

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا قُوا أَنْفُسَكُمْ وَأَهْلِيكُمْ نَارًا وَقُودُهَا
النَّاسُ وَالْحِجَارَةُ...

وَقَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ:

مَا نَحَلَ وَالِدٌ وَلَدًا مِنْ نَحْلٍ أَفْضَلَ مِنْ أَدَبٍ حَسَنٍ.

SUMMER QUR'AN COURSES

Honorable Muslims!

As of last week, our children have completed another academic year and begun their summer break. Ensuring that our children receive a high-quality education is essential for the well-being and long-term prosperity of our society. Yet we must recognize that true education requires the cultivation of both body and spirit, preparing individuals for success in this world while nurturing their responsibility for the life to come. For what ultimately gives a person true worth is the ability to preserve faith alongside knowledge and moral character alongside achievement. The Prophet Muhammad (saw) underscored this truth with his advice: **“No parent can give a child a greater gift than sound moral upbringing.”**¹

Dear Parents!

The consumer culture of the modern age, the indiscriminate use of digital platforms, and the increasingly common tendency to mock what we hold sacred under the guise of humor are gradually distancing our children from the values that define us. Young and impressionable minds face the risk of being swept into a vortex of superstition, deviant ideologies, addiction, and peer bullying. Yet we are not powerless in the face of the threats that surround us on every side. The answer lies in introducing our children to knowledge and wisdom that speak to both the mind and the heart, and doing so in the most meaningful way. It lies in instilling in our children a clear moral compass—an understanding of right and wrong rooted in what is halal and haram—in accordance with our Lord Almighty's: **“O believers! Protect yourselves and your families from a Fire whose fuel is people and stones.”**² It lies in helping them internalize our national and spiritual values.

Honorable Believers!

Beginning next Monday, our summer Qur'an courses will offer our children the opportunity to learn the teachings of the Holy Qur'an, the exemplary life of our beloved Prophet Muhammad (saw), the fundamentals of faith and worship, as well as the religious, moral, and cultural values and traditions. Our hope is that through our summer Qur'an courses, our children will learn about solidarity, brotherhood, compassion, and love through experience and practice. May they come to appreciate the serenity of praying together, the beauty of supplication, and the finer points of proper etiquette in the mosque. May they be illuminated by the light of the Qur'an for the well-being of our homeland and the peace of our nation. May they become acquainted with the noble character of our Prophet (saw) from an early age. May our young people, with the guidance of our religious officials, find answers to the questions in their minds and the spiritual yearnings in their hearts. May they build friendships that will accompany them throughout a lifetime of walking side by side in the pursuit of goodness.

Noble Muslims!

Let us not forget that love for Allah, planted in the hearts of our children at an early age, is the most precious seed—one that will bear fruit throughout their lives. With this in mind, we warmly invite all our children and young people to our mosques and Qur'an courses under the call, “Let's Meet at the Summer Qur'an Course.” At the same time, we encourage parents to show greater care in nurturing and preserving their children's bond with our faith, our cultural heritage, and our mosques.

We conclude our khutbah with the following glad tidings from the Messenger of Allah (saw): **“Whoever recites the Holy Qur'an and lives by its teachings, his parents will be crowned on the Day of Resurrection. The radiance of that crown will surpass the light the sun would cast if it were placed upon a house in this world...”**³

¹ Tirmidhi, Birr, 33; Ibn Hanbal, IV, 77.

² Tahrim, 66/6.

³ Abu Dawud, Witr, 14.

