

Masjid-un-Nabawi (ﷺ)

Ramadaan

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12:22pm just before Zuhr

As I sit in the tranquillity of this, the greatest teaching institute in the universe, by the Most Sublime, Kind, Gentle, Caring, Merciful, Accommodating, Forgiving, Best, Most Intelligent Teacher and Leader of all mankind, Imam of the Messengers of Allah (ﷺ), Nabi Muhammed (ﷺ). I gaze at the base of the Green Dome and send Durood on Nabi (ﷺ) and thank the Almighty Allah (ﷻ) for having blessed and invited me and family to Madina-tun-Nabi (ﷺ) for an unforgettable Ramadaan.

The Masjid-un-Nabawi (ﷺ) sits like a gentle giant, its doors of mercy wide open to accommodate the thousands that throng here, escaping the heat outside, to enter into the coolness of its inner precinct.



The coolness of my heart and eyes are never satiated no matter how much I am fed by the food of looking at the Rauza Mubarak [the blessed chamber and resting place of Nabi (ﷺ)]. O! Allah (ﷻ) I beg of You, please bring me and my progeny till the end of time to make the Ziyaraat of your most loved Habibullah (ﷺ) in the most blessed of months, Ramadaan and Dhul-Hijjah.



I look around me and many are engaged in the Tilawat of Qur'aan, sending Durood and Salawaat upon Nabi (ﷺ) and making Dua.

Its outer perimeter is covered by huge umbrellas providing shade from the blazing sun to those seeking shelter. It reminds me of a mother hen enclosing her brood providing comfort and security. Yes my friend, the beloved Nabi (ﷺ) embraces the Ummah saying "Ummati, Ummati" and guarantees intercession, that is comfort and security on the day of Qiyaamah (resurrection), so make intention to visit Nabi (ﷺ) thereby securing intercession.



During the day the 20 litre drums lie empty of its most precious and virtuous of waters on earth, solely because it is Ramadaan. Its cups and thirst quenching cargo is replaced at Iftaar to quench the thirst of hundreds of thousands.

The outer pavements are lined with plastic sheets on which lie dates, water, yoghurt, bread and juice etc. Kahwa (Arabic black coffee) and tea being poured out from flasks that never seem to empty no matter how much they pour. This my friend is the hospitality, humbleness, Barakah (blessings) and politeness of the neighbours (residents of Madina) of Nabi (ﷺ).



As I walk onto the pavement of Masjid-un-Nabawi (ﷺ), a young boy possibly 8 or 10 years old grabs my hand like a gentle vice grips and pulls me into the Masjid, leading me to his family's Dastirghaan (table on the floor) to partake of the food that has been provided for. These young children vie with one another to secure a guest who is the guest of Nabi (ﷺ). Let someone else attempt to take you and he is met with a stare that says "Back off! He is my guest. Find your own." I must say, this is done with respects and understanding.

You will only experience the above by making Ziyaraat of Nabi (ﷺ) in Ramadaan. So make a firm intention to carry this out at least once in your lifetime.

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