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“Make use of the two remedies: honey and the Quran.”

(Prophet Muhammad SAW - Tirmidhi)



Quranic Healing

When we are faced with sickness, most people tend to find themselves rushing to doctors to find appropriate medication to treat the illness. Others prefer more natural and homoeopathic remedies. Whichever of the types it is, Islam not only allows the use of medicine, but the Prophet SAW actually encouraged us to seek out cures. But along with the various forms of medication, we are very fortunate to have been blessed with another powerful source of cure and that is the Quran. Allah SWT says in the Quran “We reveal the Quran, which is healing and mercy for the believers.” (17:82) and in another verse “Say, ‘For those who believe, it is guidance and cure.’” (41:44)

It was the Sunnah of the Prophet SAW and his instruction to his followers to recite verses of the Quran when faced with illness. Aisha RA narrated that “during the Prophet’s fatal illness, he used to recite the Mu’awwidhatayn (Surah Al-Nas and Surah Al-Falaq) and then blow his breath over his body. When his illness was aggravated, I used to recite those two surahs and blow my breath over him and make him rub his body with his own hand for its blessings.”

Other verses mentioned specifically include Ayat Al-Kursi and Surah Al-Fatiha. Aside from specific verses, the whole Quran, being the words of Allah, is a source of healing for those who believe. We should make our homes places where we recite the Quran, study its Tafsir, reflect upon it, and memorise it. When we do that, our homes will be places of light and contentment for us and we will reap the rewards in the Hereafter, as well as find cures through it. May Allah SWT allow us to reconnect with the Quran and grant us relief through His words. Aameen

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Fri	1	1	1:12	4:47	1:09	6:41	10:27	4:00	8:00	9:24	10:40
Sat	2	2	1:12	4:47	1:09	6:41	10:27	4:00	8:00	9:24	10:40
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Wed	13	13	1:12	4:58	1:11	6:38	10:22	"	"	9:16	"
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Sat	16	16	1:12	5:01	1:11	6:36	10:20	4:15	8:00	9:13	10:30
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Thu	28	28	2:11	5:17	1:12	6:27	10:10	"	"	8:58	"
Fri	29	29*	2:16	5:19	1:12	6:27	10:08	"	"	8:56	"
Sat	30	1	2:21	5:20	1:12	6:26	10:07	4:30	7:30	8:55	10:20
Sun	31	2	2:26	5:22	1:12	6:25	10:06	"	"	8:53	"

Dhuhr Jama`ah	1:30
Jumu`ah 1	1:25
Jumu`ah 2	2:20

Eid Day Fajr	4:15
Eid Salaah 1	5:15
Eid Salaah 2	7:15

Islamic dates are confirmed after 29th based on moonsighting reports
 Jama`ah times may be adjusted if a need arises
 Fajr beginning time is speculative based on 'Aqrab-ul-Ayyaam' until 21st
 Isha beginning time is speculative based on 'Sub`ul Layl' calculation

Qurbani / Udhiyyah

Importance & Guidance

Qurbani is highly recommended and according to the Hanafi madhab it's obligatory for every sane adult Muslim male/female who has wealth in excess of his/her needs.

Normally, if you are eligible to pay Zakat, then you are also obliged in to give Qurbani.

Allah SWT tells us in the Holy Qur'an:

And complete the Hajj and 'umrah for Allah. But if you are prevented, then [offer] what can be obtained with ease of sacrificial animals.

And do not shave your heads until the sacrificial animal has reached its place of slaughter. And whoever among you is ill or has an ailment of the head [making shaving necessary must offer] a ransom of fasting [three days] or charity or sacrifice. And when you are secure, then whoever performs 'umrah [during the Hajj months] followed by Hajj [offers] what can be obtained with ease of sacrificial animals. And whoever cannot find [or afford such an animal] - then a fast of three days during Hajj and of seven when you have returned [home]. (2:196)

Who is Qurbani compulsory on?

Giving Qurbani is obligatory for:

- Every sane Muslim of mature age (who has reached puberty)
- Non-travelling persons
- Those who additionally own wealth which is beyond their needs, equal to (or more than) the current level of nisab (87.48 grams of gold or 612.36 grams of silver) = £343 (calculated in May 2022)
- You are allowed to offer more than one sacrifice.

Virtues & Importance

There is nothing dearer to Allah during the days of Qurbani than the sacrificing of animals. The sacrificed animal shall come on the Day of judgment with its horns, hair, and hooves (to be weighed). The sacrifice is accepted by Allah before the blood reaches the ground. Therefore, sacrifice with an open and happy heart. (Tirmidhi, Ibn Majah)

Zayd Ibn Arqam RA relates that the Sahaba asked, "O Messenger of Allah SAW! What is Qurbani?" He replied, "It is the sunnah of your father Ibraheem AS." They asked again, "What benefit do we get from it?" He answered, "A reward for every hair (of the sacrificed animal)." "And (what reward is there for animals with) wool, O Messenger of Allah SAW?" they asked. He SAW said "A reward for every fibre of the wool." (Ibn Majah)

Rasulullah SAW is reported to have said: 'Whoever can afford to slaughter in this day but fails to do so should not even come to our Eid salah.' (Ibn Majah)

Prophetic Qurbani

Qurbani is categorised as: 1 sheep or goat equals 1 Qurbani and 1 cow equals 7 Qurbani shares.

It is reported by 'Abdullah ibn 'Abbas RA that a Sahabi RA complained

of an entire camel being binding on him, but it had fled and escaped. Upon this, Rasulullah SAW instructed: 'Buy seven goats/sheep.' [i.e, in place of the one camel] (Musnad Ahmad)

The Prophet SAW delivered the Khutba after offering the prayer on the Day of Qurbani and said, "Whoever offers the prayer like us and slaughters like us then his sacrifice will be accepted by Allah. And whoever slaughters his animal before the Eid Salah then he has not done the sacrifice." Abu Burda Ibn Niyar RA, the uncle of Al-Bara' RA said, "O Allah's Messenger SAW! I have slaughtered my sheep before the Eid Salah and I thought today as a day of eating and drinking, and I liked that my sheep should be the first to be slaughtered in my house. So I slaughtered my sheep and took my food before coming for the prayer." The Prophet SAW said, "The sheep which you have slaughtered is just mutton (not a Qurbani sacrifice)." Abu Burda RA said, "O Allah's Messenger SAW! I have a young she-goat which is dearer to me than two sheep. Will that be sufficient as a Qurbani on my behalf?" The Prophet SAW said, "Yes, it will be sufficient for you, but it will not be sufficient (as a Qurbani) for anyone else after you."

Voluntary slaughter on behalf of others

Jabir RA reports that after the Eid Salah, a ram was brought to The Prophet SAW which he slaughtered saying: 'Bismillahi Allahu Akbar, O Allah [accept] this from my behalf and on behalf of those in my ummah who have not slaughtered.' (Abu Dawud)

Likewise, we may also offer our voluntary sacrifices on behalf of The Prophet SAW and others.

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Abu Hurairah RA

An Eminent Sahabi – Companion of The Prophet SAW

Allah has praised the Sahaba and mentioned them as being the truthful in the Quran. The lives of Sahaba are full of stories and morals that reflect the teachings of Islam and how one can endorse those teachings in their lives.

Abu Hurairah RA cited approximately 5300 traditions from Prophet Muhammad SAW. He was named Abdur Rahman by the Prophet SAW. He came to be known as Abu Hurairah out of his love for kittens and had a pet cat who he used to feed and clean. It followed him everywhere he went as if it were his shadow. He was very sympathetic towards animals. [Siyar A'laam AnNubala']

He accepted Islam at the hands of Tufayl ibn Amr RA, the chief of Daws tribe. Later he had the privilege of meeting Prophet Muhammad SAW in Makkah.

In the beginning of the 7th year of Hijrah, he came to Madinah and took refuge in Masjid Nabawi with Ahl as-suffah. Abu Hurairah RA spent all his time accompanying Prophet Muhammad SAW. He even joined him on his journeys and expeditions. Though he only accompanied the Prophet Muhammad SAW during the last four years of his life, he had the honour of performing the most prominent task of preserving the religion by his formidable memory in the form of ahadith.

Zayd ibn Thabit RA reports: "While Abu Hurairah and I and another friend of mine were in the Masjid praying to Allah and performing dhikr, the Messenger of Allah appeared. He came towards us and sat among us. We became silent and he SAW said: "Carry on with what you were doing." So my friend and I made a supplication to Allah before Abu Hurairah did and the Prophet SAW began to say Ameen to our dua. Then Abu Hurairah made a supplication saying: "O Lord, I ask You for what my two companions have asked and I ask You for knowledge which will not be forgotten." The Prophet SAW said: 'Ameen.' We then said: "And we ask Allah for knowledge which will not be forgotten", and the Prophet replied: "The Daws youth has asked for this before you."

Another incident which justifies his excellent memory is once when Marwaan

ibn al-Hakim wanted to test his ability to memorize and invited him over. He asked Abu Hurairah RA for some narration and secretly had a scribe write down whatever was being said. One year later Marwaan made Abu Hurairah reiterate the traditions and to his surprise not a single word was wrong!

Imam Shafi'i said about him "No one in his period was more capable of narrating traditions with such a memory than Abu Hurairah RA".

Abu Hurairah pressed heavily on adhering to the rights of parents. After becoming a Muslim his main concern was to convince his mother to become a Muslim. He kept persuading her for a long time until he finally asked Prophet Muhammad SAW to pray for her. Afterwards she embraced Islam.

Life was not easy for Ahl as-suffah. The companions of Prophet Muhammad SAW endured extreme hunger, cold and heat. Abu Hurairah RA often had stones tied to his stomach to lessen the hunger. Such was the character and patience of the Sahaba and the sacrifices they made to preserve this religion. Abu Hurairah RA later on became the governor of Bahrain during Umar RA's caliphate and owned a halal source of income which made him wealthy, but he constantly reminisced about times when he had nothing.

Ibn Sirin narrates that they were with Abu Hurairah RA who was wearing two reddish coloured cloths made in Kattaan. Wiping his nose with one of them, he said, "Wow! Abu Hurairah is wiping his nose with a cloth from Kattaan whereas there was a time when I would see myself fall down unconscious in front of Prophet Muhammad SAW's pulpit and the room of Aaishah RA. Someone would then come and place his foot on my neck thinking that I was insane whereas I was suffering extreme hunger. [Bukhari and Tirmidhi]

Moreover, Abu Hurairah RA was a frequent worshipper; he used to take turns praying at nights. One third of the night was prayed by him, second third by his wife and last third by his daughter. Hence, all night long his house was busy in remembrance of Allah.

He died at the age of 78 and was buried amongst the inhabitants of Al-Baqi. After attending his funeral, many of his students kept narrating the countless traditions of Prophet Muhammad SAW that they learnt from him.

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