



The Samfeen Times

Continuing Ramadan Beyond the Month



Introduction

During Ramadan, many of us reach a peak that we don't see during the rest of the year. Because we understand the barakah that Allah (swt) puts in the month, we push ourselves. Throughout the first two-thirds of the month, we make it a point to pray more, be mindful of the content we consume, avoid wasting time, find other ways to work for the sake of Allah, and more.

When the last ten days and nights of the month roll around, we push ourselves even farther, but why? Keep reading to learn more about how to continue your Ramadan beyond the month, what this looks like, and why it really is so much easier than we might think!



Scavenger Hunt

Find all the icons hidden around the newsletter, screenshot them, and send them to one of the editorial team members, first to complete this WINS!

ICONS KEY



إِنَّ الَّذِينَ قَالُوا رَبُّنَا اللَّهُ ثُمَّ اسْتَقَامُوا تَتَنَزَّلُ عَلَيْهِمُ الْمَلَائِكَةُ أَلَّا تَخَافُوا وَلَا تَحْزَنُوا وَأَبْشِرُوا بِالْجَنَّةِ الَّتِي كُنْتُمْ تُوعَدُونَ ۝ ٣٠

Surely those who say, "Our Lord is Allah," and then remain steadfast, the angels descend upon them, saying, "Do not fear, nor grieve. Rather, rejoice in the good news of Paradise, which you have been promised"

Surah Fussilat: Ayah 30



Theme Exploration

Ramadan is not the goal, its training for what Allah says is the purpose of it (taqwa), becoming grateful via obedience and remembrance.

It teaches us that we can hold ourselves to a much higher standard but as soon as shaytan comes back, we stop. Coincidence?



March Features

Alhamdulillah, over the month of March:

We had an article competition on the topic of Khalifa's. And the article of "To Be Muslim in Ibaadah" was posted, be sure to read, like and comment on it.

We enjoyed the last day of Ramadan together on the land, grilled chicken, made pasta, and ended the day with s'mores before praying taraweeh.

During our Saturday halaqahs we have been continuing the series of "Muslim Conquest to Persia".

The Tamkeen Boys Soccer team competed against the Islamic House Soccer team and WON 7-6!

For the month of March, the number of quiz answers peaked at 69 which is lower than usual. Let's get the numbers back up this month iA!





Saturday Summary

In the aftermath of the battle of 3ayn Al-Tamar the enemy's army was defeated, and, of course, the Muslims captured people from them. Three young kids were taken by Khalid Ibn Walid RA from the enemies after they were defeated.

Now, since they were living in a proper environment with the enrichment of the Deen, a change stirred in the hearts, so much so that they converted to Islam but not only this. Each of these men had direct descendants who were excellent in their faith and leadership. Nusayyr's son was the one who had liberated North Africa and ruled it by Islam. Sireen's son had become one of the prominent scholars in the Deen. Yassar's son was the main scholar of the Seerah of the Prophet SAW.

So as you could see, Islam not only made a change in these youths' hearts but it shifted the trajectory of their lives. Their conversion did not just make them any ordinary person, but the first in their bloodlines to bring honor. Islam purified them from their previous lives in such a way that they became leaders and changemakers serving the Muslim Ummah.





Best Quiz Answer

Quiz Title: Men deserve to cover their head

Author: Anonymous

This scenario reminds me of a period of time in Andalus. During the decline of the Muslim presence in Spain and Portugal, one of the rulers was kicked out of his kingdom by the Christians. The story goes that he was seen crying for his kingdom, and his mother came to him and said; cry like women for the kingdom you could not protect like men.

This situation reminds me of that time. Nowadays we are out of real men. No one wants to dedicate their life for the sake of Allah but are rather busy in the Dunyah. It is a very hard battle against your nafs and shaytan. And the outcome is that we end up with occupations and oppression on our Muslim lands as punishment. May Allah guide us back to the straight path and may he make us love working for his sake.

Why we chose this quiz: The author did a good job of relating what is happening now in the ummah to a scenario from our Islamic history. We learn about our history to learn from our predecessors.



Featured Story/Person

Ramadan has passed us, and through that, it's normal to feel much different than how we were performing in this month. The energy drops, and the consistent ibadah gets harder.

Similarly, in the story of Ka'b Ibn Malik, we find a man who was sincere and strong in his faith, from the start, but he slipped up in action. And when he did, he didn't cover it up or just run away. He actually stayed, faced the punishment, and held onto his faith through it.

So the thing is, Ramadan isn't about coming out as a whole new person. It's about creating habits that can stick with you even after it's gone. It's like having a friend who leaves you gifts to remember them through, but those gifts for us are our lifeline, are our worship.

The real consistency is never about slipping up; that is totally okay, but it's about staying even after you do and throwing in the next big punch. Don't throw yourself out of the game because you were better in Ramadan. Ramadan showed you who you could be, the kind of servant you could be, so it is all within you, and you have the power to act!





Featured Article

Indeed, He Has Succeeded (قَدْ أَفْلَحَ)

By: Amjad Shabanh



An article titled “*Indeed, He Has Succeeded*” was recently published on our website. This article reflects on a powerful ayah in the Qur’an in which Allah SWT highlights the trait of the successful. Even before this verse appears in the Qur’an, 8 vows following one after the other are made and make up the the longest sequence of consecutive vows in the Qur’an.

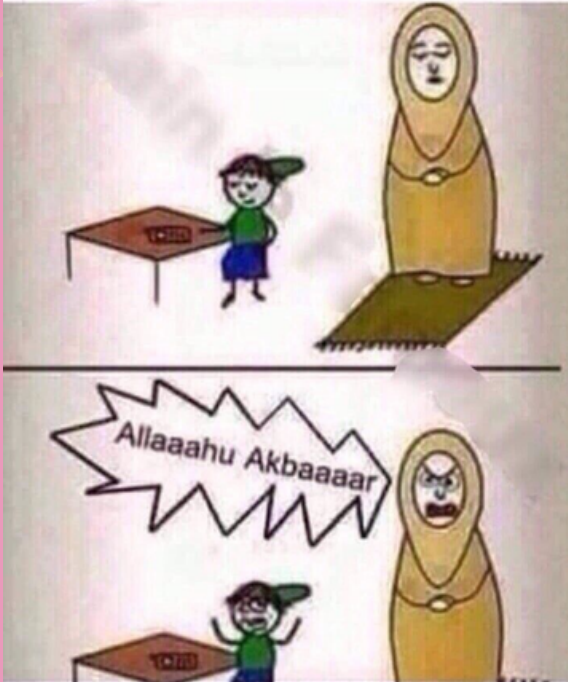
From that ayah, the author goes on to reflect even deeper to find the true traits and characteristics of the successful: They remind us that true success isn’t measured by a person’s wealth, power, or status but by the purification of the heart and enrichment of the soul. SubhanAllah, this article addresses the question we all face after Ramadan: how do we continue growing and purifying ourselves beyond the month? It is not about being perfect, but about recognizing even the smallest speck of darkness in our hearts and purifying it quickly

We highly recommend giving it a read inshaAllah.



TAMK-FOOLERY

Muslim Mothers when she pray and u touch something that u should not touch 😊



I don't know who needs to hear this but it's time to throw away that half-used lemon in your fridge 😂

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Me when I realise I'm on the fourth rak'ah of Maghrib:

