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# The AsSiddique Weekly

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## Verse of The Week

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ  
إِنَّ الْمَصْدَقِينَ وَالْمَصْدَقَاتِ وَأَقْرَضُوا اللَّهَ قَرْضًا حَسَنًا يُضَاعَفُ  
لَهُمْ وَلَهُمْ أَجْرٌ كَرِيمٌ (سورة الحديد -- آية 18)

“Verily, those who give Sadaqat (i.e. Zakat and alms, etc.), men and women, and lend to Allah a goodly loan, it shall be increased manifold (to their credit), and theirs shall be an honourable good reward (i.e. Paradise).” (Qur'an 47:18).

**Meaning:** This verse highlights the virtue of those—men and women—who give charity sincerely from their wealth. It praises how they spend willingly and generously in the path of Allah ﷻ, seeking His pleasure alone. As a reward, Allah ﷻ promises to multiply their good deeds and grant them an immense reward beyond measure: Paradise.

## Hadith of The Week

مَنْ كَانَتِ الْآخِرَةُ هَمَّهُ جَعَلَ اللَّهُ غِنَاهُ فِي قَلْبِهِ وَجَمَعَ لَهُ شَمْلَهُ  
وَأَسَمَهُ الدُّنْيَا وَهِيَ رَاغِمَةٌ، وَمَنْ كَانَتِ الدُّنْيَا هَمَّهُ جَعَلَ اللَّهُ فَقْرَهُ  
بَيْنَ عَيْنَيْهِ وَفَرَّقَ عَلَيْهِ شَمْلَهُ، وَلَمْ يَأْتِهِ مِنَ الدُّنْيَا إِلَّا مَا قَدَّرَ لَهُ  
[رواه الترمذي]

Anas bin Malik رضي الله عنه reported: The Prophet ﷺ said, “Whoever makes the Hereafter his main concern, Allah will place richness in his heart, organize his affairs, and the world will come to him in humility. But whoever makes the world his main concern, Allah will place poverty before his eyes, scatter his affairs, and he will receive nothing of the world except what has been decreed for him.” [At-Tirmidhi].

## Editorial

The Islamic Center in Stillwater (ICS), home to As-Siddique Mosque, is a vital hub for our community, offering many facilities to serve as many Muslims as possible. To ensure it continues to be a welcoming and pristine space, we urgently need volunteers for some essential care. Your help is particularly needed with:

- Landscaping: Tending to the areas around the ICS.
- Decluttering & Cleaning: Removing scattered items and tidying up the surrounding area.

The best way to get these important tasks done is if our dedicated members can spare just a few hours of their time. Please consider stepping up to help maintain our beloved center. Let's work together to keep the ICS shining. Jazakum Allahu Khairan!



## Weekly Article



### Islam and Mockery

Momtaz Islam

June 21, 2025

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ  
يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اجْتَنِبُوا كَثِيرًا مِّنَ الظَّنِّ إِنَّ بَعْضَ الظَّنِّ إِثْمٌ وَلَا تَجَسَّسُوا وَلَا يَغْتَبَ بَعْضُكُم بَعْضًا أَيُحِبُّ أَحَدُكُمْ أَن يَأْكُلَ لَحْمَ أَخِيهِ مَيْتًا فَكَرِهْتُمُوهُ وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ إِنَّ اللَّهَ تَوَّابٌ رَّحِيمٌ ﴿[المحجرات: 12]﴾

*O you who believe! Avoid much suspicions, indeed some suspicions are sins. And spy not, neither backbite one another. Would one of you like to eat the flesh of his dead brother? You would hate it (so hate backbiting). And fear Allah. Verily, Allah is the One Who accepts repentance, Most Merciful. (Qur'an 49:12).*

Backbiting, known as Ghibah in Islam, involves speaking negatively about someone behind their back, even if the statement is true. The Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) clarified its gravity, stating that if false, it becomes slander. This act is severely condemned, likened to consuming the flesh of one's dead brother due to its profound injustice and the victim's inability to defend themselves. Such a practice incurs severe spiritual consequences, as evidenced by prophetic visions and warnings about the Day of Judgment.

The consequences of backbiting are stark: individuals may face spiritual bankruptcy on Judgment Day, where their good deeds are transferred to those they wronged, or conversely, their victims' sins are placed upon them. However, not all discussion in absence is forbidden. Islam permits speaking about others for valid, protective reasons, such as warning against danger, seeking trusted advice (e.g., for marriage suitability), or reporting injustice to an authority who can rectify a wrong. Listening to backbiting is also considered a significant sin.

To combat backbiting, Muslims are encouraged to actively intervene. Strategies include tactfully changing the subject, defending the honor of the person being discussed (which promises divine protection from Hellfire), or gently reminding the group of Islamic teachings on the abhorrence of Ghibah. If these efforts prove insufficient, the individual should excuse themselves and leave the gathering, upholding the principle of actively opposing evil, even if only by disassociating oneself from it.

## Announcements

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

## Important Dates

### Important Dates

- **June 26:** New Hijri Year  
First dat of Muharram, 1447 AH
- **July 4:** US Independence Day
- **July 6:** The Day of Ashura

## 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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## importance of ikhlās (sincerity) in Islam:

In a world where public recognition and social validation are often sought after, the Islamic principle of sincerity stands as a profound and countercultural value. The Qur'an constantly emphasizes that deeds are not accepted by Allah ﷻ unless they are done purely for His sake. It is not the quantity or the visibility of the act that matters, but the purity of intention behind it. This idea invites the believer to turn inward, examining not just what they do, but why they do it. Even the simplest act, if done sincerely, can weigh heavily on the scale of good deeds—while grand gestures performed to impress others may be rendered worthless in the sight of Allah ﷻ.

Sincerity is also deeply connected to freedom. When a person acts only for Allah's ﷻ pleasure, they free themselves from the exhausting need to please people or live up to worldly expectations. This doesn't mean that one becomes indifferent to others, but rather that their inner compass is no longer controlled by fluctuating opinions or applause. The Prophet ﷺ warned of *riya'* (showing off)—the hidden form of shirk (polytheism)—where a person performs worship to be seen by others. The only cure is a vigilant heart that constantly renews its intention.

What makes ikhlās so challenging is that it cannot be seen by others—it's a secret between the servant and his God. Unlike outer rituals, there is no certificate or applause for sincerity. It requires solitude, self-honesty, and a firm belief that Allah ﷻ is watching even when no one else is. In this way, sincerity trains the believer to live with an awareness of the unseen (*ghayb*), to strive for excellence (*iḥsān*), and to find meaning in actions that may go unnoticed in this world but are fully known and rewarded by the One ﷻ who sees all.

Reflecting on ikhlās can be humbling. How often do we do things for the sake of being noticed, thanked, or praised? And how often do we abandon small good deeds because we think they're not “big enough” to matter? Islam redirects this thinking entirely, telling us that what is unseen by creation could be most beloved to the Creator ﷻ. This way, the believer finds both accountability and comfort in knowing that their quiet, sincere efforts are not lost—they are being recorded, will be rewarded by Allah ﷻ.

## Prayer Times of The Week

### Prayer Times for Stillwater, Oklahoma (June 21–27, 2025)

For corrections: Please allow for  $\pm 1$  minute.

Day	Date	Fajr	Sunrise	Dhuhr	Asr	Maghrib	Isha
Sat	June 21	4:43 AM	6:06 AM	1:30 PM	5:20 PM	8:52 PM	10:17 PM
Sun	June 22	4:43 AM	6:06 AM	1:30 PM	5:20 PM	8:52 PM	10:17 PM
Mon	June 23	4:44 AM	6:06 AM	1:31 PM	5:21 PM	8:52 PM	10:17 PM
Tue	June 24	4:44 AM	6:07 AM	1:31 PM	5:21 PM	8:52 PM	10:17 PM
Wed	June 25	4:44 AM	6:07 AM	1:31 PM	5:21 PM	8:52 PM	10:17 PM
Thu	June 26	4:45 AM	6:07 AM	1:32 PM	5:21 PM	8:52 PM	10:17 PM
Fri	June 27	4:45 AM	6:08 AM	1:32 PM	5:21 PM	8:52 PM	10:17 PM
Sat	June 28	4:46 AM	6:08 AM	1:32 PM	5:22 PM	8:52 PM	10:17 PM
Sun	June 29	4:46 AM	6:08 AM	1:32 PM	5:22 PM	8:52 PM	10:17 PM
Mon	June 30	4:47 AM	6:09 AM	1:32 PM	5:22 PM	8:52 PM	10:17 PM





The landscaping around the Islamic Center is in urgent need of care and attention. The small alley behind the gym is cluttered with broken items and old furniture that should be discarded. Weeds have spread throughout the area, giving it an unkempt appearance. To restore and maintain a clean and welcoming environment, we need the help of specialists who have access to the appropriate tools and treatments.

Improving the outdoor spaces of the Islamic Center is a shared responsibility. Overgrown areas, neglected corners, and scattered debris not only affect the appearance but also the safety of our environment. With coordinated effort and proper resources, we can bring these spaces back to life and make them truly inviting for everyone.

### **Volunteer To Clean Up The ICS**

The Islamic Center is our shared home, and it needs your help! We're calling on all community members—especially our youth—to join us in a much-needed cleanup and landscaping effort. The outdoor areas, including the alleyways and garden spaces, need attention: clutter must be cleared, weeds removed, and the grounds refreshed to create a more welcoming environment. This is a great opportunity to give back, earn reward, and work together to beautify the masjid for everyone. Come ready to help, bring your energy, and let's make the Islamic Center a cleaner, more inviting place for all. For more information, contact us at [icstillwatermail@gmail.com](mailto:icstillwatermail@gmail.com).