

# Eid al-Fitr, the reward at the gate

The Eid that ends Ramadan is not the finish line, it is the receipt. What it celebrates and what comes after.

**CENTREPIECE** Surah al-Baqarah 2:185

## FIRST KHUTBAH

### 1. What we are celebrating

Allah completed for us the month He raised the Quran in. He let us reach it, fast it, stand it. Eid is the takbeer of one who has been pardoned, not the party of one who has been released.

### 2. The sunnah of the Eid morning

Eat dates before going out (Bukhari 953). Go by one path and return by another (Bukhari 986). Wear the best clothes you own. Pray Eid in congregation, listen to the khutbah, then visit family.

### 3. The day after

Many of the salaf said: the sign of an accepted Ramadan is what happens after it. If the fajr-jamaah continues, if the Quran stays in your hands, if the night prayer is not abandoned the day after, your Ramadan was accepted.

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## SECOND KHUTBAH

Return to the centrepiece and gather the message around one honest change connected to eid al-fitr, the reward at the gate.

Suggested closing: Taqabbal Allahu minna wa minkum, may Allah accept from us and from you. The dua of the salaf on Eid morning.

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## PREPARATION NOTES

1. Read every cited verse or hadith in full before using it.
2. Add one example your own congregation will recognise.
3. Check questions of fiqh and recognised disagreement with a qualified local scholar.

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