

Jumu'ah Khutbah - 22.03.24

MONEY HEIST

A man in a dark suit stands with his back to the camera, holding two large black bags. He is positioned in the center of a massive, ornate vault door that is open, revealing a room filled with gold bars and stacks of money. The vault is filled with gold, and the lighting is warm and dramatic. The man is looking into the vault, which is filled with gold bars and stacks of money. The vault door is made of heavy metal with intricate details and a large circular opening. The room beyond the door is filled with gold bars and stacks of money, creating a sense of wealth and treasure.

English Speech 12:30 - 12:55 PM
Ashton Central Mosque OL6-9JA

How is your Ramadan? Your Qur'an, Shukr? How is your Taqwa & Emaan? Are you High? Why Not?

“O you who believe” exclusive address of love, affection, mercy, **“Fasting has been prescribed, like it was on those before you – limited days.”** Not new practice/ritual, this is how Allah ﷻ refines us.

“So that you are mindful of me.” Not just righteous, but mindful, centred, conscientious, present & connected to Allah ﷻ. Ramadan is the Tarbiyyah camp to check ourself before we wreck ourself.

It's not the bodies that need help, but it's truly the hearts & souls. We must refine and improve in this month - not just let this month pass by - Become people of better character, qualities & habits.

If we don't improve now, then when? No guarantee next year?

“Whoever fasts/prays in Ramadan with faith & hope of reward, his previous sins will be forgiven.”

Use this Ramadan to become from the highest inhabitants of heaven.

“For Allah has necks (people) whom He frees (from the Fire) every night.” (Ibn Majah)

3 LEVELS OF FASTING – what level are you at and what are you aiming for?

BRONZE - Ordinary, low quality, poor yield, easiest, weakest - not eating & drinking only - whilst tongue is backbiting, lying, cheating, eyes wandering, ears scanning... **PASSING RAMADAN**

“There are people who fast and get nothing from their fast except hunger, and there are those who pray and get nothing from their prayer but a sleepless night.” (Ibn Majah)

SILVER - Body parts are all fasting from Haraam. Eyes, Ears, Hands, Feet, Hijab, Haya, Speech, No Food wastage, simple Iftaar, plenty of Sadaqah, Qiyaam & Du'aa... **GRASPING RAMADAN**

GOLDEN - Elite of the Elites - **Muttaqeen, Muhsineen, Moqeneen, Nabiyyen, Mursaleen**. Elite people of Allah ﷺ. Entire Mind, Body, Heart, & Soul solely occupied in pleasing Allah ﷻ in every moment. Nothing else is occupying their mind... **EXEMPLIFYING RAMADAN**

Allah ﷻ gave you this month for 20 years, which level are you still at?

Work Hard, Upgrade Yourself, Raise Your Level & Beg Allah ﷻ!

WHO HAS EVER WON A PRIZE? MILLIONTH CUSTOMER? EARLY BIRD, VALUED EMPLOYEE? LOYAL...

Imagine you go to the bank – confetti pops, balloons, cheers, music, halal champagne, doves!

You've won a limited time exclusive prize – you can be in the vault & take whatever you want!

Stacks of notes, gold bricks, diamonds, bonds, art, land documents...

You have multiple XL duffel bags – You only have 30 seconds to fill up as much as you can.

Will you ask for a coffee break? Say you're tired? Bag is too heavy? I'll come back next year?

You won't waste a microsecond. You'll feel the exhilaration, adrenaline, excitement, disbelief, urgency, fear, desperation & relief.

Will anyone in their right mind ever waste this opportunity?

My brothers & sister **10 SECONDS ARE GONE**, the 11th second is halfway through **RIGHT NOW**.

How many bags have you filled? How much Quran have you read?

How much people have you fed? How much money you donated?

How much mercy have you grabbed? How much forgiveness have you seized?

How much Taqwa have you attained? How much Imaan have you stacked up?

Don't assume you will have the rest of **19.5 SECONDS** - only Allah ﷻ knows - take advantage of every microsecond just like you would do in the bank vault for the money heist. For we are most certainly in the greatest vault of all the heavens – the unlimited treasures & vaults of Allah ﷻ

Tarawih numbers are halved, daily Salah numbers are dropping, smiles are diminishing...

After 10 days of absolute **BARAKAH, KHAYR, SALAAMAH, RAHMAH, MAGFIRAH** - if your heart still isn't feeling anything then there's something wrong with you.

If you haven't dropped your old habits, then there's something wrong with you.

If you do not find sweetness of Imaan & Taqwa in Ramadan, **CHECK YOU'RE A'MAAL & NIYAAT**

WHY? Because Allah ﷻ is Al-Shakoor. When we do something purely for His sake, He will reward us with the feeling of sweetness of that act. If you do not feel Ramadan's sweetness & joy, then don't accuse Allah ﷻ/Ramadan, check your heart, check your Amal, check your Niyyah & Refine it!