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Verse of The Week

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
﴿فَإِنَّ مَعَ الْعُسْرِ يُسْرًا (5) إِنَّ مَعَ الْعُسْرِ يُسْرًا (6)﴾
[سورة الشرح- آية 5 و 6]

“(5) So verily, with the hardship, there is relief.
(6) Indeed, with hardship there is ease.” (Qur'an 94:6).

Meaning: These two verses offer a timeless message of hope and reassurance. It reminds us that no matter how difficult a situation may seem, relief and ease are always near. Allah ﷻ pairs every trial with a path toward resolution, teaching us patience, resilience, and trust in His ﷻ wisdom. The repetition of this verse in the surah emphasizes that hardship is never permanent. Hardship shapes us, softens our hearts, and brings us closer to our Creator ﷻ. It is imperative to mention the Hadith of the Prophet ﷺ, although weak, “One hardship will never overcome two eases.” The scholars said in the interpretation of this verse that the word hardship (al-‘usr) appears with the definite article “al-”, while the word ease (yusr) appears in an indefinite form, which indicates that the hardship is one, but the ease is repeated and multiple.

Hadith of The Week

الرَّاحِمُونَ يَرْحَمُهُمُ الرَّحْمَنُ، اَرْحَمُوا مَنْ فِي الْأَرْضِ يَرْحَمَكُم مَّنْ فِي السَّمَاءِ

The merciful are shown mercy by the Most Merciful. Be merciful to those on the earth, and the One above the heavens will have mercy upon you.. [At-Tirmidhi].

Meaning: This hadith teaches us the immense

value of mercy in Islam. It shows that Allah's ﷻ mercy is not disconnected from how we treat others – in fact, our compassion toward people, animals, and all creation becomes a direct cause for receiving mercy from Allah ﷻ Himself. The Prophet ﷺ taught us that a man was rewarded Jannah for offering water to a thirsty dog and a woman was punished with the hell fire for torturing a cat. The Prophet ﷺ also links divine mercy with human behavior, urging us to reflect the kindness and softness of heart that Islam promotes. Whether in speech, actions, or judgment, being gentle and soft opens the door to Allah's ﷻ gentleness with us – in this life and the next.

Editorial:

Many times I have heard some brothers talk *very* loud inside the Islamic Center. The masjid is a sacred space – a place of worship, learning, and reflection. It is not like any other gathering place. Allah ﷻ reminds us in Surah Al-Hujurat not to raise our voices above the voice of the Prophet ﷺ, and the scholars have extended this principle to include raising voices in the house of Allah ﷻ. We need to always remember that someone inside the IC could be mentioning the Prophet ﷺ. Loud conversations, shouting across rooms, especially in the washing room, or allowing children (5 or above) to run and yell, disrupt the peace and respect owed to this space. Whether we are in the prayer hall, gathering rooms, or even the hallway, we must remember where we are and act accordingly.

Islam teaches us the highest standards of etiquette (adab) in every setting, and even more so in places of worship. **Speaking gently, walking calmly, keeping phones on silent, and maintaining order are not minor details; they are reflections of our faith and discipline.** Let's teach our chil-

dren by example, and let us remind one another with kindness. The tranquility of our masjid is a shared trust – may we preserve it with the dignity that our religion teaches, and may Allah ﷻ grant us the manners that please Him ﷻ.

Weekly Article



Islam & Equality

Momtaz Islam

June 28, 2025

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
 ﴿يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ إِنَّا خَلَقْنَاكُمْ مِنْ ذَكَرٍ وَأُنْثَىٰ وَجَعَلْنَاكُمْ شُعُوبًا وَقَبَائِلَ لِتَعَارَفُوا إِنَّ أَكْرَمَكُمْ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ أَتْقَاهُ إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَلِيمٌ خَبِيرٌ﴾ [سورة الحجرات - آية 13]

O mankind! We have created you from a male and a female, and made you into nations and tribes, that you may know one another. Verily, the most honourable of you with Allah is that who has the most Taqwa [pious]. Verily, Allah is All-Knowing, All-Aware. (Qur'an 49:133).

Surah Al-Hujurat (49:13) is one of the most powerful verses in the Qur'an, capturing the essence of human equality, diversity, and spiritual value. Allah begins by addressing all of humanity, reminding us that we were created from a single pair — a male and a female. This divine origin nullifies any notion of superiority based on race, ethnicity, or nationality. No one is born better than another; we are all descendants of Adam and Hawwa (peace be upon them). This foundational truth establishes that Islam does not tolerate arrogance based on social or ethnic identity.

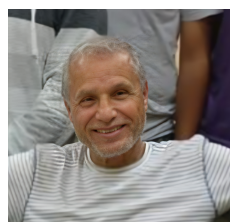
Allah continues by explaining that He made us into nations and tribes so that we may know one another — not to divide, but to connect. The Qur'anic term *lita'ārafū* ("so that you may know each other") highlights that the purpose of diversity is mutual understanding and cooperation. Every community, culture, and language is a reflection of Allah's creative wisdom. These differences are opportunities for enrichment — through

shared experiences, exchanged knowledge, and mutual respect. Whether it's language, cuisine, customs, or values, the diversity of human life is a gift meant to draw us closer, not farther apart.

Through this lens, Islam teaches us to look beyond surface-level differences and embrace the unity of mankind. The variety in our cultures is not a curse but a mercy, encouraging growth and dialogue. For example, distinct cuisines from Japan, South Asia, or the Mediterranean all carry unique flavors, nutritional benefits, and culinary traditions. When we engage with others respectfully, we not only enjoy the variety of human expression, but also learn to expand our horizons — socially, morally, and intellectually.

(Will continue next week in shaa Allah ﷻ)

Reflection



Sincere Intention

Dr. Ahmed Abo Basha

June 28, 2025

We often measure progress by visible achievements — how much we earn, how many goals we check off, how busy we appear. But in the eyes of Allah ﷻ, the true measure of success is often quiet and unseen: a sincere intention, a struggle against the ego, a kind word spoken when no one noticed. The Prophet ﷺ taught us that even a smile is a charity, and that small, consistent deeds are more beloved to Allah ﷻ than grand acts done occasionally. This is a reminder to shift our focus from performance to presence — from being impressive to being sincere.

As the days pass and responsibilities weigh on us, let us not forget that our greatest accomplishment may be the prayer we made with a heavy heart, the temptation we resisted when no one was watching, or the forgiveness we offered though we were wronged. These are the moments that define us before our Lord. May we strive not only to do more, but to be better — and may Allah ﷻ accept the efforts we make in secret and reward them with peace in this life and honor in the next.

And in this pursuit, let us remember that sincerity begins at home – in how we treat our families, how we speak when we're tired, and how we respond when things don't go our way. True faith shows itself not only in prayer mats and sermons, but in patience with our children, kindness to our spouses, and honesty in small matters. These quiet moments of character are not lost on Allah ﷻ. They are often the weightiest on the scale of deeds, even if unnoticed by the world. So let us return to the basics: good manners, pure hearts, and a desire to please Allah ﷻ above all else.

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Announcements

- Jumuah prayers are set to start at 1:35 PM
- There is no second Jumuah during the summer break

Important Dates

- **July 4:** US Independence Day
- **July 5:** The Day of Ashura

Prayer Times of The Week

Prayer Times for Stillwater, Oklahoma (June 28–July 4, 2025)

For corrections: Please allow for ± 1 minute. ISNA calculations method used.

Day	Date	Fajr	Sunrise	Dhuhr	Asr	Maghrib	Isha
Sat	June 28	4:46 AM	6:14 AM	1:33 PM	5:22 PM	8:49 PM	10:17 PM
Sun	June 29	4:46 AM	6:14 AM	1:33 PM	5:22 PM	8:49 PM	10:17 PM
Mon	June 30	4:47 AM	6:15 AM	1:33 PM	5:22 PM	8:49 PM	10:17 PM
Tue	July 1	4:47 AM	6:15 AM	1:33 PM	5:22 PM	8:49 PM	10:17 PM
Wed	July 2	4:48 AM	6:15 AM	1:33 PM	5:22 PM	8:49 PM	10:17 PM
Thu	July 3	4:48 AM	6:16 AM	1:34 PM	5:22 PM	8:49 PM	10:16 PM
Fri	July 4	4:49 AM	6:16 AM	1:34 PM	5:23 PM	8:49 PM	10:16 PM

DUA' OF THE WEEK

O Allah, honor us with Your immense forgiveness, abundant generosity, and countless gifts. Enrich our lives with contentment and goodness, and adorn our days with light and forgiveness, O Lord of the worlds.

O Allah, open for us the gates of Your mercy, forgive our mothers and fathers, and open for them the gates of Your mercy and Paradise.

May Allah bless your day with all goodness, and may your time be pleasant wherever you are.