

Finishing Ramadan with sincerity, not regret

The closing days of Ramadan are not a time to surrender to what was missed. They are a final opportunity to worship with honesty and hope.

CENTREPIECE Surah az-Zalzalah 99:7-8, Sahih al-Bukhari 6464

FIRST KHUTBAH

1. No sincere good is too small to count

Allah says that whoever does an atom's weight of good will see it (az-Zalzalah 99:7). A difficult month is not an empty month. One prayer, apology, gift or page of Quran still reaches the record.

Source: Quran 99:7-8

2. Do not spend the ending only judging the beginning

Regret can be useful when it produces tawbah and action. It becomes a trap when a person spends the remaining nights replaying what was missed instead of using the hour still open.

3. Choose the deed that can remain

The Prophet (peace be upon him) taught that the deeds most beloved to Allah are those kept consistently, even if small (Bukhari 6464). Let the closing days reveal the one practice that will travel with you after Eid.

Source: Bukhari 6464

SECOND KHUTBAH

Gather the message around hope and acceptance. We do not know which deed Allah will accept, so we continue working, ask forgiveness for shortcomings and avoid becoming impressed with ourselves.

Suggested closing: O Allah, accept what we offered, forgive what we neglected and grant us a beautiful ending to this month. Do not make this our final Ramadan.

ONE ACTION FOR THIS WEEK

Choose one missed opportunity you can still complete today and one small Ramadan habit you will continue next month.

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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