



## END OF RAMADAN & ID

### HOW DID WE DO?

al-Salam 'alaykum wa Rahmat Allah wa Barakatuh,

All Praise is to Allah, Lord of the Universe and May His Praise and Salutations be upon His Final Messenger, Muhammad and his family and companions.

As I type this message Ramadan is on its way out – a month of mercy, forgiveness and amnesty is coming to an end. I can imagine the shayatin biting at their chains with their noses in the air smelling the blood of our souls. Soon those binds will be removed and they will be released, bounding out of Hell, yelping with glee. I believe the Muazzin would not have completed La ilaha illah when they would immerse their fangs into our soul drawing in and making our souls weak. The purpose of Ramadan was to make our souls stronger so that we could defend ourselves against their onslaught.

We were supposed to work harder in Din in Ramadan, not less.

We were supposed to eat less in Ramadan, not more.

We were supposed to sleep less in Ramadan, not more.

Working hard in Din, sleeping less and eating less makes the soul stronger and the nafs, which is linked to the body, weaker.

Working less in Din, sleeping more and eating more makes the soul weaker and the nafs, which is linked to the body, stronger.

You will see how you strengthened your soul on Id night and Id day.

How many acts of worship have you performed? How obedient are you to Allah? How many sins have you committed? How disobedient are you to Allah?

Are you dressed according to how Allah desires? Is your hair kept as He has instructed? Are you eating what He has permitted? Are your senses being utilised in His obedience or disobedience?



If you find you are obeying His commandments and spending Id as He desired then I give you the glad tidings that you have utilised the blessing of Ramadan and it has been productive for you. However, if not, then what was the purpose of Ramadan? To go hungry? To sleep? To moan and complain? To pass time by whatever means necessary?

I pray Allah accepts all our efforts over this blessed month. He gives us the opportunity to do more good works this year and give us the opportunity to take benefit from another Ramadan, Amin.

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