

Jumu'ah - 19.07.24

3 Words...

Jumu'ah Speech 1:20 - 1:55
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The month of Muharram is a great and blessed month due to its association with Allah ﷻ

It is the first month of the Hijri year and one of the 4 sacred months of Allah ﷻ

“Indeed, the number of months with Allah is twelve [lunar] months [from] the day He created the heavens and the earth; of these, four are sacred. That is the correct religion, so do not wrong yourselves during them.” (9:36)

Ibn Katheer mentions that “Allah has chosen elites in all His creations: Angels, Messengers, Speech - Dhikr, People, Masajid & Months.” Therefore, we must honour & venerate them.

“And your Lord creates what He wills and chooses; not for them was the choice.” (28:68)

Ibn Rajab mentions “Allah does not attribute to himself except the select of His creation. Just as He attributed to Muhammad, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and other Prophets to His servitude, and attributed to Himself His house and His she-camel.”

“And those are the set limits of Allah. And whosoever transgresses the set limits of Allah, then indeed he has wronged himself.” (65:1)

Abu Hurairah ﷺ once asked, which prayer is the best after Fard - He ﷺ replied - Qiyam, which fasts are best after Ramadan - He ﷺ replied Muharram - month of Allah (Muslim)

Muharram marks the New Islamic Year, a connection to our history, our future & identity. Following the Islamic calendar is a form of worship bringing us closer to Allah ﷻ & Islaam. Apart from Ramadan & Hajj, how many actively know/follow the Hijri calendar?

The Prophet ﷺ would actively seek the new month & pray for it?

He ﷺ would fast **13/14/15** of each month - fast continuously in Sha'baan & Muharram.

He ﷺ never neglected Rajab/Rabi al-Awwal! – **HOW MUCH DO WE?**

Following the Georgian calendar is convenient, but it roots us into a Christian mentality around Christmas, Easter, Lent etc. It forces a consumer mentality marking days like - Black Friday, Cyber Monday, Prime Day, Valentine, Halloween, Mother's day etc...

Following the Hijri calendar forces you to consider your acts of worship, when to increase your fasting, good deeds, recitation of the Qur'an, plan for Ramadan, Hajj, Muharram...

"For you is your religion, and for me is my religion." (109:6)

"Fasting the day of Aashoora has great merit, I hope that Allah will accept it as an expiation for (sins in) the previous year." (Muslim)

The 10th Muharram is Aashoorah – Story – Victory – Saviour Nuh ﷺ

Nuh **عليه السلام** did lived for 950 years - saw a lot of ignorance - arrogance - injustices & darkness

Nuh **عليه السلام** said **3 WORDS - Powerful - Earthshaking - Earthshattering Du'a** - **أَنِّي مَغْلُوبٌ فَانْتَصِرْ** -

WHAT WAS THE RESPONSE?

“Then We opened the gates of the heaven with rain pouring down. And caused the earth to burst with springs, and the waters met for a matter already predestined. And We carried him on a [construction of] planks and nails. Sailing under Our observation as reward for he who had been denied. And We left it as a sign, so is there any who will remember?”

3 words from the MAGHLOOB - OVERPOWERED - HELPLESS - VANQUISHED - DEFEATED

The skies split - the heavens opened, the earth shook & engulfed the entire world in water

“And it was said, "O earth, swallow your water, and O sky, withhold [your rain]." And the water subsided, and the matter was accomplished, and the ship came to rest on the [mountain of] Judiyy. And it was said, "Away with the wrongdoing people." (11:44)

O every oppressed person, cling to The One who only needs to say “BE**” and it is.**

We are all swimming through the oceans of this world – so board the ark of Islam & cling to the one who can save you from everything.

A handmade boat built from planks, tied with rope & nails, with animals & believers.

The towns, cities, countries were all destroyed, the entire earth shook as the rains and earth released storms – yet they were safe in the hurricanes, cyclones, typhoons! **HOW?**

How did the boat & passengers survive an apocalyptic storm?

BECAUSE THE ONE CARRYING IT WAS ALLAH ﷻ

What boat are you on in life? What rope do you hold onto? What believers are you surrounded by? How are you navigating your life?

Don't you think Allah ﷻ will protect you and carry you in life?

Don't you think Allah ﷻ is protecting & carrying Palestine & Yemen?

Nuh عليه السلام then called out to his son. O my son embark on with me – do not be with the **Kaafireen** – he didn't say **Ghaariqeen** - Submerged - Drowned.

Nuh عليه السلام was merciful to his son even at this last desperate moment.

Most of us parents though, when the child is troubling us, annoying, distressing & making life immensely difficult. We swear, shout, curse, threaten, hit & pray against them.

Perhaps the doors of heaven are open at that moment & Allah ﷻ accepts your Du'a?

"Do not invoke curses on yourself or on your children or on your possessions lest you should happen to do it at a moment when the supplications are accepted, and your prayer might be granted." (Muslim)

يَا بُنَيَّ ارْكَبْ مَعَنَا - Kids annoy the mother, **"why you taking me to Masjid/Madrasah. Why do I have to pray Salah, or go to work, or clean, why, why why."**

The mother at her wits end says **"you're Nikamma – Useless - you will never succeed"**

The child goes to work & fails, they marry & it fail, everything they do, they fail.

يَا بُنَيَّ ارْكَبْ مَعَنَا - The mother cries, what has happened – Ya Allah Why – were you not the one who prayed against your own child not to succeed?

NEVER DO DU'A AGAINST ANYONE – ESPECIALLY YOUR OWN!

يَا بُنَيَّ ارْكَبْ مَعَنَا - Your son infuriates you, last thread, the father says, **"Jaan Choro, Dafa Ho, Magruh Lay – Ya Allah make him leave – Just Go"** They leave and perhaps never return.

Do we not hear **"I wish you were dead – I wish you never were born"** and one day they die or wither away in front our own eyes.

Have we not heard mothers pray against their own daughters - **“You’ll never be happy – you never gave me any Sukh”** - So her marriage fails, she struggles & gets divorced.

The Mother says, you gave me so much trouble, **“I hope your children give you more trouble”** - so all her children are lost.

Nuh عليه السلام still has Adab, hope & pity for his son – even in his last moments.

Nuh عليه السلام knew he’s a Kafir, misguided, arrogant, but as a father still wanted to save him.

“And Noah called to his Lord and said, "My Lord, indeed my son is of my family; and indeed, Your promise is true; and You are the most just of judges!" (11:45)

[But] he said, "I will take refuge on a mountain to protect me from the water." [Noah] said, "There is no protector today from the decree of Allah, except for whom He gives mercy." And the waves came between them, and he was among the drowned. (11:43)

“He said, "O Noah, indeed he is not of your family; indeed, he is [one whose] work was other than righteous” (11:46)

Allah سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ وَبِحَمْدِهِ teaches us the Power of Du’a & Responsibility - A parent must continue to strive from the first breath to the last breath to guide his children.