

من يرد الله به خيراً يفقهه في الدين، والله المعطي وأنا القاسم، ولا تزال هذه الأمة ظاهرة

على من خالفهم حتى يأتي أمر الله وهم ظاهرون (رواه البخاري)

## AL - QAASIM

# القاسم

...Distributing good values ...



### Special points of interest:

- > Students are requested to hand in their suggestions regarding trips to Mizan Choudhury
- > Students are requested to make dua for the whole Muslim Ummah, who are going through hardships and difficult times, especially Hadhrat Hafiz Sb (Ameer of Tabligh, U.K and Founder of Darul Uloom Dawatul Imaan Bradford and Dewsbury Markaz) who is at a critical stage at this moment in time.

## The month of حُجَّة

Alhamdulillah, another Islamic year is coming to an end. However, we must remember that the first few days of Zul Hijjah, hold a great deal of significance.

The first ten days of Zul Hijjah are among the most significant days in the Islamic

calendar. The Prophet Muhammad ﷺ has said, 'one fast during these days is equal to the fasting of the complete year, and the worship of one night, during this period, is equal to the worship of the night of power (Laylatul Qadr)'. As Muslims it is incumbent upon us, to use this time appropriately and perform as much ibadat as we can.

The 9<sup>th</sup> of Zul Hijjah is known as the day of Arafah. Where the Hujjaj gather on the plains of Arafah and perform the one of the most important acts of Hajj. As for those who are not performing Hajj, it is Mustahab to fast on this day. The fast of

this day is a means of forgiveness for sins committed in the year.

From the Fajr of the 9<sup>th</sup> of Zul Hijjah up to the Asr Salaah of the 13<sup>th</sup>, it is obligatory on each male Muslim to recite the Takbir:

اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ  
وَلِلَّهِ الْحَمْدُ

For both males and females it is obligatory to recite the Takbir on the aforementioned days, after every Fardh salaah. Whether praying in congregation or individually. Males must recite in a loud voice, whereas women must recite in a low voice..

Within these days, many of us have seen our butchers advertising prices of Sheep, Lamb etc. Islam is a unique religion. Our festivals are not based on baseless occasions/thoughts. Howev-

er, Allah ﷻ has ordained Qurabani, because of the sacrifice of Hadhrat Ibrahim ؑ. Eid ul Fitr is celebrated, on the completion of the obligatory fasts of Ramadhan.

At this time of year we learn that sacrifice is the key to our success.

We hope and pray to Allah ﷻ that he makes this month a means of our Salvation and the entire Ummah.



## Purification of the Heart, Part 2 – Backbiting and its cure

Written by, Bilal Mulla, Arbi 7

In the previous issue we had explained what Tasawwuf was, to remove bad habits and develop good ones. This will purify ones soul and lead him onto the path of eternal success. Amongst the defects of the internal character is Backbiting. Such a poison, which everyone of us today is involved in, directly and in indirectly. Allah ﷻ has employed such words for this illness like no other:

وَلَا يَغْتَبِ بَعْضُكُمْ بَعْضًا، أَيُحِبُّ أَحَدُكُمْ أَنْ يَأْكُلَ لَحْمَ أَخِيهِ مِمَّا فَكَرَهُمْوَهُ

*Do not backbite one another. Would any of you like to eat the flesh of his brothers' dead bodies? You would detest it.*

The seriousness of this illness is clear from the comparison given in the above Aayat. Anyone with the slightest amount of humanity would never perpetrate such a thing nor think about it, but the same person would backbite, whereas, Allah ﷻ has given such a harsh verdict upon it.

One must realise that backbiting is worse than consuming wine, eating pork, fornicating etc. The reason be-

hind this, is that Sins such as fornicating are violating the rights of Allah ﷻ and it has no relation to the rights of people. This allows the sinner to be forgiven by Allah ﷻ. However backbiting is related to the rights of people. Hence, if the person who is backbitten about does not forgive you, Allah ﷻ will not forgive you.

Ulama have defined backbiting as, to talk about a person behind his/her back in such a way that if they knew how he/she was remembered, they would despise it. From this definition, we should examine ourselves and see how many times we have conversed about someone in their absence and if they were to be informed regarding it, they would dislike it.

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- > Prayer is asking. It is a longing of the soul. It is a daily admission of one's weakness. It is better in prayer to have a heart without words than words without a heart.'

- > Alhamdulillah, the second Issue has been published. We request all readers to make Dua that Allah makes this a means of salvation for all those who have contributed towards this. Aameen. Students are also reminded to give feedback, suggestions and volunteer to write articles etc.

Unfortunately, those acts which are connected to the rights of people are taken very lightly even though, this could be our biggest downfall on the Day of Judgment. Hadhrat Thanwi RA mentions a prescription to abstain from backbiting. 'Do not mention anyone at all. Neither good, nor bad. Through this Shaytaan cannot trick us in mentioning good but at the same time mention something bad.

However, the main reason of backbiting is arrogance. We overlook our own faults and pin point the faults of others. If we start to worry about our own shortcomings and faults than this illness will automatically be cured.

Bahadur Shah Zafar narrates a couplet:

تھے جو اپنی بڑائی سے بے خبر، رہے دھوتے اوروں کے عیب و حضر،  
پڑی اپنی بڑائی پر جو نظر، تو نگاہ اس کو بڑا نہ رہا۔



Therefore the road to security and salvation lies in safeguarding the tongue. We must exercise to control our tongue and supplicate to Allah ﷻ to keep us away from it. It is narrated:

هَلْ يَكُوبُ النَّاسُ فِي النَّارِ إِلَّا حَصَائِدُ أَلْسِنَتِهِمْ

People will not be taken into hell fire except through the produce of their tongue.

## Importance of Qurbani

Written By, Mohammed Patel, Arbi 5

Once again, the days of Hajj are approaching and Muslims from every race and background, from all around the world, are taking a journey of a lifetime towards the blessed lands of Makkah and Madinah to perform their Hajj.

For the Hujjaaj the Days of Hajj are the most exhausting time of the year. However, certain acts are obligatory on Hujjaaj. For those, mature, sane, male and female Muslims, who unable to participate in Hajj. Will have to fulfil the act Qurbani. (Given he has the financial capacity)

The word 'Qurbani' is derived from the word 'Qurb'. The only way of gaining closeness to Allah ﷻ is by obeying his Commands. From amongst the commandments of Allah ﷻ is Qurbani. Qurbani is an act of worship, which will bring us closer to Allah ﷻ inshallah.

The act of Qurbani began from the time of Hadhrat Ibrahim عليه السلام. It is the significance of his actions, that we must ponder over. His only son, who was born after many years was about to be sacrificed in the path of Allah ﷻ.

يَا بُنَيَّ إِنِّي أَرَى فِي الْمَنَامِ أَنِّي أَذْبَحُكَ فَانظُرْ مَاذَا تَرَى، قَالَ أَبَتِ افْعَلْ  
مَا تُؤْمَرُ... الخ. سورة الصافات

The most remarkable point would be that both, father and son were ready to carry out this order. How many of us today, are ready to sacrifice like Hadhrat Ibrahim عليه السلام and his son عليه السلام?

The blessed sacrifice of Hadhrat Ibrahim عليه السلام and his son Hadhrat Ismail عليه السلام, had pleased Allah ﷻ so much, that Allah has ordained it till the end of time.

وَ تَرَكْنَا عَلَيْهِ فِي الْآخِرِينَ (سورة الصافات ١٠٧)

However, it is not just Qurbani that holds significance at this time of the year. Let us not forget the sacrifice of Hadhrat Haajar AS. Millions of Hujjaaj from around the globe, throughout the year, perform Sa'ee, of the mountains; Saffah and

'Those who were unmindful of their own faults, look out for them in other people, but when their eyes fell on their own evils, non else was evil in their sight.

Like everything in life, the result depends on the way it is used. In the same way if the tongue is used for the remembrance of Allah SWT, we shall be rewarded. Such as; one tree in Jannah for every Subhaanallah. In the same way if we do not abstain from backbiting it can become a means to Hell.

Marwah.

From both stories, we learn that, through sacrifice we can achieve eternal success. Whether, that be through physical means or trivial things such as wealth.

Qurbani itself has many virtues. First and for most let us not forget that although we are sacrificing an animal in the name of Allah ﷻ we ourselves, reap it's benefits. It is

mentioned in a narration of the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم, that for every animal which is sacrificed at the time of Qurbani, Allah ﷻ will reward us for each hair on that animal. Let us not forget, that to consume the Qurbani meat, is a Sunnah alone. In addition to this, Allah ﷻ did not ordain the entire animal to be given in the Path of Allah however it is encouraged for one to keep some for him too.

و عن زيد بن أرقم قال: قلت أو قالوا يا رسول الله ما هذه الأصاحي؟ قال: سنة أبيكم إبراهيم، قالوا: ما لنا منها؟ قال: بكل شعرة حسنة، قالوا فالصوف؟ قال: بكل شعرة من الصوف حسنة. رواه احمد وابن ماجه.

There is nothing more dearer to Allah ﷻ during the days of Qurbani than the sacrificing of animals. The sacrificed animals will be weighed on the Day of Judgment and the equivalent amount of reward will be added into a persons account.

Furthermore, Allah ﷻ places Barakah in a persons wealth through Qurbani.

Qurbani is obligatory on every sane, mature (reached the age of puberty), male and female who have the financial capacity to do so. i.e. he has an excess of £228. If the aforementioned criteria is fulfilled, one MUST pay for his own Qurbani, a 3<sup>rd</sup> person cannot fulfil this action

The meat of Qurbani can be given to relatives and friends whether wealthy or poor, Muslim or non-Muslim. It is preferred for it to be divided into 3 parts; one for the family, the second part for relatives, and the last part for the poor and needy. The Qurbani must be carried out, anytime after the Eid Salaah on the 10<sup>th</sup> until the sunset of the 12<sup>th</sup> of ذو الحجة. if not the Qurbani will be invalid.

Furthermore, it is better to choose the animal and slaughter it yourself. However, due to Food and Hygiene Laws this may prove to be difficult. So, one may speak to their local butcher and book an animal through them.

# The blessed Month of **مُحَرَّم**

Written by,

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By the grace of Allah ﷻ, we are coming to the end of the Islamic year, Allah ﷻ mentions in the Quran;

إِنَّ عِدَّةَ الشُّهُورِ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ اثْنَا عَشَرَ شَهْرًا فِي كِتَابِ اللَّهِ يَوْمَ خَلَقَ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ مِنْهَا أَرْبَعَةٌ حُرُمٌ، ذَلِكَ الدِّينُ الْقَيِّمُ

Allah ﷻ has fixed twelve months from the day He created the skies and the earth. However, from amongst the twelve months, four are regarded as The Sanctified Months,. It is incumbent upon every Muslim to regard these months with sanctity and reverence. These months are Zul Qadah, Zul Hijjah, Muharram and Rajab.

The Islamic Calendar commences with Muharram. This month has certain merits and provides us with many opportunities to gain the pleasure of Allah ﷻ, which is our ultimate goal in life. Amongst these opportunities are the fasts of Muharram. It is narrated in a hadith on the authority of Abu Hurairah ؓ:

عن أبي هريرة رضي الله عنه قال، قال رسول الله صلي الله عليه وسلم: أفضل الصيام بعد رمضان شهر الله المحرم و أفضل الصلوة بعد الفريضة صلوة الليل.  
رواه مسلم.

'The most superior fasts after Ramadhan is the month of Allah, Muharram and the most superior salaah after the obligatory salaah is the night salaah i.e. Tahajjud.'

However, there is a certain date that has been mentioned specifically. Imam Muslim R.A writes in his saheeh on the authority of Abu Qatadah ؓ that the Messenger of

Allah ﷻ was asked regarding the fast of Ashura. He replied, "It is an atonement for the past year". It is also mentioned in another narration that the fasts of Ashura were obligatory upon previous nations. However, when the fasts of Ramadhan were ordained this was abrogated.

The reason behind observing the Fasts of

Ashura is that on this day Musa ؑ and his nation miraculously crossed the Red Sea whilst fleeing from the Pharaoh. Due to this the Jews would fast on this day. Upon learning this, the

Prophet ﷺ ordained the Muslims to not only fast on the 10<sup>th</sup> but to include another consecutive day; either the 9<sup>th</sup> or the 11<sup>th</sup>, because we have more of a connection with Musa ؑ and so that we distinguish ourselves.

Unfortunately, there are many incorrect beliefs regarding Muharram which have no support from authentic sources. Amongst them are the beliefs that on this day Adam ؑ was created, Ibrahim ؑ was born on this day, and that whoever bathes on this day will never fall ill. From the false practises are the lamentation ceremonies held in memory of Hussain ؑ, which are totally contradictory to the Sunnah and have no authentic sources supporting it, but rather there are Ahaadith refuting this.

As Muharram is a blessed month, we should try our utmost to gain the pleasure of Allah ﷻ. The commentators have written that the shariah of all the prophets were unanimous upon the fact that any good deed carried out in this month is multiplied. It is up to us, as to how much we would like to invest for our Aakhirah.

*As students of knowledge, we have been titled as the Inheritors of The Prophets, so it is only right that we bring the Sunnah of the Prophet*

*ﷺ into our lives. Shaytaan and our nafs will try to hinder and stop us from acting upon this Sunnah (especially if Ashura falls on Biryani day!). However, our sacrifices should be done for the sake of Allah bearing in mind that we will be rewarded, provided they are done with sincerity.*

May Allah ﷻ grant us the ability to understand the importance of this month.

## Important Dua

اللَّهُمَّ اجْعَلْ سَرِيرَتِي خَيْرًا مِنْ عَلَانِيَتِي وَاجْعَلْ عَلَانِيَتِي صَالِحَةً  
اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ مِنْ صَالِحِ مَا تُؤْتِي النَّاسَ مِنَ الْأَهْلِ وَالْمَالِ وَالْوَالِدِ  
غَيْرِ الضَّالِّ وَلَا الْمُضِلِّ

رواه الترمذي

## Translation

**O Allah, make my inside better than my outside. And make my outside good. O Allah, I ask you for that goodness which you have given to people, from Family and wealth and children who are not astray nor are they the sort to make people astray.**

## Humorous Anecdotes:

### Only fools

A person narrates: sometime during the summer, I noticed a Bedouin submerging himself into a river. He then emerged and with his fingers, passed a bead through a string. He then immersed himself in the water a second time and after emerging, passed another bead through the string. He did this a number of times.

After watching him for a while, I enquired what he was doing. He explained, "I am performing qadha of all my past ghuls, which have accumulated during the summer, I do not bathe during the summers.

Let us not be like the fool in the story remember :

الطَّهَارَةُ شَطْرُ الْإِيمَانِ

## ایک لطیفہ

کلاس میں دو لڑکے بہت شور مچا رہے تھے۔ اچانک استاد صاحب آگئے۔ انہوں نے دونوں لڑکوں کو سزا کے طور پر سو سو مرتبہ اپنا نام لکھنے کو کہا۔ ایک لڑکے نے فوراً شروع کر دیا۔ جبکہ دوسرا رونے لگا، استاد نے اسکی رونے کی وجہ پوچھی، تو اس نے جواب دیا:

سر، اس کا نام صرف قمر ہے جبکہ میرا نام آغا غیاث الدین بیگ علی ہے!

## The Mis-conception; Imam Abu Hanifah RA

The Muslim Ummah is united that Imam A'zam, Abu Hanifah Nu'man ibn Thabit (may Allah have mercy upon him) is one of the four, followed *imams* – Malik, al-Shafi'i, Ahmad, being the other three..

Among those issues upon which all Scholars from both the early and latter times are unanimous upon, is that these four jurists, only derived *fiqh* issues (*masa'il*) and Shari'ah rulings from the Quran and the Sunnah of His Prophet. These two sources help towards consensus (*ijma*) and legal analogy (*al-qiyas al-shar'i*).

Knowledge of the Quran and Sunnah are the basis of deriving rules. The *mujtahid* jurists were leaders in the knowledge of Qur'an and the. Which enabled them to derive rulings, because without these two core sciences it would be impossible for them to carry out *ijtihad*.

If they did not have the knowledge of the Qur'an and the pure Sunnah, then how would they have been able to carry out *ijtihad*? How would they have been able to derive Shar'i rulings and from where would they bring these *masa'il*?

It is because of this, that when any person is designated as a *mujtahid*, then it is inevitable that, this person has a large amount and great portion of knowledge and understanding of the Qur'an and Sunnah, such that he is able to perform *ijtihad*.

However, in spite of all of this, we see some people speaking falsely, regarding the *Imam* of the *fuqaha* and *mujtahids*, Imam Abu Hanifah Nu'man, the great *tabi'i*. They falsely say, "Surely, he had no knowledge of the Sunnah and the ahadith of the Noble Prophet (and, even if he did, then it was very little).

To be continued.....

## The evil of telling tales..

Hammad ibn Salimah narrates: a man decided to purchase a particular slave. The owner agreed to sell him the slave, but warned, "he has one evil quality; he carries tales." the buyer regarded this as a minor evil and agreed to the purchase.

After the slave had been in his new employment for some time, he approached his master's wife and said, "your Husband does not love you. He is silently contemplating a second marriage. Would you like him to abandon his quest for a second wife and love you exclusively?"

"Yes". She replied.

He continued, "Do as I tell you take a razor and, when he is asleep at night, cut a few strands of hair from his beard. Bring them to me so that I may cast a spell upon them which will reignite his love for you."

When he was convinced that he has sowed the seeds of doubt in her heart, he approached her husband and said, "your wife is an evil woman. She pretends to be honest but she has befriended another man and is waiting for an opportunity to kill you. Would you like to see proof of this?"

The husband replied, "Yes."

The slave advised, "Tonight, pretend to be asleep. She will approach you with a razor to attempt to take your life."

That night, the husband pretended as if he was asleep. His wife approached him with a razor to cut some strands of hair from his beard. He assumed that his slave had spoken the truth and thought that she was about to kill him. He quickly overpowered her, snatched the razor from her hands and killed her. News of this spread to her family, who came and took his life. As a result, the tribes of the Husband and Wife became involved in a bitter conflict.

***Carrying tales, gossiping and backbiting destroys families and communities by sowing hatred and animosity.***

The source of information should be verified before dissemination. The Qur'an instructs:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا إِن جَاءَكُمْ فَاسِقٌ بِنَبَأٍ فَتَبَيَّنُوا أَن تُصِيبُوا قَوْمًا بِجَهَالَةٍ فَتُصِحُّوا عَلَى مَا فَعَلْتُمْ نَادِمِينَ

***'O you who believe! If an evil person comes to you with any news, verify it, or else you may harm people in ignorance, and thereafter you would become regretful over what you have done.'*** سورة الحجرات

## Quiz Time

### Aalim Class

1. If someone falls asleep whilst sitting on the seat of a car (any vehicle) is his wudhu nullified?
2. What is the original name of the famous book *قصيدة بردة* ?
3. What are the virtues of reading salaah in:
  - a. Masjid Haram
  - b. Masjid Nabwi
  - c. Masjid Al Aqsa

4. In which year of Hijri was a lantern lit for the first time in Masjid Nabawi and what was the name of the Sahabi?

### Hifz Class

1. What are the three questions that are going to be asked in the grave and the five question on the day of judgment?
2. How many Surah's in the holy Quran start with الحمد ?
3. Name the ten Sahaabis who were promised Jannah.
4. Can a person who does not have wudhu touch the Quran with his sleeves or with a cover which is attached to the Quran.

**Hand in your answers by 7th October to Mizan Choudhury and you could be this issue's winner. Don't forget to write your name and Madrasah Class.**

**Answers and Winners will be announced in the next issue.**

## Fiqh Corner, Q & A

Please send your questions by writing them down and hand them to Bilal Mulla. Please keep questions appropriate. No need to write your name down.

Everything is kept Private and anonymous. So don't be shy!