

Wisdom is to say what ought to be said, at the time it ought to be said, in the manner it ought to be said.

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Verse of The Week

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
وَيُوَبَ إِذْ نَادَى رَبَّهُ أَنِّي مَسَنِيَ الضُّرُّ وَأَنْتَ أَرْحَمُ الرَّاحِمِينَ
فَاسْتَجَبْنَا لَهُ فَكَشَفْنَا مَا بِهِ مِنْ ضُرٍّ وَآتَيْنَاهُ أَهْلَهُ وَمِنْهُمْ
مَعْهُمْ رَحْمَةٌ مِنْ عِنْدِنَا وَذِكْرَنَا لِلْعَابِدِينَ [٨٤] [سورة الأنبياء - الآيات 83-84]

"And [mention] Job, when he called to his Lord, "Indeed, adversity has touched me, and you are the Most Merciful of the merciful." ⑧ So We responded [accepted his sublication] to him and removed what afflicted him of adversity. And We gave him [back] his family and the like thereof with them as mercy from Us and a reminder for the worshippers [of Allah] ⑨" [Qur'an 21:83-84].



Hadith of The Week

عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ قَالَ: قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ: (الْمُؤْمِنُ الْقَوِيُّ خَيْرٌ وَأَحَبُّ
إِلَى اللَّهِ مِنْ الْمُؤْمِنِ الْمُضِيِّفِ، وَفِي كُلِّ خَيْرٍ احْرَضَ عَلَىٰ مَا يَنْفَعُكَ، وَاسْتَعِنْ
بِاللَّهِ، وَلَا تَعْجَزْ، وَإِنْ أَصَابَكَ شَيْءٌ فَلَا تَقْلُ: لَوْ أَنِّي فَعَلْتُ كَانَ كَذَا وَكَذَا،
وَلَكِنْ قُلْ: قَدَرَ اللَّهُ وَمَا شَاءَ فَعَلَ: إِنَّ لَوْ تَفَعَّلْ عَمَلَ الشَّيْطَانِ) أَخْرَجَهُ مُسْلِمٌ

Abu Hurairah رضي الله عنه narrated that the Messenger of Allah ﷺ said: "A believer who is strong (and healthy) is better and dearer to Allah than the weak believer, but there is goodness in both of them. Be keen on what benefits you and seek help from Allah, and do not give up. If anything afflicts you do not say, 'If I had done such and such things, such and such would have happened.' But say, 'Allah decrees and what He wills He does,' for (the utterance) 'If I had' provides an opening for the deeds of the devil." Related by Muslim.



Editorial

The "Green" Parking Area, Again!

Dr. Hatim Hegab

THE grass parking area is currently in dire need of maintenance, and its neglected state is concerning. Such space should never be left barren, especially when it serves as a visible reflection of the Muslim community's values. Allowing this area to fall into disrepair risks giving visitors and neighbors the wrong impression, suggesting a lack of care for the environment and for community standards.

A lush, well-kept green area enhances the beauty of the mosque premises and helps create a welcoming, positive image. Unfortunately, the parking area (which is also used by the Islamic School children) has repeatedly lost its soil and greenery, resulting in patchy, barren soil and an unattractive view for all who arrive. This not only detracts from the community's reputation but also undermines the message of stewardship and responsibility associated with Islamic values.

It is understandable that maintaining a natural grass parking area can be expensive and time-consuming, especially if it has already undergone repairs and reseeding more than once. Long-term plans are needed but have never been suggested let alone thought of.

Further attempts to restore the grass are costly and impractical, alternative solutions should be considered that balance durability, aesthetics, and affordability. We can think of:

- **Red Cobbles (Pavers):** Using red cobble stones can create an attractive and resilient surface. They provide good drainage and significantly reduce future maintenance costs.

- **Concrete:** According to an expert opinion, the late Dr. Samir Ahmed, concrete provides a highly durable and low-maintenance alternative.

While the initial installation cost may be higher, especially for concrete, its long-term economy often surpasses the recurring expenses associated with grass maintenance. Funding for this project could be provided through the game parking revenues. They should be put aside for this project. Other suggestions are of course welcome.

🌙 Reflection



Ayuub (Job) ﷺ
Dr. Hatim Hegab

THE story of Prophet Job (Ayyub) ﷺ is a profound testament to unwavering faith and absolute submission to God's will. He was a man of great wealth, blessed with a large family and exceptional health, all of which were a sign of Allah's ﷺ immense favor. Yet, Allah ﷺ tested him with the most severe of trials. He lost his children, his vast fortune vanished, and he was afflicted with a devastating illness that tormented his body, leaving him in a state of extreme suffering for many years. Despite this unbearable hardship, Prophet Job ﷺ never despaired or complained. He remained steadfast in his devotion, accepting his fate with grace and humility. His resilience was so profound that Allah ﷺ praised him in the Qur'an, saying, "And [mention] Our servant Job, when he called to his Lord, 'Indeed, adversity has touched me, and you are the Most Merciful of the merciful.' So We responded to him... Indeed, We found him patient, an excellent servant. Indeed, he was one who returns [to Us]." (Quran 38:41-44). This perfect example of patience is a beacon of hope for all believers facing affliction.

The culmination of Prophet Job's ﷺ trial came when he called upon his Lord with a gentle supplication. His cry to Allah ﷺ was not one of complaint, but of a plea for mercy, acknowledging Allah's ﷺ supreme compassion above all else. In response, Allah ﷺ commanded him, "Strike [the ground] with your foot; this is a [spring] a cool

bath and a drink." (Quran 38:42). As soon as he obeyed, a spring gushed forth from the earth, and upon washing and drinking from its waters, his health was completely restored. Allah ﷺ not only healed him but also restored his family and gave him double the wealth he had lost, as a mercy from Him and a reminder for all who reflect.

The Weekly

Weekly Article



**Defending Free Speech
Against the Threat
of Political Violence**

Dr. Hatim Hegab

THE assassination of Charlie Kirk is a chilling reminder of the dangerous consequences of political violence. Kirk, a polarizing and influential conservative activist, was fatally shot while speaking at Utah Valley University, an event that drew thousands and was meant to foster public debate. News of his death has sent shockwaves throughout the country, igniting fresh concerns regarding the state of political discourse and the safety of individuals with controversial or unpopular views.

No matter how vehemently one may disagree with Charlie Kirk's beliefs or methods—as indeed, many do—the murder of any person for what they say, write, or advocate is absolutely intolerable. The strength of the United States lies in its robust protections for free speech and freedom of expression, core values explicitly guaranteed by the Constitution. Political violence is a cancer that endangers not only individual lives but the very foundation of democracy.

Killing, detaining, or imprisoning someone because of their opinions or affiliations is abhorrent; tolerating or excusing such behavior undermines the principles of a civil society. While many did not support Kirk's views, his killing cannot be condoned or accepted. He had every right to express his beliefs.

It is crucial that any act of political or religious violence be confronted and addressed to the fullest legal extent, for a nation that allows such violence to thrive loses both its moral and constitutional compass.

From The Lives of The Companions

Salmaan al-Farsi ﷺ PART (3)



Dr. Hatim Hegab

SALMAAN ﷺ continues: I stayed with the Jew, working on his plantation in Banu Qurayzah until Allah ﷺ sent His Prophet ﷺ, who later migrated to Medina and first settled in Quba' among the Banu Amr ibn 'Awf. One day, while I was high up in a palm tree with my master seated below, a Jewish man came. He was a cousin of my master and said to him, "May Allah destroy Banu Qayla! A man has arrived from Mecca claiming to be a prophet." No sooner had he said this than a tremor seized me, and the palm tree shook so violently that I nearly fell on my master. I climbed down quickly, asking, "What are you saying? What is this news?" My master slapped me harshly, saying, "What business is that of yours? Go back to your work!"

That night, I gathered some food and went to the Prophet ﷺ in Quba. I found him sitting with some of his Companions and said, "I have some food which I intend to give out as charity. When I learned of your lodging, I felt you and your Companions were most deserving of it." I presented the food. The Prophet ﷺ said to his Companions, "Eat in the name of Allah," but he himself abstained. I thought to myself, "This is the first sign: he does not eat of charity." The next day, I returned with more food and said, "I have brought this for you as a gift." He placed it before his Companions and ate with them. I concluded, "This is the second sign: he eats of gifts."

I returned again to him and found him sitting after a burial, surrounded by his Companions. He was wearing two garments. I greeted him, then bent to see his back. He knew what I was looking for, so he cast aside his garment, and behold, I saw the seal of Prophethood between his shoulders, just as the Christian monk had described. Overwhelmed, I fell to him, weeping and kissing him. He called me to sit before him, and I told

him my entire story.

When I became a Muslim, my status as a slave prevented me from participating in the battles of Badr and Uhud. The Prophet ﷺ advised me, "Arrange a contract with your master to secure your freedom." I did so, and with the help of the Prophet's Companions, I was freed from bondage. I became a free Muslim and joined the Prophet ﷺ in the Battle of Al-Khandaq (the trench) and other campaigns.

With these clear words, Salmaan recounted his noble and sacrificial journey for the sake of Allah ﷺ, a quest for the truth that ultimately led him to the Prophet ﷺ and helped him find his purpose.

What a noble soul this man possessed! What greatness was achieved by his restless spirit, a spirit that withstood and conquered every difficulty, confronting every impossible situation, only to see it give way. What devotion to the truth, and what sincerity that led him to voluntarily forsake his father's wealth and a life of luxury for the hardships of the wilderness. He moved from land to land, enduring, worshipping, and searching for his destiny among different peoples and faiths. He clung to the truth at every sacrifice, and his perseverance was rewarded with the best of rewards from Allah ﷺ, who guided him to find the truth and reach the presence of His Prophet ﷺ. Allah ﷺ then granted him longevity, so he could live to see the banner of Islam flutter in the great capitals of the world, and His Muslim worshippers filling every corner with guidance, progress, and justice.

The faith of a man with such a noble character could only be one of profound truth and piety. In his devotion, he was a man of great intellect and wisdom. He once stayed with Abu Ad-Darda, who used to fast all day and pray all night. Salmaan advised him, "Indeed, your Lord has a right over you, your soul has a right over you, and your family has a right over you. So fast on some days and eat on others; pray during part of the night and sleep during part of it." When this reached the Prophet ﷺ, he confirmed, "Salmaan is, indeed, full of knowledge."


Free Writings

Learning From Salmaan 

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DUA' OF THE WEEK

O Allah, we ask You for health coupled with faith, faith adorned with good character, success followed by prosperity, mercy and well-being, Your forgiveness, and Your pleasure.

O Allah, grant us wellness by Your power, envelop us in Your mercy, let our lives end in obedience to You, forgive us, our parents, and all Muslim men and women, those who are living and those who have passed away.

Oh Allah, send Your abundant blessings and peace upon our master, our Prophet, our intercessor, and our beloved Muhammad, and upon his family and companions, abundantly.

Amen.