

Lesson 30: The Festivities of the Liberated

The Liberated In The Qur'an

{قَدْ أَفْلَحَ الْمُؤْمِنُونَ الَّذِينَ هُمْ فِي صَلَاتِهِمْ خَاشِعُونَ}

Prosperous are the believers who in their prayers are humble. (Al Muminoon 23: 1-2).

In the Holy Qur'an, those individuals and groups who succeed and prosper have been identified, as those who:

- Serve Allahﷻ

{وَاعْبُدُوا رَبَّكُمْ وَافْعَلُوا الْخَيْرَ لَعَلَّكُمْ تُفْلِحُونَ}

And serve your Lord, and do good; haply so you shall prosper; (Al Hajj22:77)

- Do deeds and work that is valuable

{فَمَنْ تَقَلَّتْ مَوَازِينُهُ فَأُولَئِكَ هُمُ الْمُفْلِحُونَ}

Then he whose scales are heavy – they are the prosperers, (Al Mu'minun 23: 102).

- Are not stingy

{وَمَنْ يُوَقِّ شَحَّ نَفْسِهِ فَأُولَئِكَ هُمُ الْمُفْلِحُونَ}

And whoso is guarded against the avarice of his own soul, those – they are the prosperers. (Al-

Hashr 59:9).

- Are with Allahﷻ

{أَلَا إِنَّ حِزْبَ اللَّهِ هُمُ الْمُفْلِحُونَ}

Why, surely God's party -- they are the prosperers. (Al-Mujadala 58:22).

- Are people of Remembrance

{وَاذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ كَثِيرًا لَّعَلَّكُمْ تُفْلِحُونَ}

and remember God frequently; haply so you will prosper.

(Al-Anfal 8:45)

- Are God wary

{فَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ يَا أُولِي الْأَلْبَابِ لَعَلَّكُمْ تُفْلِحُونَ}

So fear God, O men possessed of minds; haply so you will prosper. (Al-Ma'ida 5: 100).

- Are strugglers

{وَجَاهِدُوا فِي سَبِيلِهِ لَعَلَّكُمْ تُفْلِحُونَ}

And struggle in His way; haply you will prosper.

(Al-Ma'ida 5:35).

- Who repent

{وَتُوبُوا إِلَى اللَّهِ جَمِيعًا أَيُّهَا الْمُؤْمِنُونَ لَعَلَّكُمْ تُفْلِحُونَ}

And turn all together to God (in repentance), O you believers; haply so you will prosper. (An-Nur 24:31)

Ramadhan Eid: A Reward from Allahﷻ

Imam Baqir (pbuh) stated that the Prophe t(pbuh) said: Whenever the first day of the month of Shawwal

arrives¹, a caller will call out “Oh you who believe! Rush towards your rewards”. At that point, the Imam (pbuh) turns to Jaber and states: Oh Jaber, the prizes from Allahﷻ are not like the prizes from these kings. Today, is the day of (Divine) prizes.

Imam Hassan (pbuh) came across people who were laughing and playing on the day of Eid Al-Fitr, and said to his companions: Allahﷻ made the Month of Ramdhan a field for competition and access to His Mercy and Pleasure that some have taken this opportunity, while others fell behind and lost. Amazed am I of those who in the wake of this day of reward, those who are pre-occupied with play and laughter.

Imam Redha (pbuh) states: Allahﷻ has made the day of “Fitr” a reason to celebrate, so that Muslims can congregate and come together on this day and be able to praise and glorify Allahﷻ for His favours and blessings upon them, and to pay their religious taxes (Zakat and Fitriyah), to relish and venerate Allahﷻ.

From this narration, the philosophy of this day and the prayer of this great day can be summarised in the following points:

1. A day of congregation and assembly
2. To pay the Ramadhan Charity² and give attention to the poor
3. To gravitate towards and relish Allahﷻ
4. Supplication and beseech Allahﷻ at His doorstep.

Remembering the Resurrection

Some of the developmental effects of the Eid Prayers on this day is that the presence of the needy amongst the congregation in a place of worship without a roof, people are reminded of Allahﷻ and the Day of Resurrection and their own needs for the Mercy of Allahﷻ, and the image of something similar to the Day of Resurrection can be visualized.

Imam Ali (as) in a speech that he said on a day that was Eid Al Fitr, he said to the people – Oh People, this is your day, so that those righteous receive their reward. On this day, the wicked will be at a loss, this day is the closest day to you to your Day of Resurrection.

The coming out of your homes to the mosques is a reminder of you coming out of your graves. By your waiting for the prayer to start in the places of worship, you will be reminded of your waiting for Allahﷻ in the Resurrection. And your return to your homes will be the reminder of your return to your homes in Paradise, or Hell.

In the prescribed supplication of this prayer, we become aware and are reminded of the Greatness, Might, Forgiveness, Mercy and Pardon of Allahﷻ, and we seek from Him in honour and respect of this great day, that is the festival of Muslims and source of honor and pride for the Prophet and his Purified

Household, seek that You (oh Allahﷻ) bless Mohammad (pbuh) and his Purified Household and that you allow us to benefit from his goodness and blessings.

Part of this supplication is the most comprehensive requests one could ask for, it is that: I seek from you Oh Allahﷻ, that you enter me in to every goodness with which you entered Mohammad (pbuh) and his Purified Household (pbuth), and that you save me from every evil you saved Mohammad (pbuh) and his Purified Household.

Oh Allahﷻ, I ask for the best of which your righteous servants ask for, and seek your refuge from everything that your righteous servants have sought your refuge from.

Remembering Those before Us

One of the traditions of this day that is popular amongst Muslims is the remembering of those who have been laid to rest and celebrating them. The Prophet (pbuh) stated:

زُرِ الْقُبُورَ تُذَكَّرُ بِهَا الْآخِرَةَ

Visit the graves and remember with it the Hereafter.

He also stated that whoever visits the graves of their parents or similar every Friday, not only will their sins be forgiven but also be considered amongst the righteous children.

We also read: Supplication recited near the tombs of parents are answered.

Imam Redha (pbuh) if while visiting the tomb of a believer, Surah Al Qadr is recited seven times, both the deceased and their visitor will be the subject of Divine Forgiveness and Pardon.

In narrations, it is also stated that the deceased are aware of and become happy when you visit them and become fond of you.

And All Praise Is To Allahﷻ The Sustainer Of The Worlds

- [1.](#) The day after the last day of the Holy Month of Ramadhan, or “Eid Al-Fitr”.
- [2.](#) Referred to as Zakkat.

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