The masjid, a house built around worship and belonging

A masjid is kept alive by prayer, service and people who make room for one another. Its strength is measured by more than a busy calendar.

CENTREPIECE Surah at-Tawbah 9:18, Sahih al-Bukhari 660

FIRST KHUTBAH

1. Maintaining a masjid includes more than its walls

Allah connects maintaining His mosques with faith, prayer, zakat and reverence for Him (at-Tawbah 9:18). Buildings matter, but the deeper life of a masjid is the worship and courage cultivated inside them.

Source: Quran 9:18

2. Attachment to the masjid is an attachment of the heart

Among the seven shaded by Allah is a person whose heart is attached to the mosques (Bukhari 660). That attachment grows through repeated prayer, learning, service and the experience of being welcomed back.

Source: Bukhari 660

3. Belonging must be made visible

Notice the newcomer standing alone, the convert unsure what to do, the child being corrected without warmth and the person with a disability facing an avoidable barrier. Hospitality is not separate from maintaining the house of Allah.

SECOND KHUTBAH

Turn love for the masjid into shared responsibility. Cleanliness, funding, safeguarding, teaching and a warm welcome cannot be left to the same exhausted few.

Suggested closing: O Allah, fill our masjids with sincere worship, sound knowledge and mercy. Make them safe and welcoming for our families, our elders, our youth and those returning to You.

ONE ACTION FOR THIS WEEK

Learn one new person’s name this Friday and take responsibility for one recurring need in the masjid, however small.

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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