

- “When Ramadan enters, the gates of Paradise are opened, the gates of Hellfire are closed and the devils are chained.”
- “Umrah during Ramadan is equal (in reward) to performing Hajj with me.”
- “Whosoever fasts in Ramadan and then follows it with fasting six days of Shawwal, it is as if he fasts forever.” (Muslim)
- “When the month of Ramadan begins, the gates of the heaven are opened, the gates of Hellfire are closed, and the devils are chained.”
- “Every action a son of Adam does shall be multiplied—a good action by ten times its value, up to 700 times. With the exception of fasting, which belongs to Me, and I reward it accordingly.”
- “Whoever observes fasts during the month of Ramadan out of sincere faith, and hoping to attain Allah’s rewards, then all his past sins will be forgiven.”
- “Whoever stands for Tarawih Ramadan out of faith and in hope of reward, his previous sins will be forgiven.”
- “Anyone who fasts for one day for Allah’s sake, Allah will keep his face away from the Hellfire for (a distance) 70 years.”(Bukhari)
- “Fasting and the Qur’an will intercede on behalf of Allah’s servant on the Day of Judgment.” (Ahmad)
- “Verily, this month has presented itself to you. There is a night within it that is better than a thousand months.” (Ibn Majah)

PROMISES FROM ALLAH ﷺ

These promises fill the heart of a Muslim with reassurance and certainty, for none is truer to His promise than Allah ﷻ.

إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يُخْلِفُ الْمِيعَادَ – “Allah does not fail in His promise” (3:9)

إِنَّمَا تُوعَدُونَ لَصَادِقٌ – “What you are promised is true” (51:5)

إِنَّمَا تُوعَدُونَ لَوَاقِعٌ – “Surely, what you are promised must come to pass.” (77:7)

Why is it that people break their promises? Either because the promise itself was a lie or because of an inability to fulfil that promise. However, Allah ﷻ never fails in His promises, Allah is above lying, the most truthful in speech, He is not affected by weakness - He is able to do all things.

وَمَنْ أَوْفَىٰ بِعَهْدِهِ مِنَ اللَّهِ – “And who is truer to his covenant than Allah?” (9:111)

1) ALLAH HAS PROMISED ISLAM WILL REMAIN TILL THE DAY OF QIYAMA

“Allah drew the ends of the world together for me. I saw that the kingdom of my Ummah will reach those ends. My Lord said, ‘O Muhammad, whenever I make a decision, it cannot be changed, and so I grant you for your Ummah that it would not be destroyed by famine and that it will not be dominated by an enemy who would eradicate them, even if the entire world joined hands to do so. However, it is them who will kill and imprison each other.’ (Muslim)

Therefore, the Muslim who believes these promises will not despair regardless of the magnitude of the hostility that Islam and the Muslims face, Allah's promises are far more truthful than those of men.

2) ALLAH HAS PROMISED THOSE WHO PRACTICE ISLAM A PLEASANT LIFE

We live in an era of luxury, ease and comfort. Despite this a pleasant life with mental peace eludes us. A beautiful country, New Zealand, yet has the highest youth suicide rate in the developed world.

“And those who believe and do righteous good deeds, and believe in that which is sent down to Muhammad – for it is the truth from their Lord – He will erase from them their sins, and He will improve their state.” (47:2)

“Whoever does good whether male or female and he is a believer, We will most certainly make him live a happy life”.(16:97)

3) ALLAH HAS PROMISED TO ANSWER YOUR DU'A

It is we who lack certainty, conviction & Adab when calling out to Allah..

“And your Lord says, “Call upon Me; I will respond to you” (40:60)

“I do not worry about the answering of a du'a, but I worry about the du'a itself, so if I am inspired to make the correct du'a, then the answer will come with it.”

4) ALLAH HAS PROMISED THOSE WHO LEAVE A SINFUL PRACTICE WITH SOMETHING BETTER - This is a promise especially to our young Muslims.

“There isn’t anything which you leave for the Allah’s sake, except that He will replace it with something better.” (Haythami)

An illicit relationship may be replaced by a wonderful and licit one, or an prohibited business transaction may be replaced by a better and purer one. However, the reward may arrive in a different fashion: health for your children, a cure from an illness, a beautiful and righteous spouse, the ability to pray at night, and so on.

5) THE OUTCOME OF PATIENCE WILL BE PARADISE

“When the Hellfire sees them from a distant place, they will hear its fury and roaring. And when they are thrown into a narrow place therein bound in chains, there they will cry out for destruction. They will be told, “Do not cry this Day for one destruction but cry for many destructions.” Say, “Is that better or the Garden of Eternity which is promised to the righteous? It will be for them a reward and a final destination. In it will be everything that they may wish, living their eternally, it is a promise binding upon your Lord that must be fulfilled.” (25:12-16)