



As-Siddique Weekly Bulletin

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Editorial

All praise is due to Allah ﷻ for enabling us to bring you this third edition of our bulletin. It is by His grace alone that we continue this work, a continuation of the work initiated by earlier generation of active members of the Muslim community in Stillwater. My aim is, as usual, fostering connection and sharing knowledge within the Stillwater Muslim community.

The bulletin has matured enough to have its own shape, size, and periodical contents. I ask Allah ﷻ (Jal' Jalaluh) to bestow his help, knowledge, and power to keep this project going.

I also would like to welcome brother *Momtaz Islam* who contributed this week's article. Again, anyone may contribute their work to the bulletin. I will help with editing, guidance, and formatting. We also have a dedicated section for advertisements, and advertisement is **free!**

From the Qur'an

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
 الْأَخِلَاءُ يَوْمَئِذٍ بَعْضُهُمْ لِبَعْضٍ عَدُوٌّ إِلَّا الْمُتَّقِينَ
 (سورة الزخرف - 67)

"Close friends on that Day will be foes one to another except Al-Muttaqun (pious)" (Qur'an 43:67)

Meaning and Interpretation: The verse 43:67 from Surah Az-Zukhruf states: "Close friends, that Day, will be enemies to each other, except for the righteous." This powerful verse paints a vivid picture of the Day of Judgment, emphasizing a dramatic shift in relationships. It conveys that on that momentous day, the bonds of worldly friendships, alliances, and even family

ties forged on sinful or disobedient paths will dissolve into enmity, as each individual will be preoccupied with their own fate and may blame others for leading them astray. However, it provides a crucial exception: the righteous (al-muttaqeen). Their friendships, built on piety, mutual support in good deeds, and devotion to God, will endure and even flourish, transforming into a source of comfort, intercession, and support. This verse serves as a profound warning against friendships based on sin and a strong encouragement to cultivate relationships founded on righteousness and sincere devotion to Allah.

From the Hadith

قال رسول الله ﷺ: "إِنَّ مِنْ خِيَارِكُمْ أَحْسَنَكُمْ
 أَخْلَاقًا؛ [متفق عليه]

The Prophet Muhammad ﷺ (peace be upon him), states: "Indeed, among the best of you are those with the best character." [Agreed upon by Al-Bukhari and Muslim].

Meaning and Interpretation: In essence, this profound hadith emphasizes that true excellence and superiority in Islam are not measured by wealth, lineage, status, or even solely by outward acts of worship, but fundamentally by one's moral conduct and character. It highlights that having a beautiful character, encompassing qualities like kindness, honesty, integrity, compassion, patience, humility, and good treatment of others, is the most distinguishing feature of a righteous and beloved person in the sight of Allah ﷻ and His creation. This makes excellent character a cornerstone of faith, indicating that inner piety must manifest in one's interactions and behavior, reflecting the very essence of Islamic teachings.

Reflection

Imagine a father telling his son I was ordered to slaughter you! From an external perspective, the gravity and reality of this scene are almost incomprehensible. However, the Prophet ﷺ knew that God tests him (and us) only to teach us, to recalibrate our moral compass. The true test was whether his heart had become so attached to this world and his son that it obscured the fleeting, illusory nature of worldly attachments. Was he truly convinced that his Lord loved him, desired what was best for him, and encompassed knowledge of what he could not perceive? Had he truly surrendered, submitting every aspect of his life – both its joys and its sorrows – in unwavering faith that his Lord intended no harm?

Abraham, the father of prophets, understood that the test was for his heart: did he love God more than his son? Both Abraham and Ishmael submitted to God's command and succeeded. They both knew this world is not worth a mosquito's wing, and that pure love for God is the sole salvation. And only when they successfully detached themselves from the love of offspring and the love of life, when their hearts clung to God alone, did God save and ransom them. Life was granted to Ishmael at the very moment he surrendered it. And Abraham's lineage was preserved the moment he let it go.

This lesson is profound: surrender is salvation. God would never inflict suffering; He merely seeks to purify our hearts from worldly attachment, recognizing that such attachment is the root of ruin. This Eid is a reminder that God will ransom you the moment you become content; He will save you the moment you let go; and He will preserve every blessing you have renounced for His sake, because detachment brings peace to your heart. It teaches that God's outwardly harsh tests are, in essence, loving, nurturing, and salvific – designed to free you from all love save His.

May you have a blessed Eid, with hearts capable of detaching from worldly love, and finding solace and delight in the presence and companionship of God.

Weekly Article



Islam and Mockery

Mr. Momtaz Islam

June 8, 2025

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لَا يَسْخَرُ قَوْمٌ مِّن قَوْمٍ عَسَىٰ أَن يَكُونُوا خَيْرًا مِّنْهُمْ وَلَا نِسَاءٌ مِّن نِّسَاءٍ عَسَىٰ أَن يَكُنَّ خَيْرًا مِّنْهُنَّ وَلَا تَلْبِزُوا أَنْفُسَكُمْ وَلَا تَنَابَزُوا بِالْأَلْقَابِ بِئْسَ الْأَسْمُ الْفُسُوقُ بَعْدَ الْإِيمَانِ وَمَن لَّمْ يَتُبْ فَأُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الظَّالِمُونَ (سورة الحجرات - 11)

O you who believe! Let not a group scoff at another group, it may be that the latter are better than the former; nor let (some) women scoff at other women, it may be that the latter are better than the former, nor defame one another, nor insult one another by nicknames. How bad is it, to insult one's brother after having Faith (in Allah). And whosoever does not repent, then such are indeed the wrong-doers. (Qur'an 49:11).

In a powerful injunction, this verse unequivocally forbids two destructive behaviors: mocking or making fun of others and calling individuals by offensive nicknames, even if done among friends. Such mockery often stems from negative assumptions or a sense of superiority, frequently targeting aspects like poverty, physical appearance, or family background and social status. Examples of these hurtful labels include "the liar," "the fat guy," "the ugly one," or "the short guy," and even when intended as a joke, their impact is damaging and forbidden. This prohibition is rooted in the understanding that mockery often arises from arrogance, where one presumes themselves better or more important than others. Historically, these disrespectful traits were characteristic of disbelievers (kuffar), who notoriously mocked and used offensive nicknames for the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, calling him a "liar" (Kadhdhāb), a "sorcerer" (Sāhir), a "fortune teller" (Kāhin), a

”poet” (Shā’ir), or even ”mad” (Majnūn). Such conduct, whether ancient or modern, stands in stark contrast to the Islamic principles of respect and dignity for all.

Announcements

- Jum’ah prayers are set to start at 1:35 PM
- There is no second Jum’ah during the summer

Call for Contributions

If you are interested in writing a column (which can be submitted on a flexible basis, not necessarily weekly), please reach out. Feel free to contact me directly at the center or use any of the provided contact methods to submit your writings.

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Prayer Times of The Week

Prayer Times for Stillwater, Oklahoma (June 8–15, 2025)

For corrections: Please allow for ± 1 minute.

Day	Date	Fajr	Sunrise	Dhuhr	Asr	Maghrib	Isha
Sun	Jun 08	4:43 AM	6:11 AM	1:28 PM	5:18 PM	8:44 PM	10:12 PM
Mon	Jun 09	4:43 AM	6:11 AM	1:29 PM	5:18 PM	8:45 PM	10:12 PM
Tue	Jun 10	4:43 AM	6:11 AM	1:29 PM	5:18 PM	8:45 PM	10:13 PM
Wed	Jun 11	4:43 AM	6:11 AM	1:29 PM	5:18 PM	8:46 PM	10:14 PM
Thu	Jun 12	4:43 AM	6:11 AM	1:29 PM	5:19 PM	8:46 PM	10:14 PM
Fri	Jun 13	4:43 AM	6:11 AM	1:29 PM	5:19 PM	8:46 PM	10:15 PM
Sat	Jun 14	4:43 AM	6:11 AM	1:30 PM	5:19 PM	8:47 PM	10:15 PM
Sun	Jun 15	4:43 AM	6:11 AM	1:30 PM	5:19 PM	8:47 PM	10:15 PM

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