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on Masjids - Center of Humanity

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Alhamdulillah, We are grateful to Allahu Subhanahu watala for giving us an opportunity to share some words of Wisdom on the topic of **“Masjids - CENTER OF HUMANITY”**.

First and foremost ,may the fear of Allah (SWT) lighten up my heart and your Hearts.

Allahu Subhanahu watha’ala chose Prophet (SAL) as the Messenger and the Final Prophet. His descend was definitely a mercy and grace to the whole mankind and the universe. 23 years of his Nubuwwath made boundless achievements which caused to introduce the truth of the dheen and to spread the peace happiness and the tranquility of it throughout the world and with the will of Allah subhanahu wata’ala, Allah (Swt), he even made the Jews, Christians and even the idol worshipers to accept this truth. From that moment to this very second, 7 crore Muslims this world are tasting the sweetness of dheen, Alhamdulillah.

One day will come, we would meet Allah (SWT) like we see the moon. On the Day of Qiyamah, Allah will ask the people “Oh people are you not satisfied” then people will reply to Allah (SWT): “Oh Allah why should not we be satisfied? We have got what others have not got”. Then finally Allah (SWT) will say to the people “Oh People Today I’m satisfied with you. From now onwards I will not get angry with you”.

Those who have accepted Allah (SWT) as their Lord, Allah (SWT) as their sustainer and Allah (SWT) as the giver and the taker, Allah (SWT) as the giver of day and night and Allah (SWT) as the one who perishes and the cherisher and Allah (SWT) as their superior Lord, have gained the satisfaction and acceptance from Allah (SWT) in this world in itself.

The Sahabah (R.A.A.) had firm belief in Allah (SWT) and they fulfilled their needs and desires only by asking Allah (SWT). Prophet (SAL) brought this type of belief in the hearts of the Sahaba (Raliallahu Anhum). They depended only on Allah Subhanahu Wata’ala and they gained satisfaction and success in their life.

Success in life definitely relies on the firm faith on Allah (SWT) which will make a Muslim strong in his heart in any situation or calamity.

There are 3 things which are essential in a MUSLIM to bear in their mind, which anybody cannot deny.

1. The Oneness of Allah.
2. The Final Prophethood.
3. The Akhirah (The Hereafter).

The more our belief becomes strong in these 3 matters, tranquility peace and success will definitely be in our hands Insha Allah.

People who have accepted Allah (SWT) as their Lord and Muhammad (SAL) as the Messenger of Allah (SWT), believe that one day we all will face Sakharath (pangs of death) and will taste Death. But the successful one will be the one who receives the glad tidings of Jannah in this state. The Angels will say to them “O People do not worry or do not grief, enter Jannah in peace.”

A Muslim is a person who lives to die for the sake of Allah (SWT). Others like to live, A Muslim prefers to die. This is the attitude of a Muslim. Sahaba (R.A.A) were ready to die for the sake of Allah and they considered death for the sake of Allah is better than death without a purpose.

Alhamdulillah Allah Subhanahu Wata'ala has gifted us Imaan and Allah (SWT) has given us the opportunity to do good and the ability to preach good and the opportunity and ability to pray in his sacred homes known as the Masjid

Every Muslims, in any corner of the world, has the utmost respect towards the Masjid of Allah (SWT). Masjid is a place where Allah is worshipped all day.

Constructing a Masjid is a Great act in the eyes of Allah and donating even one brick for a Masjid carries immeasurable rewards from Allah (SWT).

We are bound to thank Allah (SWT) for giving us opportunities to help to build a Masjid even in a small scale.

Even though it's an Opportunity from Allah (SWT), Allah (SWT) builds a palace in Jannah for the person who helps to construct a Masjid. The smallest attempt made by a person for this purpose, even if it's a small act , it's not left unrewarded. Allah (SWT) is the greatest in rewarding.

One day a woman from Madeena passed away, but Prophet (SAL) was not informed about her Janaza. Prophet (SAL) was very upset about it and went to the place of her grave to offer the Janaza Salah. Afterwards, Prophet (SAL) said that this particular woman used to come to the Masjid when there used to be a less crowd and cleaned the Masjid daily. As a reward for it, Allah (SWT) has built a palace for her in Jannah and given the glad tidings of it.

We must not ignore an act; even it is small, if it is toward the Masjid, Allah (SWT) definitely rewards for every act.

There are 2 things Regarding Masjid.

1. The Importance of Constructing a Masjid.
2. The A'mal (Acts) in the Masjid.

As everyone knows the value and the importance of helping to build and construct Masajids, many people around the world are spending so much of their wealth on these noble activities. This is a blessing to all of us, for which we should be grateful to Allah (SWT).

Our country, Sri Lanka is blessed with many Masajids today. But a couple of years back, it was difficult to find a Masjid around. Alhamdulillah we must thank Allah (SWT) for blessing us with Masajids to pray and to remember him.

Ka'bathullah, the First Masjid in the world had showed the essence of a Masjid. Allah (SWT) has blessed Ka'bathullah with Baraka, Hidaya, Protection and Tharbiyath.

Prophet (SAL) also made the Masjid in Madeena around 4 walls. Even though the Masjid were small, with no strong roofs, and no polished floors, it had the fragrance of Imaan spreading around. It had the fragrance of Taqwa spreading throughout the world by the work of Da'wah done in it.

The people of it were successful in all their affairs, in the dunya and in the akhirah.

There was a time, when some people hated Islam and planned to kill Prophet (SAL), but when they came to the Masjid, the environment of the Masjid softened their hearts and made some of them accept Islam Subhanallah.

Allah Subhanahu Wata'ala has given us many opportunities. We all agree that all muslims are in the path of preaching Islam – involving in the activities of the Masjids as full filling the needs of the needy, teaching and preaching. Allah gave khair in this effort, so much so that it produced people like Abdur Rahman ibnu Auf (Rali), Salman Al Farisi (Rali), Abu Dharda (Rali), Abu Hurairah (Rali).

Some people used to hang palm leaves in front of the Masjid so that people could make use of it. And some gave camels and cattles to the people to take use of their milk and to fulfill their needs.

Muslims are a people who always live with an aim but not people who are a burden to others. A Muslim must always strive to be a good example to others and make the dheen of Allahu Subhanahu wata'ala, shine in every corner of this earth.

When we talk about the A'maal in the Masjid, the Qur'an must be read excessively, since it is a Sunnah of the Prophet (SAL) And the next is to treat people according to their status.

Many question if a non Muslim can enter the Masjid? The answer is, at the time of Prophet (SAL), non Muslims entered the Masjid when they were taken as war prisoners to accept Islam.

One day a man came to kill the Prophet (SAL). He was caught by the Sahaba (R.A.A.) and brought to Prophet (SAL). He was not punished or imprisoned but Prophet (SAL) tied him against a pillar of the Masjid and asked him to observe the activities in the Masjid for 3 days. He subsequently accepted Islam.

Then he went to the Prophet (SAL) and said "3 days ago, the name Muhammed was the name I hated the most and Muhammed was the most hated person to me and Islam was the most hated religion to me. But now, nothing is more dearer to me than the name Muhammed Sallallahu 'alaihi wasallam and there is no other religion I love more than Islam"

Subhanallah the environment of the Masjid had changed this man so much.

Once, the Prophet (SAL) was assisting in carrying the corpse of a Jew. Then Ali (R.A.A.) asked Prophet (SAL) "Why are you helping to carry the corpse of a Jew? Then Prophet (SAL) replied "Isn't it a life? Shouldn't we respect it?"

This is what Islam teaches us.

This is what all the Masjids are trying to teach us, Humanity.

Insha Allah, Jamiathul – Ulama of Sri Lanka setting out a plan on instructions oft how to treat a non Muslim when they enter a Masjid. To show them not only the beauty of the Masjid but to show the beautiful acts being done in the Masjid.

Wherever we go there are people from other religions too. We must always remember we are the people whom Allah has chosen as Muslims. Every act of ours, even the size of an atom, must be within an Islamic perspective. Islam, the perfect and the complete religion has shown us a way for every act in our life. It does not compel us to be in worship all the time nor does it ask us to pass its limits. Islam gives us full rights to live a happy life and enjoy life. Islam has not laid any restriction to any of our

activities. Our beloved Prophet (SAL) has said: as everything has a particular right over it, your body also deserves its own rights.

If your body is tired and your body needs to rest, then your body needs to get its rights.

Quran Says:- A man needs Ibadat as well as rest, A man need the worldly needs and his business too, but every act must be laid up on its limits. Allah (SWT) is watching over our act and affairs.

Poise of a Muslim must be polite and calm but not a burden to the people around. A Muslim has to pay due respect to every deal and act.

Islam teaches 3 main aspects.

1. It does not compel others to accept but it invites others in a peaceful manner. We must not or cannot force others to dheen. "Invite to the way of thy Lord with wisdom and beautiful preaching" – Holy Quran.
2. We cannot mock other religions.
3. To us is our faith and to you is yours.

Prophet (SAL) was the best example of the whole of mankind. He did not travel county to county to teach the dheen but the beauty and the fragrance of dheen spread all over the world by his Akhlaq and his excellent behavior.

There are many Muslims whose dealings and affairs are so polite. This Loyalty and honesty impresses other and invites them towards accepting Islam.

A Pathal prince once went hunting. Then he saw a muslim, a worshiper of allah living in the Jungle. Judging by the appearance and the beard of this worshipper, the prince asked him "is my dog better or are you better?"

The muslim replied: 'If I die with Imaan I'm better and if I die without Imaan the Dog is better' These word touched th heart of the prince. Then the prince asked "who are you?" The man replied "I'm a Muslim".

(Pathal means within 40 days 20,000,000 muslims were beheaded.)

Then the prince said him when I become the king you must remind me of your religion. Allah (SWT) blessed the prince the light of Hidayath when he became the king.

To turn to Allah (SWT) and relying only upon Him is the only way to achieve success in this world and hereafter and the key for His pleasure and acceptance rather than going away and gaining the wrath of Allah. May Allah (SWT) protect us all.

Islam, the dheen of Allahu Subhanahu Wata'ala which was brought down and taught by Muhammed (SAL), is a complete and a flawless religion.

According to the teachings of Muhammad (SAL), there are certain important factors which we could attain and brighten up our Imaan.

1. Firm in Belief.
2. Correct in Order.
3. Complete in Knowledge.
4. Different in Akhlaq.

So let us all ponder upon what Islam has taught us and shun the evil acts. There is a great beginning in every sin and it tastes very sweet, but the result of it is very bitter and dangerous.

However, the beginning of a good act is bitter but the result of it is very sweet. Prophet (SAL) has said if a person feels happy & satisfied when he does good, he fears to commit a sin. Then he has the quality of a mu'min.

Let this be remembered by every heart who craves to attain strong Imaan.

Let us take the example of the brothers of hadrath Yoosuf (Alaihissalam). They threw Yousuf (alaihissalam) into the well due to Jealousy, which was a sin. But they enjoyed it. However, at the end of it all, Allah (SWT) made these brothers bow down to that very brother who they threw into the well, with humiliation.

So my dear brothers and sisters let us avoid sinning because sins lead to great humiliation. So let us begin to repent and gain closeness to Allah (SWT) and take the Sahaba (Rali) as our role models and examples to be successful in this life and the hereafter.

We Muslims have to strive to become the **CENTER FOR HUMANITY**