



The Messenger of Allah SAW said, “The example of a believer is that of a fresh green plant the leaves of which move in whatever direction the wind forces them to move and when the wind becomes still, it stands straight. Such is the similitude of the believer: He is disturbed by calamities (but regains his normal state). And the example of a disbeliever is that of a pine tree (which remains) hard and straight till Allāh cuts it down when He wills.” (Bukhari)



Exams!

For a Muslim, there is much more to exams. Many a time, a Muslim turns back to Allāh during the exam season, pleading for His aid, for Tawfiq to be able to smash their exams. The believer should remember the difficulty of the Ākhirah when he goes through anything in this life.

Say you have worked hard, finished your exams and you find out you were one mark away from the top mark. Just imagine the regret for not achieving that one mark. Now picture the scene on Yawmul Qiyamah. If a person is just one deed away from entering Jannah, imagine the state of this person. To know that you came so close, yet so far. Not even your own mother, spouse or children will be willing to sacrifice their deeds for you, as Allāh SWT says in Surah ‘Abasa: “But when the deafening cry comes, the day on which a man shall fly from his brother, and his mother and his father, and his spouse and his son – every man of them shall on that day have an affair which will occupy him.”

There is a great need for us, as Muslims to not just be successful in our studies, but to also strive for Ihsān (perfection in good-doing) and in doing so, to have high, lofty aspirations, for this is the very essence of our Deen, we do not settle for second best. As Muslims, we should not be content on merely scraping through, rather we should aim to be leaders and role models on our respective journeys in our lives. Know, Ummah of Muḥammad SAW, that you are an ambassador for the Ummah. Never underestimate your role within society, for we have a huge responsibility to fulfil. Many of us, during our days in school, when we were not ‘practicing’, defamed Islām and its teachings by the way we behaved and treated others. Thus, it is our responsibility to put things right and reclaim the honour that we so carelessly threw away.

Do not despair if your exams did not go to plan. When trying to revise and nothing is going in, there is always a reason, and most of the time, it is ourselves, either we have transgressed the boundaries of Allāh or it is a test from the mercy of Allāh to elevate your ranks in the next life. Stay far away from secret sins, my brothers and sisters, for this can lead to one’s destruction both in this life and the next.

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1st Jumu`ah

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2nd Jumu`ah

2:20

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Eid Salaah 2

7:00

Eid Salaah 3

8:00**Please Note:**

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Preparing for Death

As the Islamic year draws to a close, for Muslims, however, this seasonal transition offers a deeper moment for introspection: not merely on the passing of time, but on the inevitability of death, and the life that truly matters—the one that begins after our final breath.

Life and Death

In the Qur'an, Allah reminds us repeatedly of the transient nature of this world and the certainty of death: "Every soul shall taste death, and only on the Day of Resurrection will you be paid your full recompense." (Qur'an 3:185)

Time is among the greatest blessings and tests from Allah. Its passing is not just a marker of aging or accomplishment but a gentle warning that our appointed time is drawing nearer. Each year, each month, each day is a subtraction from our remaining breaths.

The Prophet Muhammad SAW said: "Remember often the destroyer of pleasures: death." (Tirmidhi)

While many shy away from thoughts of death, Islam encourages a balanced perspective—neither morbid obsession nor heedless avoidance. Rather, by remembering death, the believer lives more meaningfully, aligns priorities with purpose, and becomes spiritually vigilant.

One of the pious predecessors, Al-Hasan al-Basri, was known for weeping often. When asked about this, he replied: "I fear that Allah will cast me into the Hellfire and will not care about me."

Another time, he said: "O son of Adam, you are nothing but a number of days. Every day that passes takes a part of you with it."

These were not words of despair but of awakening. They remind us to take stock not only of our deeds but of our readiness to meet Allah.

Spiritual Preparation

1. Repentance (Tawbah):

No preparation is more urgent than sincere repentance. Allah says: "And turn to Allah in repentance, all of you, O believers, that you might succeed." (Qur'an 24:31)

Make time to review your heart. Make up and seek forgiveness for missed prayers,

backbiting, negligence, and the distractions that led you away from your Lord. Write it down. Cry in sujood. Ask Allah to make it a new beginning.

2. Renewing the Intentions:

The Prophet (peace be upon him) taught that "Actions are judged by intentions." (Bukhari and Muslim)

Have clear intentions: to strengthen your salah, to speak kindly, to help your neighbours, to grow in knowledge and service. Even if your deeds are small, a sincere intention magnifies their worth.

3. Fulfilling Rights and Amending Wrongs:

Clear any debts—monetary or moral. Return borrowed items. Apologise to those you've wronged. Pay zakat if due. It's reported that the Prophet SAW refused to pray over one who died indebted until the debt was settled.

In a UK context, many Muslims hold student loans, credit cards, or unpaid debts. Strive to organise and document these. Consider writing a simple will (wasiyyah), which is also a sunnah. Islamic wills are legally valid in the UK if done correctly and provide clarity for families during emotional times.

Physical and Practical Preparation

1. Writing an Islamic Will:

In the UK, without a will, your estate is divided according to British intestacy laws—which may not align with Islamic inheritance principles. Ensure your assets, guardianship of children, and funeral wishes are all documented.

2. Funeral and Burial Plans:

Become familiar with the local process for janazah and burial services and any associated costs. Consider joining any burial funds that provide financial and logistical support during a death, which can be especially helpful if family members are unprepared or overwhelmed.

3. Digital Legacy:

As we move more of our lives online, consider your digital presence. Leave instructions for your email, social media, and online assets. Appoint a trusted person who can manage or close accounts in a respectful way.

4. Health and End-of-Life Care:

In the UK, it's wise to have an Advance Decision (also called a Living Will), especially regarding treatments near death. This can help align medical care with your Islamic values—like not pursuing futile treatments or ensuring the body is handled quickly after death.

Reminder

When we remember loved ones who have passed away – a parent, a neighbour, a friend—perhaps we prayed their janazah, perhaps we still grieve—let that remind us: our turn is not far.

Rather than only making goals for career, fitness, or travel, consider goals for the heart and the Hereafter:

- Daily Qur'an: Even 5 minutes daily can soften the heart.
- Regular Charity: A standing order to the local masjid or aid organisation means continuous reward (sadaqah jariyah).
- Serve Others: The elderly neighbour, the new revert, the lonely student—each one is a door to Jannah.
- Salah in the Masjid: Especially Fajr and Isha. The Prophet SAW said: "Give glad tidings to those who walk to the masjid in the darkness of a perfect light on the Day of Judgment." (Abu Dawood)

Reflection

Death is not the end; it is a transfer—one existence into another. The righteous look forward to it, not because they love death, but because they have prepared for what lies beyond. In the Qur'an, Allah describes them: "Indeed, those who have said, 'Our Lord is Allah,' and then remained steadfast—the angels will descend upon them [saying], 'Do not fear and do not grieve but receive good tidings of Paradise, which you were promised.'" (Qur'an 41:30)

May Allah make us among them. May we be of those who begin anew with repentance, responsibility, and readiness. For time passes, but the eternal awaits.

"The most beloved people to Allah are those who are most beneficial to people. The most beloved deed to Allah is to make a Muslim happy, or remove one of his (or her) troubles, or forgive his debt, or feed his hunger." Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him)

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