

KHUTBA

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English

Zakat al-fitr

All thanks are due to Allah, the Most-Generous. I bear witness that there is nothing worthy of worship except Him. He has no partners. May Allah send peace and blessings upon His final messenger.

Servants of Allah, we thank Allah - the Almighty - for the blessing of the completion of the Ramadan fasting, and we ask Allah to accept our fasting, and the rest of our worship. Allah prescribed for us at the end of our month certain worships, and we must learn it to do it, and from these worships is *zakat al-fitr* which is imposed on the young and old, male and female Muslims.

The Messenger of Allah (saws) imposed the *zakat al-fitr*, one *saa* 'of dates or a *saa*' of barley is obligatory, male and female, young and old, and ordered that it be paid before the people went out to Id-prayer. The mentioning of dates and barley in this talk is a matter of representation, but the project ruling the staple of every meal and the best of the food which is more beneficial to the poor people. (*saa*' is about 2,6 Kg according to Saudi Arabia scholars)

Allah asks us to do Zakat al-Fitr to be purified for any mistakes which decrease wages of fasting.

Also Zakat spread love and happiness among the members of the community, especially the poor and the people in need; and that the feast day of joy and pleasure; it should generalize this joy and happiness to all segments of society, including the poor and needy people.

Zakat al-fitr should be done before id praying, and the Muslims should search for the deserving people. Ibn 'Umar(may Allah be pleased with him) said: "**The Messenger of Allah (saws) said that *zakat al-Fitr* is to be paid before the people go out to pray.**" (Bukhari)

May be the neediest people now are our brothers and sisters in Somalia, so, many Muslim scholars recommend to send our Zakat for them. You can send zakat al-fitr and any other volunteer payments to Somailia via the Muslim Aid Organization.

Dear Muslims! The Prophet (saws) showed us how to thank Allah for the gift of Ramadan by saying: "**Allaho Akbar, Allaho Akbar, la ilaha ill-Allah, Allaho Akbar, Allaho Akbar, wa-llaho-lhamd.**" And this should be said from sundown the night before id to prayer.

Servants of Allah! All Muslims men and women should perform the *id*-prayer, the Prophet (saws) ordered the women to go out to the *id*-prayer, so that he commanded menstruating women and women in seclusion to witness this ritual, and so what to say to the men who not attend *id*-prayers without reasons.

It is recommended for the Muslim at *id al-Fitr* to eat odd number of dates before going out for the prayer; because the Prophet (saws) did not go out on the day of *al-fitr* until he ate odd number of dates.

He was also wearing his best clothes, and that is for men; women do not wear beautiful clothes when they attend the *id*-prayer; because the Prophet (saws) said that women should attend in regular clothes, not fancy, and denied them to go out with makeup or with perfume.

Some scientists also recommended taking a bath before the *id*-prayer.

It is prescribed for those who went out to the *id*-prayer, come out of the way and return by another, following the example of the Messenger of Allah (saws).

O Muslims, by the end of the fasting month, we should be happy for doing worships and asking Allah to accept it, as the Prophet (saws) said: **"Whoever fasts Ramadan faithfully and hope of reward, his previous sins will be forgiven"**.

There is a sign for the acceptance of our worships during Ramadan and that is we do not stop the worships after Ramadan. Because we do not worship Ramadan but we worship Allah which is present all the time not only in Ramadan, so we should continue our praying in the mosque and reciting Quran and all other types of worships after Ramadan.