

We worry & are eager to please other people. Employer, wife, children, family, friends. But how eager are we to please *al- Malik/The King*, He who possesses the keys to the success of this life & the next? No one is worthier of pleasing & seeking acceptance than Allah. During Ramadan we attempt to please Allah to become His true Servants **عباد الرحمن**

TRUE SERVANTS OF ALLAH - THEIR WALK

“And the servants of the Most Merciful are those who walk the earth with humility” No strut, swagger or haughtiness. They realise it is Allah’s earth they walk on, His air they breath, His Body they use.

THEIR CHOICE OF WORDS WHEN PROVOKED

“when the ignorant address them [harshly], they say words of peace” They do not meet ignorance with ignorance and insults with insults. Instead their words are reserved for beneficial matters.

THEIR NIGHTS - Whilst others enjoy the comfort of their beds, they dedicate a portion of their nights to bowing, prostrating and calling upon their Lord. **“those who spend the night to their Lord prostrating and standing in prayer”** **وصلوا بالليل والناس نيام ، تدخلوا الجنة بسلام**

THEIR DU'A - Despite their righteousness, beautiful speech and prayer at night, they believe in the possibility that they may not make it into paradise. “And those who say, “Our Lord, turn away from us the punishment of Hell. Indeed, its punishment is a permanent one; Indeed, it is evil as a settlement and residence.”

أَتَيْتُ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ - صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ وَهُوَ يُصَلِّي وَجِوْفِهِ أَزِيْرٌ كَأَزِيْرِ الْمَرْجَلِ مِنَ الْبُكَاءِ

THEIR CHARITY – “Those who spend their wealth by night and by day, secretly and publicly - they will have their reward with their Lord. And no fear will there be concerning them, nor will they grieve.”

THEIR DISTANCE FROM SINS - “And they are those who do not call with Allah another deity or kill the soul which Allah has forbidden except by right, and do not commit unlawful sexual intercourse. And whoever should do that will meet a penalty.

TV, Internet, Friends, Gatherings

“And they are those who do not bear witness to falsehood, and when they pass near ill speech, they pass by with dignity.”

THEIR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE QUR'AN - The Qur'an has a major effect on their lives. They do not hum it like a song or read through it like a newspaper, but they recite calmly, thinking over its meanings, moving them to tears and pushing them to reform.

“The believers are only those who, when Allah is mentioned, they feel a tremor in their hearts, and when His verses are recited to them, it increases them in faith; and upon their Lord they rely”

WE KNOW OF THEIR EVENTUAL REWARD

“Those will be rewarded with the high mansions because of their patience, where they shall be met with greetings and the word of peace. They shall remain there forever. How beautiful is the settlement and residence.”

They patiently applied the commandments of Allah and patiently restrained themselves from His prohibitions, thus they are entered into Jannah and they hear:

إِنَّ لَكُمْ أَنْ تَحْيَوْا ، فَلَا تَمُوتُوا أَبَدًا ، وَإِنَّ لَكُمْ أَنْ تَصِحُّوا ، فَلَا تَسْقَمُوا أَبَدًا ، وَإِنَّ لَكُمْ أَنْ تَشَبُّوا فَلَا تَهْرَمُوا أَبَدًا ، وَإِنَّ لَكُمْ أَنْ تَنْعَمُوا ، فَلَا تَبْأْسُوا أَبَدًا