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A SPECIAL GUEST IS COMING

In just a month, a special guest will be arriving in all our homes. May Allah enable us to extend our welcome in the best state of Iman and Health. Any guest requires proper preparation - for one as special as Ramadan, we should be even more diligent and determined to give the month its proper due. We don't need to wait until the 29th of Shaaban to start getting ready.

Prepare your mind: Even if you have been fasting for 10, 20 or 30 years, it is highly likely that you may at times still have questions about certain rulings related to fasting. No matter your fasting experience, it never hurts to learn the Fiqh of Fasting again, or even for the first time. One helpful resource is **Dr Hatem al-Haj's lectures on the [Fiqh of Fasting](#)**, which he conducted last year. (InshaAllah we will be sharing more educational resources in the coming weeks.)

Prepare your heart: It's time to begin connecting to the Quran, especially if you haven't done so recently. Start to read the Quran daily in preparation for even more reading and understanding during Ramadan. Engage your heart in supplications and the seeking of forgiveness. Reflect on all the ways you wish to uplift your worship, how you can serve others, and how to be a better Muslim during the upcoming month - put them down on paper as your personal "Ramadan Action Plan."

Prepare your body and your home: The first days of Ramadan may be especially difficult if your body is not ready. Engage in voluntary fasts now, or make up for any days you may have missed in the past Ramadan. If you're a caffeine lover, slowly limit your intake to minimize the withdrawal that many experience as they begin fasting. Cut down on junk food. Research and make a Ramadan meal plan focused on healthy and nutritious eating rather than excessive cooking, that may lead to waste of both food and blessings. In your home, try to undertake any major cleaning and shopping before Ramadan arrives - this way you can maximize the time you spend with your special guest doing the things that matter the most, like worship.

Prepare your family and children: Even if your children are too young to fast, get them excited about the holy month. Especially living in the West, it is important to emphasize the significance of different Islamic occasions and holidays and build your children's appreciation for them. Include them in your Ramadan preparations, plan together various activities and goals to work on as a family during the month of Ramadan, get Ramadan story books and activity books, and so on. Your whole family should view Ramadan as a time of great blessings and happiness.



We ask Allah to accept from us and bless us in this month and in Ramadan.

HADITH OF THE WEEK

May Allah make us among those who enter through this gate . . .



Sahl ibn Sa'd reported that the Messenger of Allah (saw): "There is a gate to Paradise that is called ar-Rayyan. On the Day of Resurrection it will say: 'Where are those who fasted?' When the last [one] has passed through the gate, it will be locked." [Bukhari and Muslim]

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I was blessed to be introduced to Mishkah, which has continued filling that yearning for knowledge in me. I have enjoyed meeting its scholars and Imams at a more personal level because the experiences provide a live demonstration of Islam - Br. AbdurRazzaq

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“And say:
My Lord!
Increase me in
knowledge.”

— Quran, 20:114

WEEK 8: THE EXPEDITION FOR SUCCESS WITH SH HAITHAM BARAZANJI

All praise is due to Allah. We are now in week 8 of the "Expedition for Success" with **Sh Haitham Barazanji**. Our next session will be on **Sunday April 7th** at 7:55 PM EST.

If you didn't get a chance to watch last week's session, click on the video below. It covered in part the

trial of Adam's sons and the first crime committed on earth. All our past episodes are also available on our [Facebook page](#) or [Youtube Channel](#).

See you on Sunday inshaAllah for the next session, **online** or in person at the **Daarus Salaam Mosque** in Tampa.



ACADEMIC CALENDAR

SUMMER REGISTRATION BEGINS	APRIL 1
Spring Exams Begin	April 13
Spring Semester Ends	April 19

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