

Ramadan comes with so many gifts & rewards. Imagine all your hard earned rewards each day. Fasting, Dhikr, Nafl, Salah, Qur'an, Iftar, Sadaqah, Istigfar... Your rewards are safe and secure for you to access on Qiyama. Imagine though on that day you find it to be empty?

إِنَّ مِنْ أَحَبِّكُمْ إِلَيَّ وَأَقْرَبِكُمْ مِنِّي مَجْلِسًا يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ أَحْسَنَكُمْ أَخْلَاقًا ، وَإِنَّ مِنْ أَبْغَضِكُمْ إِلَيَّ وَأَبْعَدِكُمْ مِنِّي يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ الشَّرُّ رُونَ وَالمْتَشَدِّقُونَ وَالمْتَفِيهِقُونَ، - المْتَكَبِّرُونَ (Tirmidhi)

Best Character – Best, Beloved & Closest, 2. Bad Character – Worst, Disliked & Furthest - The Talkative, The Pretentious, The Arrogant

Where do you want to be on the day of Qiyamah? Fasting is not just of the stomach, but of the limbs & organs. Do we truly fast with the tongue?

The furthest from Rasoolullah and disliked by him.

The one thing that is common amongst all 3 is the TONGUE.

إِذَا أَصْبَحَ ابْنُ آدَمَ فَإِنَّ الْأَعْضَاءَ كُلَّهَا تُكْفِرُ اللِّسَانَ فَتَقُولُ اتَّقِ اللَّهَ فِينَا فَإِنَّمَا نَحْنُ بِكَ فَإِنْ اسْتَقَمْتَ اسْتَقَمْنَا وَإِنْ اعْوَجَجْتَ اعْوَجَجْنَا - (Tirmidhi)

Look at the power of the tongue. Yet its let loose in Ramadan.

Don't be from amongst those who THINK they are fasting, but they receive nothing but HUNGER & THIRST. رَبِّ صَائِمٍ لَيْسَ لَهُ مِنْ صِيَامِهِ إِلَّا الْجُوعُ

مَنْ لَمْ يَدَعْ قَوْلَ الزُّورِ وَالْعَمَلَ بِهِ وَالْجَهْلَ فَلَيْسَ رَحْمَةً أَنْ يَدَعَ طَعَامَهُ وَشَرَابَهُ - (Bukhari)

The easiest part of fasting is to stop eating and drinking. Hasan al-Basri mentions "if one body part should be jailed in Ramadan, it is the tongue." 16 hours of fasting from Halal things, but in the meantime we are eating the flesh of our brothers and sister by backbiting and slander.

Uqba bin Aamir رضي الله عنه asked "Ya Rasoolallah.

قلتُ رسولُ ما النِّجاةُ قال أَمْسِكْ عَلَيْكَ لِسَانَكَ، وَليْسَعَكَ بَيْتُكَ، وَابْكِ عَلَى خَطِيئَتِكَ - (Trimidhi)

What is the means to Salvation **1. Control you tongue. 2. Let your house suffice you**, be content with whatever you have. **3. Cry over your sins.**

Umar رضي الله عنه once saw Abu Bakr رضي الله عنه holding his tongue and saying "this has destroyed me" who is saying this? The 1st Muslim, Father in-law, 1st Khalifah, 1st to donate all his wealth Fee Sabeelillah. He was worried! Are you ever worried?

أَتَدْرُونَ مَا الْمُفْلِسُ " . قَالُوا الْمُفْلِسُ فِينَا مَنْ لَا دِرْهَمَ لَهُ وَلَا مَتَاعَ . فَقَالَ " إِنَّ الْمُفْلِسَ مِنْ أُمَّتِي تِيَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ بِصَلَاةٍ وَصِيَامٍ وَزَكَاةٍ وَتِي قَدْ شَتَمَ هَذَا وَقَذَفَ هَذَا وَأَكَلَ مَالَ هَذَا وَسَفَكَ دَمَ هَذَا وَضَرَبَ هَذَا فَطُرِحَ فِي هَذَا مِنْ حَسَنَاتِهِ وَهَذَا مِنْ حَسَنَاتِهِ فَإِنْ فَنِيَتْ حَسَنَاتُهُ قَبْلَ أَنْ يُقْضَى مَا عَلَيْهِ أَخَذَ مِنْ خَطَاةٍ هُمْ فَطُرِحَتْ عَلَيْهِ ثُمَّ طُرِحَ فِي

النَّارِ - (Muslim)

Safiyyah bint Huyayy – wife of the Prophet ﷺ walked into the room, with Aisha and the Prophet ﷺ. As Safiyyah was leaving, Aisha said she's short. The Prophet ﷺ got angry and said “Ya Aisha – you’ve said a word, if it was mixed with the ocean the ocean would become contaminated”.

How many people we call black, white, fat, short, stupid, silly.

"A person utters a word thoughtlessly and, as a result of this, he will fall sink into the fire of Hell for 70 years" (Muslim)

We work so hard in Ramadan. Fast 16 hours, Read 20 Rakat. But after Salah, Iftar, Tarawih - We start with Trustees, then Imam, then Huffaaz Masjid, Family, Friends until we have thrown away all our good deeds.

مَلِيْلَفْظٌ مِّنْ قَوْلٍ إِلَّا لَدَيْهِ رَقِيبٌ عَتِيدٌ

Man does not utter any word except that with him is an observer prepared [to record]. (50:18)

أَمْ يَحْسَبُونَ أَنَّ لَّا نَسْمَعُ سِرَّهُمْ وَنَجْوَاهُمْ بَلَىٰ وَرُسُلْنَا لَدَيْهِمْ يَكْتُبُونَ

Or do they think that We hear not their secrets and their private conversations? Yes, [We do], and Our messengers are with them recording. (43:80)