

Newsletter

A Newsletter of the Mobile Islamic Community

		
<p>July 31, 2020; Dhul Hijjah 1441 Check your local for times.</p>	<p>Mount Arafat Read Holy Quran 2:196-200</p>	<p>Safa and Marwa Remembrance of Hajar (RA)</p>
<p>HAJJ REFLECTION Send your reflections to newsletter1559@gmail.com Hajj a Completion and a Destiny</p> <p>And (remember) when We prepared for Abraham the Place of the (holy) House, saying: Ascribe thou nothing as partner unto Me, and purify My House for those who make the round (thereof) and those who stand and those who bow and make prostration. And proclaim unto mankind the Pilgrimage; They will come unto thee on foot and on every lean camel, they will come from every deep ravine. 22:26-27</p> <p>Hajj as we know is a major pillar of the religion of Al-Islam. It is encouraged that Muslims, male and female, make their intentions and efforts to make the pilgrimage/journey to the Holy Precincts at least once in their lifetime if they can afford the journey.</p> <p>All over the world Muslims from different Countries make the Pilgrimage annually to Saudi Arabia to fulfill their religious obligation. When we look at humanity and all the things that influence the life, especially those things that cause regression and misguidance. It is refreshing to know and appreciate what Allah (G_d) has instituted to keep the human family aware of what divine guidance is and to give them the institution of Hajj that perfectly complements the other pillars.</p> <p>Here in Mobile we are blessed with many Believers that have made the Hajj. In 2003 we were fortunate to have four members of our Masjid to make the Hajj.</p> <p>Continued on page 1 next column</p>	<p>HAJJ REFLECTION continued</p> <p>I am sure that Hajj made a transformation in our lives and gave us a different perspective that cannot be explained in mere words. When you think of the magnitude of the Hajj itself, bringing people together from all over the world representing different cultures, ethnic groups, and different languages for the common purpose of paying tribute to the Lord that put this entire creation into existence, you know beyond a doubt that this is something that is divine.</p> <p>I truly believe that the purity and the clarity that Al-Islam makes available to the world is the only real solution to rectifying humanity and solving the world's problems since we have become so divided on things that just aren't so. There are no superior or inferior people by nature. This institution of Hajj, this fine Pillar, demonstrates how humanity can come together for a divine purpose when called by Allah (G-d).</p> <p>I strongly recommend that families and communities make concerted efforts to get young Muslims, especially to the Hajj, as early as possible. Allah knows their nature and we know that Shaitan is an enticer.</p> <p>The Divine Law Giver exhorted Muslims to perform Hajj. In this regard we refer to the following from Fiqh us-Sunnah, Hajj- One of the Best Deeds: Abu Hurairah (RA) reported that the Prophet (pbuh) was asked: "What is the best deed?" "He replied: "To have faith in Allah and His Messenger." The enquirer asked: "What next?" The Prophet (pbuh) said: "To strive in the cause of Allah." What is the next best thing?" He replied "Hajj Mabruur (a faultless Hajj that is free of sin and is graced with divine acceptance and pleasure)."</p> <p>Continued on page 1 next column</p>	<p>HAJJ REFLECTION continued</p> <p>Also know that Hajj is a form of Jihad. In closing there is so much that can be said or written about the Hajj. Hajj requires you being there. It is the only Pillar of the five that when you are on the Hajj you can practice all of them simultaneously. I pray that Allah bless those that have not made the Hajj to ask Allah to bless them to have strong intentions to do so and to realize that there are many blessings associated with completing this Pillar of the Religion.</p> <p>JazakAllah Khair Imam/Hajji Kamal H Saleem</p> <p>Click the link below to view pictures from Hajj 2018 that was performed by community members Al Hajji Haroon Thabit, Al Hajji Samuel Hasan, and Al Hajjah Dr. Maryam Hasan.</p> <p><u>2018 Hajj Photos</u></p> <p>STORIES OF THE PROPHETS</p> <p>Prayers and Peace Upon Them All Excerpts from Prophet Muhammad's Final Sermon at Arafat. After praising, and thanking God, the Prophet, may God send His praises upon him said: "O People, lend me an attentive ear, for I know not whether after this year, I shall ever be amongst you again.</p> <p>Continued on page 2</p>

FOOD FOR THOUGHT Neighborhood Needs

By Joyce Haseeb

It was as Allah so willed, the coming together of believers with a purpose of pleasing Allah by fulfilling Zakat (Charity), one of the Five Pillars of Al-Islam. Allah says, "The Believers Will Certainly Win Through...Those Who are active in Deeds of Charity." (surah 23; ayat 1&4). Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) was asked, Whose Islam is good or what sort of deeds (or what qualities) of Islam are good? The Prophet replied, "To feed (others) and greet those whom you know and those you don't know" (Book of Beliefs Chpt. 5 #12). The Prophet also said, "None of you will have Faith until he likes for his (Muslim) brother what he likes for himself" (Chpt. 6 #13).

A plan was presented and the believers responded in every aspect of what could be done in assisting and assuring the success of this endeavor. From donating the foods, assisting with boxing them, producing flyers that were advertised on social media and radio, posting signs in the neighborhoods, monetary donations and last but not least to walking back and forth in 90 degree heat carrying 40 to 50 pound boxes of goods, to the long line of neighbors who were waiting patiently in their vehicles, all areas were covered. G-D sent a good neighbor (who upon our arrival) had already established order and peace by having the cars lined up in an orderly fashion.

The neighbors in their cars kept coming and there were a few walk-ons. One man in particular said he lived around the corner. I felt he would not be able to carry his heavy box, especially in the hot weather, because he was already perspiring profusely, but he said he could manage it ok. The sisters and I were hurriedly trying to fill more boxes as the son of one of the sisters was putting the boxes together. They were quickly being taken by our Imam Saleem along with the other hard-working brothers who didn't miss a beat in their steps as they labored in the heat of the sun.

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They never once complained and it was only mid-morning.

Imam W.D. Mohammed (SAWS) quoted in his book, Prayer in Al-Islam, "If a believer gives nothing to charity to help others, he feels that somewhere a very important area is unattended and he is not living up to that which pleases Allah". I believed any endeavor to please Allah will always be successful. It is my prayer that the younger Muslims and Muslimas will be inspired and take the reins and keep this endeavor going.

A job well done my brothers and sisters. All Praises Be To ALLAH. My heartfelt thanks to all who aided in the success of the Mobile Masjid of Al-Islam's First Drive by Food Distribution. May Allah continue to bless this effort and keep us all-- families, friends, neighbors, and communities safe. Ameen!

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Click the link below for photos.

[June 2020 Food Drive](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

During COVID19, the Mobile Masjid of Al-Islam will meet using Facebook at The Community Mind or by conference call. Friday, Jumah 1pm; Sunday, Taleem noon.; Wednesday, Community Meeting 5:30pm. Call this number: 712-775-7031. Use pin: 524420723#.

Jameel and Meoshe Id-Deen welcomed newborn, Amethyst Zariah, on July 8, 2020.

Congratulations to Mikhal and Jaleesa Thabit on their July 12, 2020 wedding.

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Therefore, listen to what I am saying to you very carefully and take these words to those who could not be present here today. People, just as you regard this month, this day, this city as Sacred, so regard the life and property of every Muslim as a sacred trust...Return the goods entrusted to you to their rightful owners...Hurt no one so that no one may hurt you...Beware of Satan, for the safety of your religion. He has lost all hope that he will ever be able to lead you astray in big things, so beware of following him in small things...O People, it is true that you have certain rights with regard to your women, but they also have rights over you...O People, listen to me in earnest, worship God, perform your five daily prayers, fast during the month of Ramadan, and offer Zakat. Perform Hajj if you have the means. All mankind is from Adam and Eve. Arab has no superiority over a non-Arab, nor does a non-Arab have any superiority over an Arab; white has no superiority over black, nor does a black have any superiority over white; [none have superiority over another] except by piety and good action... O People, no prophet or apostle will come after me, and no new faith will be born".

Thus the beloved Prophet completed his Final Sermon, and upon it, near the summit of Arafat, the revelation came down: "...This day have I perfected your religion for you, completed My Grace upon you, and have chosen Islam for you as your religion..." (Quran 5:3)

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