

بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم



Our Duties During Ramadan



ZAKAT



AL QUR'AN AL KAREEM

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الحمد لله رب العالمين والصلاة والسلام على أشرف الأنبياء والمرسلين سيدنا محمد وعلى آله وصحبه أجمعين. أشهد أن لا إله إلا الله وحده لا شريك له وأشهد أن سيدنا محمدا عبده ورسوله.

We glorify Allah, our Creator, Sustainer, Provider, Most Merciful, Most Compassionate.

We testify that there is no one worthy of worship except Him.

We testify that Nabi Mohammed (saw) was the best of messengers and the last of the Prophets.

Dear Brothers and Sisters

I am once again honoured and privileged to come to Masjid Umar here in Sydney and to address you during this blessed month of Ramadan.

Ramadan Mubarak, Ramadan Kareem. May Allah accept all our efforts during the blessed month of Ramadan

Alhumdullilah we are in the second 10 days of Ramadan.

The blessed month of Ramadan has bestowed the Ummah with many victories and milestones such as the victory Badr against overwhelming odds, Fetah Makkah, (the liberation of Makkah) the opening up of Spain by Tariq ibn Ziyad and the liberation of Palestine by Salahuddin Ayubi.

Today in this Jum'ah I would like to focus on the following three important points:

1. Al Qur'an ul Khareem was revealed during this month.
 - The uniqueness of the Qur'an, and
 - Our duties towards the Qur'an.
2. Zakat was instituted during this month.
 - What is Zakat
 - The implications of Zakat on the Ummah

3. Australia is celebrating Good Friday today, what is the implication of the Qur'anic ayah,

قُلْ يَا أَهْلَ الْكِتَابِ

Say: Oh people of the Book' (Al Qur'an 3:64)

Allah, Ta'ala, says in Al-Qur'an

الَّذِينَ ءَاتَيْنَاهُمُ الْكِتَابَ يَتْلُونَهُ حَقَّ تِلَاوَتِهِ أُولَٰئِكَ يُؤْمِنُونَ بِهِ ۖ وَمَن يَكْفُرْ بِهِ
فَأُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الْخَاسِرُونَ

"Those We have given the Book follow it as it should be followed. It is they who 'truly' believe in it. As for those who reject it, it is they who are the losers. (Al Qur'an 2:121)

In this Ayah, Allah (s.w.t) uses the word Tilawa which means both recitation and abidance by the Qur'an. Read the Qur'an as it deserves to be read and follow the Qur'an as it deserves to be followed.

The rightful tilawat of Al Qur'an includes

- Reading it with humility, with full attention and with proper Tajweed, (the rules and regulations).
- Understand what you have read and make sure that your understanding is correct.
- Practice the teachings of Al Qur'an as a reference for your life.
- Propagate the message of the Qur'an to help humanity.

These are our duties and responsibilities to Al Qur'an Al Kareem.

Rasuloolah (s.a.w) said: *"Our hearts get rusted just like iron gets rusted with water"*. The Sahabah asked, "How do we clean a rusted heart.?" Rasuloolah (s.a.w) said, *"By remembering frequently about our death and by recitation of Al Qur'an"*.

Our beloved Nabi (s.a.w) said that the paradise expressed its desire to have these four people in it.

1. The readers of the Qur'an
2. Those who watch their words (the utterances of their tongues/mouths)
3. Those who feed the hungry
4. Those who fast during the blessed month of Ramadan.

“The best among you is he who learns Qur’an and teaches it.”

Dear Brothers and Sisters let us contemplate for a while about the uniqueness of the Qur’an.

- Al Qur’an is unique in its similitudes, metaphors, brevity, eloquence and cohesion.
- Al Qur’an is unique in its information about the unseen and the stories it narrates.
- Al Qur’an is unique in its spiritual upliftment, it touches the heart of those who are sincere and honest.
- Al Qur’an Al Kareem is unique in its scientific miraculousness. While it is not a scientific book it surpasses science and technology in foretelling of scientific information.

While we are in the month of Ramadan let us contemplate the correct reading and duty towards our Qur’an Al Kareem.

The second important point that I would like to talk about during today's Khutbah is the Institution of Zakat.

Al Qur’an says about Zakat

خُذْ مِنْ أَمْوَالِهِمْ صَدَقَةً تُطَهِّرُهُمْ وَتُزَكِّيهِمْ بِهَا وَصَلِّ عَلَيْهِمْ إِنَّ صَلَاتَكَ سَكَنٌ
لَّهُمْ وَاللَّهُ سَمِيعٌ عَلِيمٌ

“Take from their wealth ‘O Prophet’ charity to purify and bless them through it and pray for them—surely your prayer is a source of comfort for them. And Allah is All-Hearing, All-Knowing.” (Al Qur’an 9:103)

- ❖ Zakat was instituted during this blessed month of Ramadan.
- ❖ Zakat is mentioned in the Holy Qur’an 32 times of which 28 times next to Salat.
- ❖ Zakat is one of those conditions that brings the person into the fold of Islam.
- ❖ Those who do not pay Zakat exclude themselves from the Ummah of Islam.
- ❖ Our Nabi Mohammed (s.a.w) used to distribute the Zakat to the poor and destitute.
- ❖ The one who gives Zakat seeking only the pleasure of Allah will be rewarded greatly by Allah.

- ❖ If a Muslim refuses to pay Zakat, the Muslim state has a right to take it by force and also take half of his property.
- ❖ No Zakat can be distributed to Prophet Mohammad, peace and blessings upon him, or his family and descendants.

Ramadan is the right time to calculate the Zakat and give to the deserving people.

The classification of items on which Zakat is obligatory is as follows:

1. Zakat on gold, silver and currency.
2. Nisab – Minimum prescribed limit on which Zakat becomes obligatory is 88 grams of gold or 612 grams of silver. The Zakat is paid on the amount of currency or wealth which would purchase these quantities of metals held in possession for one year
3. Women must pay 2½% on jewelry consisting of 88 grams of gold or over.
4. Clothes for normal wear, house for resident, vehicle and household items for onal use are exempted from Zakat.
5. Zakat on bank deposits have to be paid every year at the rate of 2½%

Dear Brothers and Sisters Ramadan is also the time to take Sadaqul Fitr
This year Sadaqul Fitr in Australia is \$15 per person.

I would like to conclude with my third point. As Australia is celebrating Good Friday today, let us look into this Qur'anic ayah,

قُلْ يَا أَهْلَ الْكِتَابِ تَعَالَوْا إِلَى كَلِمَةٍ سَوَاءٍ بَيْنَنَا وَبَيْنَكُمْ أَلَّا نَعْبُدَ إِلَّا اللَّهَ وَلَا نُشْرِكَ بِهِ شَيْئًا وَلَا يَتَّخِذَ بَعْضُنَا بَعْضًا أَرْبَابًا مِّنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ فَإِنْ تَوَلَّوْا فَقُولُوا اشْهَدُوا بِأَنَّا مُسْلِمُونَ ٦٤

'Say: O Prophet, "O People of the Book! Let us come to common terms: that we will worship none but Allah, associate none with Him, nor take one another as lords instead of Allah." But if they turn away, then say, "Bear witness that we have submitted 'to Allah alone.'" (Al Qur'an 3:64)

According to this Qur'anic Ayah we have been asked by Allah (s.w.t) to invite the people of the book and convey the message of Islam to them

Let us to understand some of the major differences between Islam and Christianity:

ISLAM

Islam teaches pure monotheism – The Oneness of Allah (God), without any partner or offspring. He alone has the right to be worshipped.



Eesa (a.s) (Jesus Christ) was a human being and a messenger of Allah (God) and was favoured by Allah with miracles as a sign of this Prophethood.



Adam and Eve were deceived by Shaitan in the garden and sort forgiveness and Allah forgave them. Therefore, Islam says every child is born free of sin in the nature of Allah (God)



In Islam, salvation and success in this life and the hereafter depends on a person's belief and performing righteous deeds in this world. (Emaan and Amaal)

CHRISTIANITY

To Christians, god is three different beings – The Father, The Son and The Holy Spirit.



Christians believe Jesus was the only begotten son of God who died for the salvation of humanity.



Christianity says every bone is contaminated by the original sin of Adam and Eve and only after they have been baptised can they become sinless.



In Christianity, your salvation only comes through Jesus Christ as your savior who shed his blood for their sins.

Dear brothers and sister and my dear children, Ramadan is telling us that we are only one single Ummah, we have one body, we suffer together, we share each other's joy and we pray and eat together.

Ramadan is the month for family reunions and family reconciliation.

May Allah accept all our Ibadaat.

May Allah accept our worship during this blessed month of Ramadan.

Ameen.

Ramadan Kareem to all of you.