

# EID UL-FITR

The first of Shawwāl marks the day of Eid ul-Fitr for the Muslim Ummah. This is the blessed day immediately after the month of Ramadān - wherein we fasted for a full month to attain Taqwa (consciousness of Allāh Ta'ālā and the capacity to refrain from disobedience).

**We must remain cognizant that while Eid is a joyous occasion, it is not a festival.**

On this auspicious day, **we are encouraged to enjoy the Halāl bounties of Allāh Ta'ālā, albeit without forgetting Him.**

To understand the true essence of Eid, consider the parable of a student attending an 'end of the year celebration'. He is wearing an expensive new outfit and there is a variety of treats that have been prepared. It is an atmosphere of jubilation. However, he receives his results, which state that he has failed. What occasion will he celebrate? What will he rejoice over? Eid should be looked at in a similar way. It must never be considered a meaningless festival like that of the non-Muslims. Rather, it is a day to be joyous about the completion of Ramadān and hopeful for the rewards of the actions carried out therein. We will introspect: did we attain our objective (i.e. Taqwa)?

If we haven't learnt to abandon sin and disobedience, what will we celebrate? What will we rejoice over?

The Sahabah رضى الله عنهم understood the true spirit of Eid, hence when they would meet on this day, they would make dua for one another saying:

تَقَبَّلَ اللهُ مِنَّا وَمِنْكُمْ

“May Allah Ta'āla accept from us and you”

**Eid is an occasion of joy, dressing in our best clothing, smiling when we meet and making Du'a for one another. This is an opportune time to let go of old grudges and forgive each**

**other.**

**It is, however, highly irresponsible that we exit the great month of Ramadān in a way that is displeasing to Allāh Ta'ālā.** Simply put, Eid is by no means an occasion to break any of the commands of Allāh Ta'ālā.

Thus, great care should be taken to ensure that:

- 1- **All males perform all Salāh in the Masjid**
- 2- **We are dressed in accordance with the Sunnah**
- 3- **We do not intermingle with non-mahrams**
- 4- **We do not involve ourselves in un-Islamic customs**
- 5- **We are not guilty of wastage and extravagance**
- 6- **We do not frequent places where the commands of Allāh Ta'ālā are being violated**
- 7- **We do not listen to music**
- 8 - **We must not take and broadcast pictures of family and friends**
- 9 – **We cut our hair according to the Sunnah**
- 10 - **We do not imitate the ways of the Kuffār in their celebrations (trees, lighting etc.).**

**A disturbing trend is the imitation of the christmas tree and christmas turkey. The so-called 'Eid tree' has no basis in Islam. We should avoid imitating pagan customs.**

May Allāh Ta'ālā accept all our good actions and bless us with the ability to practice upon the Sunnah of Rasūlullāh sallāllahu 'alayhi wa sallam and appreciate the great bounty of Islam.

Ameen

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