

# Family of Flowers (2)

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## The Masjid

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### The Etiquette and Rules of the Masjid

#### 1. Entering the Masjid:

A. When entering the Masjid, one should begin and say, "Oh Allah forgive me my sins and open

for me the doors of your mercy." "اللهم: افتح لي ابوابك حمدًا وافتقرًا" ذنوب

#### B. Performing Two Rakats as a Greeting to the

Masjid: when one enters the Masjid, it is a sunna to perform two rakats before sitting down.

Prophet Mohamed said: when one of you enters the Masjid, he should perform two rakats before sitting down.

#### C. Greeting Others in the Masjid: the prophet

peace be upon him said "you will not enter Paradise until you believe, and you will not believe until you love one another. Shall

I direct you to something which if you do,

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You will love one another? spread the greeting of peace among you.

So, upon entering the Masjid, it is appropriate to greet those who are already there.

2. Inside the Masjid:

A. Straightening the Rows:

Before starting the congregation prayer, we should stand in straight rows without leaving any gaps in between.

Prophet Mohamed (peace be upon him) said:

- "Verily, making the rows straight is part of the proper performing of prayer".
- He also said: Be close together and straighten your rows.

We need to know that: the rows symbolise the unity, equality and brotherhood of Muslims.

In the Masjid, there are no privileges or reserved

3 places within the rows. Muslims of all nationalities and races - rich and poor, powerful and weak - stand next to each other in obedience to Allah.

They stand shoulder to shoulder, face the same direction, and follow the same Imam.

- B. When you pray alone (Salat ALNafila), you should place something in front of you as a barrier between you and the passerby in front of you.

Prophet Mohamed said ("If you pray, then pray towards sutrah (some barrier) and get closer to it.

- The Muslim should not pass in front of the praying Muslim.

Prophet Mohamed (S.A.W) said: If the passer in front of the praying person knew how much sin he committed, it would have been better for him to wait than to pass in front of him.

- The Muslim should sit where he finds a place

in the Masyid.

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. The Muslim should keep the Masyid clean and in good shape and smell because it is the house of Allah.

. The Muslim should keep away from the Masyid any dirt, dust, food or drink:

. The Muslim should not distract other praying Muslims in the Masyid.

Prophet Mohamed (S.A.W.) said: the praying Muslim is in contact with his Lord, so let him concentrate on whom he is in contact with, and do not raise your voices over one another with Quran.

. The Muslim should not walk out of the Masyid after the Athan, before he prays with the muslims.

Abu Hurairah (R.A) said: the prophet (S.A.W) ordered us, when we are in the Masyid and the Salah is called for, not to leave the Masyid until we pray".

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The Muslim should say 'Salam' to people before he leaves the Masjid.

Prophet Mohamed (S. A. W.) said "When one of you joins a gathering he should greet those present, and when he leaves them, he should greet them because the first salutation is not better than the last one.

The Muslim should leave the Masjid start with his left foot first and say what the prophet (S. A. W.) use to say "Bismillah, In the name of Allah, O Allah open for me the gates of your blessings, O Allah protect me from Satan.

"اللهم اني اتركك في هذه الدنيا والآخره واليوم الآخر اللهم انك خير ما خلق الله" .  
Regarding the Muslim woman, she should dress modestly, when attending the Masjid, because the Masjid is the house of Allah, the most beloved place to Allah i.e it deserves all respect.

## The Role of the Masjid

- The Masjids are the most beloved places to Allah.
- The Masjid is the "house of Allah" i.e the place where we pray, recite Quran and also it is the teaching center where the scholars hold study circles and talks on the sciences of Quran, Hadith fiqh and arabic language.
- The Masjid is the place where the muslims meet each other and worship Allah. It is the place where they feel their identity, unity, equality and their brotherhood.
- The Masjid is the heart of the Muslim Society. If the heart is healthy (having activities and a positive active role) the whole body is healthy.
- The Masjid belongs to Allah (S.W.T), so we need to learn about the etiquette and the rules of the Masjid so that we can have the blessings and reward of Allah the Allmighty.

## Questions and answers

Q Why the "house of Allah" is called the Masjid?

A The meaning of word "Masjid" in arabic is the place where the muslim prostrate to Allah i.e. to do sajud.

Q Why the Masjids are the beloved places to Allah??

A The Masjids are the "houses of Allah" which Allah describes in Surat AL NOUR V.36.

" In Houses (masjids) which Allah has ordered to be raised (to be cleaned and to be owned), in them His Name is remembered [ i.e. Adan Iqama - Satat, invocations, recitation of the Quran. There in there are men who glorify Allah in the morning and the evening. ]"

Q Why we ask Allah to open His gates of mercy, upon entering the Masjids?

A In the Masjid, we pray, recite the Quran, do Dua' (supplication)

to all and all are acts of worship and  
are gates of mercy of Allah.

Q Why I have to Love the Masjid??

A The Masjid is "the house of Allah" and a way to Allah's mercy.

Q Is the Masjid is only for prayer and invocations?

A The Masjid is the place where the muslim meet discuss their plans as an Umma, have their celebrations and waship Allah, i.e it is the heart of the body of the muslim society.

Q Is there a supplication, upon entering the Masjid and leaving it?

A yes (revise the notes).

Q What are the manners which the Muslim has to follow in the Masjid?

Revise the Notes

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