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AMBITION

&

SUBMISSION



My son Adam wants to be a plumber, car mechanic, firefighter, engineer & Imam – **WOW!!!**

My daughter Hannah wants to be a writer, teacher, run an ice cream van & Alimah – **WOW!!!**

AMBITIONS – HIMMAH – NOT JUST DREAMS BUT HIGH GOALS AND DETERMINATION

- **How high are you aiming in life? Education, Job, House, Car, Business, Wealth, Family?**
- **How high will your lifestyle & standard be? Lower, Middle, Upper class? Millionaire - Billionaire?**
- **What are your ambitions & aspirations in Islam? With Allah ﷻ, Barzakh, Jannah, Akhirah?**
- **What are your ambitions for Ramadhan? What level of Imaan, Taqwa, Ibadah & Ihsaan?**

Allah ﷻ is the best, Islam is the best, He created us in the best form, why don't you give the best?

Islam is not a religion of mediocrity, it demands excellence, determination, and the pursuit of ambition in both this world and the Hereafter. **WHEN WE AIM, WE AIM HIGH, FOR AL-FIRDAWS!**

Rabi'ah ibn Ka'b al-Aslami ربيع بن كعب الأسلمي aimed high & asked to be in Jannah with the Prophet ﷺ.

"And those who strive for Us – We will surely guide them to Our ways. And indeed, Allah is with the doers of good." (29:69)

The Prophet ﷺ had the **Highest Ambitions – He was not sent to change one tribe, but the entire world. Despite being an orphan, insulted, attacked, & driven out of his home, he never settled! He did not aim low, for small goal, small victories; he aimed high for global transformation.**

Abu Bakr Al-Siddeeq رضي الله عنه didn't just want to enter via 1 door of Jannah, but **ALL 8 (Bukhari)**

Umar ibn Al-Khattab رضي الله عنه didn't just remain another simple Muslim but became the shield of Islam, Satan feared him. Umar رضي الله عنه became the **أمير المؤمنين** establishing justice across the world.

Uthman ibn Affan رضي الله عنه didn't just give a little in charity; but everything to provide free water at the Well of Ruma & equipped the entire Muslim army for Tabuk **(Tirmidhi)**

WHAT MADE THEM GREAT? THEIR AMBITIONS, THEIR PERSEVERANCE, THEIR ACTIONS

Ramadan is the training ground for **EXCELLENCE – HIGH HIMMAH** pushing ourselves!

- **Spiritually** - are you satisfied with just fasting, or will you push for more Salah, Qur'an & Du'a?
- **Mentally** - will you just go through the motions, or work on your patience, discipline & character?
- **Physically** - will you treat your body with care, eat healthy & be strong for Ibadah?
- **Financially** – Will you just give the minimum in charity, or will you invest in your Akhirah?

Don't just aim to “Complete Ramadan“ **AIM TO EXCEL & BE TRANSFORMED BY IT.**

Don't just aim for Jannah – Aim for Jannah tul-Firdaws!!!

RAISE YOUR IMAAN, TAQWA, IBADAH, CHARACTER, & CHARITY THIS RAMADHAN – AIM HIGH

Bottle of water – 1 Sip £50, Nibble of Samosa £500, Morsel of Rice £5000 – **ANYONE WILLING?**

In a few hours, the Mosque will give these away for free. So why not now? Because you realise you are an عبد of Allah ﷻ - **YOU ARE HIS SLAVE - THE MASTER SAID NO, SO YOU SUBMIT.**

Maghrib today is 6:12 PM - you're hungry, thirsty, open your fast at 6:10 with me - it's only a few minutes, you say no - **YOU ARE HIS SLAVE - THE MASTER SAID NO, SO YOU SUBMIT.**

Fajr is 4:28 AM, you wake at 4:30 AM, take a sip, eat something, it's okay - **THE MASTER SAID NO.**

He say's Sit, I Sit, Stand, I Stand, Stop, I Stop, Go, I Go – **WE ARE HIS SLAVES – HE IS OUR MASTER**

Ramadhan comes every year to remind us we are slaves to Allah ﷻ. We are not masters of our own lives; we are the servants of **RAHMAAN** who tells us exactly what to do.

We obey & say - سمعنا و اطعنا - You're staying away from Halal food, water & spouse because you realise you are a slave. So, after 30 days of training & submission, when Allah said **NO** delaying Jumu'ah for business, once I call you, **COME NOW** - what's your response?

When He ﷻ says **NO ZINA, NO ALCOHOL, NO GHEEBAH, NO CHEATING, NO GAMBLING, NO IMMODESTY, NO IMMORTALITY, NO RIBA, NO DRUGS, NO KILLING, NO MISSING SALAH – DO YOU SUBMIT? DO YOU DELAY? DO YOU IGNORE OR SAY** سمعنا و اطعنا

Ramadhan reminds us of the purpose of our existence is to worship & submit to Allah ﷻ unconditionally, our Master, to follow all His commands at all times & all places.

Ramadhan returns you to your original default state – best state you can ever achieve. **عبد of Allah**

The best honour is to be called an **عبد of Allah** – This is what we strive for in Ramadhan!

All praise is due to Allah, who has sent down upon His Servant the Book (18:1) And he revealed to His Servant what he revealed. (53:10) And when My servants ask you, concerning Me - indeed I am near. (2:186) Inform My servants that it is I who am the Forgiving, the Merciful. (15:49) It is only You we worship, and only You we ask for help. (1:5)

We are **عباد**, we are not masters – we assume we are free, we can do whatever we want. But your body, soul, this earth, nothing belongs to you. If you are a master, then prove it.

Stop your heartbeat for 1 minute, change the direction of your blood flow, make it night?...

This Ramadhan could be your last, you may not make it to Eid, so spend it in obedience to Allah ﷻ.

13 SECONDS GONE - YOU HAVE 17 SECONDS LEFT HOW WILL YOU SPEND THEM?

Ramadhan Heist – Take whatever you want. Will you take a coffee break, check your Instagram, take a nap, you wont waste a millisecond. You will grab everything with your hands, feet & mouth.

13 seconds have gone, what have you filled from the vaults of Allah ﷻ?

How much salah have you read, Tarawih attended, Qur'an recited, understood, applied, money donated?... **Have High Ambitions & Submit Wholeheartedly to Allah ﷻ before your time runs out...**