it is **Abu Bakr Al Siddiq رضي الله عنه** and let me tell you why:

When the news of the Prophet (saw)'s death spread, the Ummah was completely shaken to its core. Many people were so overwhelmed to the point that some of them even began slipping back towards kufr, just as previous Ummahs had done whenever their prophets died. In the middle of this chaos, a strong man stood up. Abu Bakr (ra) stood at the door of the masjid and snapped the community back to their senses with **one reminder**. He said, *whoever among you worships Muhammad SAW, then Muhammad has died. Whoever worships Allah, then Allah is alive and cannot die. Allah Almighty said: Muhammad is not but a Messenger. Messengers have passed before him. If he dies or is killed, will you turn back on your heels?" (3:144)*

This is a man who stood firm when others fell, who held firmly onto the truth when the world felt like it was collapsing subhanAllah. In a moment when confusion, grief and even disbelief was spreading, Abu Bakr (ra) stood fully against it and fulfilled **وَالنَّهْيُ عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ**.



Tuesday Summary

Alhamdulillah, as we've started our new series **"The Abbasid Time: A Strength or Fitnas after a Fitna?"** the story has basically been a nonstop chain of evil power plays, rising corrupted groups all fighting for control. It all started with a mix of deviant groups (full of Shiaas, Sabaiyyahs etc) that believed the Khilafa should stay within the Prophet (saw) family REGARDLESS of who the person is. One of the figures who had to play into that script (even though he wasn't apart of the Prophet saw family) is Abu Muslim Al Khurasaani, a strong ambitious slave turned thug. The Abbasids sent him to Khurasan, a distant, disconnected region full of new Muslims– he turned these people against the Umayyads, painting them as racist and corrupt people. Abu Ja'far Al Mansur became khalifa but a power struggle emerged between him, his uncle Abdullah and Abu Muslim. Abu Ja'far tricked them into fighting each other until Abu Muslim to kill Abdullah then tricked Abu Muslim into coming to Baghdad and had him killed.

But let's not forget a young man, only 18 or 19 years old, who was the only one left alive from Banu Ummaya: Abdurahman, the descendant of Abdel Malik Ibn Marwan Al Hakam. He ran all the way alone to Al Andalus, which was already collapsing and on the verge of being handed to the non-muslims. He entered this land and fixed everything, uniting the Muslims to fight against the invaders. One young man. One. Which truly begs the question: how many more young revolutionaries do you need to hear about before you feel empowered to become one yourself? I mean this man was so legendary, he had Abu Ja'far saying *"Alhamdulillah that Allah made this big sea between us and him"*

The Abbasid rule carried on (with much to cover) but don't you wonder what's going on with the four major Imams who lived during this period? Read the next newsletter to find out the full story insha'Allah!

فَلَمَّا نَسُوا مَا ذُكِّرُوا بِهِ أَنجَيْنَا الَّذِينَ يَنْهَوْنَ عَنِ السُّوءِ وَأَخَذْنَا الَّذِينَ ظَلَمُوا
بِعَذَابٍ بَيِّيسٍ بِمَا كَانُوا يَفْسُقُونَ

When they ignored the warning they were given, We rescued those who used to warn against evil and overtook the wrongdoers with a dreadful punishment for their rebelliousness.

Surat al-A'raf 7:165



Featured Article

Holding Tight to the Raft



Introduction to Imam Nawawi's 40 Hadith

Most people experience changes in their taste preferences as they grow older. Younger children tend to prefer simpler foods that are easier to eat. They might pass on adding extra sauces and seasonings and just prefer basic meals. As we get older and our taste buds mature and experience all sorts of different flavors, textures, and cuisines, we become more picky and even tend to eat more in general. We get extra Dave's sauce with our #4s and dip our fries in a mix of mustard, ketchup, and mayo, instead of just eating them cold like we did as kids. As students of knowledge, we want to experience the same maturation in terms of learning our deen. While we are younger, we are learning the basics: how to make wudhu and pray, fasting a few days here

Alhamdulillah our reteach and peer review team have been working together to take our weekly hadith halaqas given by Sheikh and turn them into in-depth written articles. Listen because these aren't just simple summaries but writings that capture everything that was discussed in the halaqas, carefully written so you can read, reflect and truly grasp the lessons we're learning each week.

I highly encourage you to check out each article, because our amazing team put their hearts and time into making knowledge accessible for everyone. These articles are a valuable resource for anyone serious about learning, reviewing and benefiting from the halaqas! Whether you want to revisit a point or deepen your understanding, these write ups are here to help make seeking علم easier and more meaningful.

May Allah bless their efforts, increase all of us in beneficial knowledge and make this a means of guidance and barakah for all those who read it. Allahuma Ameen! Go read it now!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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Game

EXCITING ANNOUNCEMENT...

Inshallah starting with next months newsletter, we will be incorporating a **scavenger hunt!**

The scavenger hunt will include:

Hidden icons spread around the newsletter

Ranging from easy to difficult

You will be provided with what your looking for

and the first person to send where ALL the icons are located will be the winner

Stay tuned for next month to participate in the scavenger hunt and newest addition of the Tamkeen Newsletter :)

Tamk-foolery

