

Allah Ta'ala is the Greatest

Allahu Akbar! (Allah Ta'ala is the Greatest). These are the first words that a Muslim child hears after entering this world. This is the welcome message to this child as he or she enters this world. Thereafter five times a day, at the time of salaah, the same words Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar is heard wherever we are, reminding us of the greatness of Allah Ta'ala. Most definitely there is no power in the world equal to the power of Allah Ta'ala, who is the Greatest. Allah Ta'ala is the Creator of the whole mankind. He created the earth, the sky, the sun, the moon and He sends down the rain. The rain falls onto the ground and fruits and crops begin to grow. This becomes a means of food for us. Without Allah Ta'ala we will never be able to live in this world.

Allah Ta'ala is Samad (He does not depend on anyone)

Everything in the whole universe depends on Allah Ta'ala. He does not depend on anyone. If Allah Ta'ala is with us then we do not need to fear anyone and if Allah Ta'ala is displeased with us then all the so called "powers" of the world cannot be of any benefit to us. Once Rasulullah [sallallahu alayhi wasallam] advised Hadhrat Abdullah Ibn Abbaas (Radiyallahu anhu) saying that if the whole world has to get together and try to help you, they can only help you to the amount that Allah Ta'ala wishes and if the entire world has to try and harm you, they can only harm you to the amount that Allah Ta'ala wishes. Therefore we should always place our Trust in Allah Ta'ala and He will be there for us.

Zikr of Allah Ta'ala

Allah Ta'ala has mentioned in the Holy Qur'aan, "The Zikr of Allah Ta'ala is the Greatest". One of the most effective ways of bringing the greatness of Allah Ta'ala into our hearts is by regularly making the zikr of Allah Ta'ala. Rasulullah [sallallahu alayhi wasallam] once advised a Sahaabi saying, "Keep your tongue moist with the zikr of Allah Ta'ala." It is stated in another Hadith, that the proof of one's love for Allah Ta'ala lies in one's love for the zikr of Allah Ta'ala. The more we engage in the zikr of Allah Ta'ala, the more the love of Allah Ta'ala will enter our hearts.

May Allah Ta'ala fill our hearts with His special love. Aameen.

Obeying the Laws of Allah Ta'ala

Knock, knock, knock were the loud sounds on the front door. Little Ahmed ran to open the door only to see a tall uncle dressed in a dark blue uniform with a big gun on his side. The man shouted, "Where is Mr Yusuf? "Uhhh. My father is gone to work" replied little Ahmed. "Very well, Give him this blue form when he comes home" The man jumped into his car with blue lights blaring and drove away. Ahmed's mother quickly came running and grabbed the form from Ahmed's hand reading through it very quickly. "What's

the problem Ma," asked Ahmed. Your father was speeding the other day and he got a ticket from the Traffic Police. So asked Ahmed. "Because he didn't pay the fine, the police are looking for him" said his mother. "They want to lock your father up in jail." She burst out into tears and began sobbing. This made Ahmad very sad. "I always thought that Abba was the strongest" whispered Ahmed. Beloved children! Ahmed didn't realise that there was someone stronger than his father that was called the police.

But even greater than the power of the police is the power of Allah Ta'ala. If any person breaks the law of Allah Ta'ala they must repent immediately and beg Allah Ta'ala for forgiveness. If a person delays in repenting after getting many warnings from Allah Ta'ala and the angel of death arrives, he will take this person away to Allah's prison called Jahannam (Hell fire). May Allah Ta'ala save us all from His anger and save us from the Fire of Jahannam.

The Screen - or the Unseen

Our hearts are like huge dams. Our eyes, ears, mouths and the minds are like four streams that flow into our hearts. Whatever we see, hear, speak and think enters the heart. Today many people's eyes are glued to the forbidden television screen, cell phone screen or computer screen; the ears are flooded with music or sports commentary; the mouth is chatting and busy in useless and forbidden conversations and the mind, it is fantasizing, planning and thinking of the worst of evils. If these sins are flowing into our

hearts, then we can well imagine the evil condition of our hearts.

As a Muslim, we need to be cleaning our hearts all the time. Remove the love of all other things and increase the love of Allah Ta'ala and Nabi Muhammad (sallallahu alayhi wasallam). Money, medication and education cannot do anything. Allah Ta'ala alone does everything. Switch off the screen and open the treasures of the unseen. Speak about the greatness of Allah Ta'ala and the sunnah of Nabi Muhammad

(sallallahu alayhi wasallam). Think about how short this life is, and how long our stay in the grave and the hereafter is.

Take care of our eyes, ears, mouth and mind from all that we can see. Listen, speak and think so much of the unseen that it becomes as if we can see it. The scenes of the Day of Qiyaamah, Jannah and Jahannam must become realities before us. Our hope is that we die on Imaan and Islam. For this we need to make a lifelong effort on our Imaan and Islam.

PARENTS COLUMN

Dear Parent

Assalaamu alaykum wa rahmatullahi wa barakaatuhu

As a parent, the greatest gift we can give to our children is to instil the greatness of Allah Ta'ala into their little hearts. How wonderful it would be if our children could grow up with this beautiful quality.

Hazrat Moulana Ashraf Ali Thaanwi (rahmatullahi alayh) had given the following words of advice to his students;

"Every Muslim knows that neither benefit nor harm can befall anyone without the will of Allah Ta'ala. It is therefore necessary that a person does not rely on his own plans when doing anything. One should place his trust in Allah Ta'ala. He should

not expect anything from anyone, nor should he fear anything. He should understand well that no one can do anything without the will of Allah Ta'ala. This is known as tawakkul or placing one's trust in Allah Ta'ala. One should remember and ponder over the power and wisdom of Allah Ta'ala, and the powerlessness of the creation."

The following are some ways and methods of instilling the greatness of Allah Ta'ala into our hearts and the hearts of our children:

- 1) **Leave out all kinds of sins and regularly repent to Allah Ta'ala for our wrongs.**
- 2) **Perform our five times daily salaah. Men must perform their salaah in the local Masjid.**
- 3) **Recite the Qur-aan regularly,**

especially in our homes.

4) **Make the zikr of Allah Ta'ala at home.**

5) **Speaking regularly of the greatness of Allah Ta'ala. Keep on reminding ourselves that Allah Ta'ala has created us, the earth, the sky, the moon, Jannah, Jahannam, etc. and that everything is in the hands of Allah Ta'ala.**

6) **Thinking about the life after Death and begging Allah Ta'ala to bless us with Jannah and save us from the fire of Jahannam.**

7) **Making dua to Allah Ta'ala every day.**

8) **Regularly reading the stories of the Sahaabah (RA) who possessed the highest levels of Imaan and the greatness of Allah Ta'ala in their hearts.**

Story - Allah's Love for us

Once, Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) was sitting and talking with his beloved Sahaabah (radiyallahu anhum) when a man came to them with a shawl in his hand. In the shawl he had a few pigeons sitting all together. He then went on to narrate to Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam), "I was walking in the forest when I heard the sounds of some birds chirping. I went looking and found a nest. When I peeped inside, I saw some pigeons cuddled up

together. I picked them up from the nest and put them into my shawl and continued walking. Suddenly I saw the mother pigeon flying above us. When I saw this, I opened up my shawl and she came swooping down into the shawl and sat with her young. See, she is still sitting inside with her babies." He then opened his shawl and showed them to Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam). Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) looked at the birds and commanded

the man, "Go and put them back into their nests."

Thereafter he addressed the Sahaabah (radiyallahu anhum), "Just look at the love the mother has for her babies. She immediately put her life at risk just to protect her young ones. However, my dear Sahaabah, remember that Allah Ta'ala has far more love and concern for His creation than a mother has for her child."

QUIZ

Answer all Questions and submit your entries. The first 5 correct entries drawn will receive R50-00 cash.

1. What are the first words a child hears when he enters the world?
2. Who created the earth, sky, sun and moon?
3. What is the meaning of Samad?
4. Complete the sentence, The zikr of Allah is.....
5. Mention one of the most effective ways of bringing the Greatness of Allah into our hearts?
6. What is the prison of Allah called?
7. Mention one Hadith regarding zikr?
8. How much does Allah love us?
9. What advice did Nabi (Sallallahu alayhi wasallam) give to Hadhrat Abdullah bin Abbaas (RA)?
10. Mention one method of creating the love of Allah Ta'ala in our hearts.

PROJECT

This month's theme is "THE GREATNESS OF ALLAH TA'ALA". Do a project on one of the following:

1. Recognising the Greatness of Allah Ta'ala through His creation
2. The Virtues Of Zikr.

All entries must be handed in by 2nd May 2016. N.B. Please write your name, the name of your Madrasah, the area and your grade on the cover of your project in big bold writing. Jazak Allah.



Most beloved Children

Assalamu alaykum wa Rahmatullahi wa barakaatuhu.

We have already come to the end of the first term. There are only three months left for the mubaarak month of Ramadhaan. Let's commence our preparation by staying away from sins and reciting the Qur-aan Shareef daily at home. Let's try our best to perfect our Qur-aan recitation. The one who reads the Qur-aan correctly enjoys the same rank as the special Malaaikeh (angels) of Allah Ta'ala. So let's try our best to learn how to read the Quraan properly and correctly. Make sure you learn your Qur-aan sabak everyday at home.

This month's theme is on "The Greatness of Allah Ta'ala". Let us all try to bring the Greatness of Allah Ta'ala deep into our hearts by always speaking about the Greatness of Allah Ta'ala, making the zikr of Allah Ta'ala and making dua to Allah Ta'ala. In this way we will Insha Allah be blessed in Jannah with the great opportunity of meeting Allah Ta'ala.

Our last theme was on "**Hayaa**". JazakAllah to all the participants. May Allah Ta'ala reward you all abundantly for all your hard work.

The names of the winners are as follows:

| Name | Maktab | Grade |
|--------------------|-----------------|-------|
| 1. Is-haaq Peer | Kokstad | 6 |
| 2. Laaiqah Mohomed | Silverglen | 5 |
| 3. Zain Willies | Dundee | 5 |
| 4. Hisham Asmal | Reservoir Hills | 2 |
| 5. Sahil Rassool | Redfern | 3 |

Congratulations to you all. Masha Allah! You all have done well and your prizes are on the way.

The winners for the best projects for each grade are as follows:

| Name | Maktab | Grade |
|------------------|------------|-------|
| Yusra Rawat | Empangeni | 1 |
| Zakariyya Hoosen | Empangeni | 2 |
| Yasira Essop | Eastview | 3 |
| M Hamza Sheik | Redfern | 4 |
| Nuria Simfukwe | Silverglen | 5 |
| Sanaa Metar | Kokstad | 6 |
| Juwariah Jumat | Eastview | 7 |

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