

# TEARS

Tears are made up of a water component and a mucin (fatty) substance, to prevent rapid evaporation. Used as a lubricant to wet the eye for clear and comfortable vision, to see the countless bounties that Allah (ﷻ) has blessed us with. Given to mankind without a charge, lasts a lifetime without any replacement.

They begin to flow as the pain barrier or threshold is exceeded. At the time of birth, the mother cries as the pain is unbearable. These are tears shed because of extreme pain. Moments later the same eyes shed tears of joy, as she cuddles the bundle of joy that Allah (ﷻ) has blessed her with. Tears shed because of emotions [another (Nemaat/bounty)] that our merciful Lord has blessed us with. Just look around you and you see the mighty pegs of the earth, the mountains they cry because of fear of Allah (ﷻ). Yes dear friend, the beautiful waterfall you see gushing out from the hard stone/rock is in fact the tears shed by the natural bounties of Allah (ﷻ).

Allah (ﷻ) loves two drops, the blood of a martyr and a tear of a Mumin.

Oh! Mumin you undoubtedly cry when you see the green dome of Masjid-un-Nabawi, out of joy to be present at the feet of the seal of the messengers, the beloved Nabi (ﷺ). Your cry and shed a tear when you leave the beloved city if the beloved of Allah (ﷻ), Nabi (ﷺ).

Oh! Mumin, you shed a tear when you see the majestic Kaabah, the tears stream down your face in joy or apprehension that you have been invited to the house

of Allah (ﷻ). A sinner who has been given the opportunity to cleanse a dark heart, But I look at you dumb founded my sister, you take out a tissue from some secret pocket in your abaya and you dry the tears, which are indeed the currency of the Aakhirah. You should have smeared these precious tears on you face and hands and thereby forbidding the punishment of the fire. But alas you wiped away the greatest gift. The tear that fell full of fear, its value lost forever.

Oh Muslim, you cry tears when your favourite team loses the game or the coveted cup, yet you fail to shed a tear when you lost a Salaat or two. You cry and shed precious tears when the hero or heroine of the movie is hurt or killed, yet you fail to shed a tear when you hear about the sacrifice of the illustrious Sahaabah (RA).

You cry and shed a tear of two when you read a romantic novel but you fail to shed a single tear when you read the glorious book of guidance, the Quraan.



I ask myself why? The reason is simple, the heart that is spiritually dead will fail to shed a tear in fear or gratitude to the Great Creator.

Oh! Mother and daughter you cry and shed a tear when your daughter leaves the comfort of your home, on the occasion of marriage, but you fail to shed a precious tear when you trample and ignore the rights that are due on your beloved parents.

In old age you would rather put your old parents in a home, then look after them in your own home. But you shed a tear on their demise. The regret and remorse you feel only once they have departed. Your doors of Duaa now closed. It's not too late to shed tears now, send Esale Sawaab (acts of charity, Tilawaat of Quraan, boreholes, etc.) for them.

A commodity given in abundance without charge, if not used often enough is eventually take away. The tears that should be shed in the darkness of the night while supplicating to Allah (ﷻ) are instead shed watching movies and the like.

Oh! Mumin, the tear that Allah (ﷻ) loves is shed at Arafaat at the time of forgiveness, yet you forget this precious moment on your return from Hajj.

The tear that should be shed to extinguish the fire of hell is held back, to satisfy the desires of the heart. Once caught in the trap of Shaitaan, the tears will eventually dry up, until eventually we realise the only way out is to shed that precious tear in the presence of the Almighty.

So my message to you is simple, cry and shed tears of joy, fear and regret before Allah (ﷻ) and they will certainly bear fruits in both this world and the next.

You see the clouds, they shed tears of rain and it cleanses the earth and rejuvenates the vegetation.



Therefore shed your tears before Allah (ﷻ) and clean your heart of sin and dirt.

Rejuvenate your Imaan and trust in the Merciful Allah (ﷻ).

Oh! Mumin, be thankful for the precious tear that Allah (ﷻ) has given to you, by using the bounty in abundance.



**Jazakallah**

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**P.S.**

When last have you shed a tear in seclusion for the people of Palestine, prisoners in Guantanamo bay and those Muslims languishing in jails because of Imaan and truth?

Please do remember the Ummah (the aged, women, orphans, youth, scholars and the martyrs) and the people of Syria, Iraq, Burma, Somalia, etc. in your duas.

