



Weekly news & updates

DAY OF ASHURA

By Allah's grace we are witnessing Muharram, one of Allah's sacred months in the Islamic calendar. Our beloved Prophet (saw) taught us several benefits of this special month. He said, *"The best of fasting after Ramadhan is fasting Allah's month of Muharram."* (Muslim)

In particular, he emphasized fasting on the day of Ashura, which this year will fall on **Saturday, Aug 29th inshAllah**. Ibn 'Abbas (ra) said: "The Prophet (saw) came to Madinah and saw the Jews fasting on the day of 'Ashura'. He said, 'What is this?' They said, 'This is a righteous day, it is the day when Allah saved the Children of Israel from their enemies, so Musa fasted on this day.' He said, 'We have more right to Musa than you,' so he fasted on that day and commanded [the Muslims] to fast on that day."

Initially fasting Ashura was mandatory, but later when the obligatory fasting of Ramadan was instituted, fasting Ashura was no longer obligatory but still highly recommended. In addition, it is also highly recommended to fast on the ninth day, Tasua. *"When the Messenger of Allah (saw) fasted on 'Ashura' and commanded the Muslims to fast as well, they said, 'O Messenger of Allah, it is a day that is venerated by the Jews and Christians.' The Messenger of Allah (saw) said, 'If I live to see the next year, in sha Allah, we will fast on the ninth day too.'* (Muslim).

Nonetheless, there is no harm in just fasting on the 10th day. Scholars have also recommended fasting on the 11th day. [This lecture by Dr. Mohammad Salah](#) expounds on more of the virtues of Muharram and the fasting of Ashura.

May Allah enable us to fulfill this beneficial act, accept it from us and forgive us our shortcomings.



"On the authority of Abu Qatadah (ra) - the Messenger of Allah (saw), was asked about fasting on the day of 'Ashura', and he said, "It expiates [the minor sins of] the past year". (Muslim)



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Asking is part of learning. Alhamdulillah our dear Dr Salah al-Sawy dedicates several sessions a week to answering questions from the public. Please watch the latest session of his Fatawa and benefit from the questions that others have asked. In addition, he also hosted his daily his fajr program, and the tafseer of Surah Al- Anfal and Surah Al-Ghafir. Please visit his [Youtube channel](#) to view all the lectures in full. May Allah grant him the best in this life and the next.



Sh Muhammad Elshinawy: Yusuf Taught Me, Ayat 24

Ayat 24 of Surah Yusuf has important lessons for us on resisting the temptations of this world. In his continuing series, Sh Mohammad Elshinawy shares his reflections of [#YusufTaughtMe](#).

And she certainly determined [to seduce] him, and he would have inclined to her had he not seen the proof of his Lord. And thus [it was] that We should avert from him evil and immorality. Indeed, he was of Our chosen servants. [12:24]

Why does Allah tell us that Yusuf was nearly going to accept her invitation? Resisting the allure of life - lusts, greed, belonging - is only heroic and rewardable with Allah when there is a strong desire for it. Unlike other religious traditions, carnal desires are not condemnable in Islam so long as they are not acted upon in prohibited ways. As for the inborn attraction itself, "Allah does not charge a soul except within its capacity" [2:286].

Yusuf (as) was sent a sign by Allah that caused his faith to flare, and incinerate what he would have failed to withstand alone. It is our "balance" and "credit" with Allah that earns us His support. No sensible believer should trust the strength of his or her faith indefinitely. Many did not know what tests awaited them ahead, or imagined how desperate they would feel at that juncture in their life. It is sincere devotion to Allah in the past that best guards against being derailed from the path in the future. "And thus We avert from him evil and immorality. Indeed, he was of Our chosen servants" [12:24].

Fight to choose Allah today over your desires, and He will choose you the day you are about to fall prey to them.

[Read the full #YusufTaughtMe series here](#)



Course Highlight: Quran Memorization and Tajweed

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The Quran is our source of strength and guidance as Allah, Most High, speaks to us directly through it - being able to recite it as Allah (swt) intended is indeed a great virtue. Alhamdulillah **Quran Memorization and Tajweed** is one of the core courses that is offered at Mishkah every semester to enable our students to connect with the Quran.

Taught by **Sh Haroon Baqai**, who has guided hundreds of students in learning and memorizing the Quran, the course starts with the basics of tajweed and continues with more advanced concepts. Students cover key rules including the vocal points of articulation for each Arabic letter, special characteristics of letters, the rules of madd and more. They will also memorize juz 30 for Tajweed I and the 29th juz for Tajweed II.



Learn more about this course and others we will be offering inshaAllah in our [Course Catalog](#) and [Class Schedule](#).

The Fall Session will begin on Sept 12th, new students must be admitted and enrolled in their classes by Sept 8th.

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