

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ مَا شَاءَ اللَّهُ لَا قُوَّةَ إِلَّا بِاللَّهِ يَاقُتُومُ

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا وَمَوْلَانَا وَجَبِينَا مُحَمَّدٍ النَّبِيِّ الْأُمِّيِّ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ وَعَقَرْتِهِ
بَعْدَ كُلِّ مَعْلُومٍ لَكَ وَبَعْدَ دُخْلِكَ وَرِضَى نَفْسِكَ وَزِينَةِ عَرْشِكَ وَمِدَادِ كَلِمَاتِكَ أَسْتَغْفِرُكَ اللَّهُ
الَّذِي لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ الْحَيُّ الْقَيُّومُ وَأَتُوبُ إِلَيْهِ يَاقُتُومُ

قَادِرِيَّةٌ مُجَادِدِيَّةٌ غَفُورِيَّةٌ صَبِيحِيَّةٌ كَرِيمِيَّةٌ أَرْحَمِيَّةٌ بِمُحَمَّدٍ

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My Beloved Sisters and Daughters,

Assalaamu 'Alaikum wa Rahmatullaahi wa Barakaatuh

I hope this letter finds you and your family in good health and great Islaamic spirits, InshaAllaah Ta'alaah.

This letter is a follow-up from Sr. Aisha Seyal's email to you. As I had informed you previously, I am now focusing on helping the sisters understand the basic and essential matters related to our purpose in life so that you can in turn help your own children.

The main purpose of our life on this earth is to **save ourselves (adult sisters and mothers) from the fire of Hell.**

My attention has been towards checking the sanctity of our Masaajid (mosques) in relation to women and children as a result of which my first email was sent to all of you. You saw the changes I had made as a result, in Daar-ul-Ehsaan at the time of 'Eid.

My further studies have revealed the position of all the four Imaams, namely, Imaam Malik رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ who was taught Sharee'ah by the holy companions of RasoolAllaah صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ, Imaam Abu Hanifa رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ, Imaam Ahmed Hanbal رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ, and Imaam Shafa'ee رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ: **Women and children up to puberty are not allowed in Masaajid.**

The above 4 Imaams based their unanimous verdict on the following Saheeh Ahadeeth:

Prohibition of Women from the Masjid

1st Saheeh Hadeeth:

The wife of Hadrat Abu Humaid Sa'idi رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ Hadrat Ummi Humaid رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهَا came in the presence of RasoolAllaah صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ and asked, "O RasoolAllaah صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ I desire to perform Salaat behind you (in congregation) in the Masjid-an-Nabwi. The RasoolAllaah صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ replied, "You desire to perform Salaat behind me whereas your Salaat in the innermost corner of your

home is better than your Salaat in your room and your Salaat in your room is better than your Salaat in your courtyard, which is better than your Salaat in the Masjid in your village, and your Salaat in your local Masjid is better than your Salaat in my Masjid. "

My Note: Just focus on this Hadeeth about what the RasoolAllaah ﷺ was telling the Sahaabiya رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهَا, that the best Salaat for a woman (better than the Salaat at Masjid-un-Nabwi) is the one performed in the innermost corner of her home. The above Hadeeth is a very powerful discouragement for women from the beloved of Allaah ﷺ, the Prophet ﷺ who brought the holy Qur-aan for us and gave us our Deen.

Thereafter, the Sahaabiya رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهَا made herself a place for performing her Salaat in the darkest and innermost corner of her home. (Imaam Ahmed Hanbal رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ / Ibn Hibban/ Ibn Khuzaima/ Targheeb wa Tarheeb, pg. 58)

This Hadeeth is the basis of the consensus of the four Imaams. It is Makrooh Tahrimi which is closest to Haraam.

2nd Saheeh Hadeeth:

Hadrat 'Aisha Siddeeqa رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهَا reports that if the RasoolAllaah ﷺ had seen the condition of the women after his holy demise, then he would **surely have prevented them** from attending the Masjid just as the women of Bani' Israeel were prevented from entering the Masjid. (Muslim Shareef, vol. 1, pg. 183)

My Note: This Hadeeth came only a few years after the holy demise of the Prophet ﷺ.

3rd Saheeh Hadeeth:

Hadrat Abu Amr Shaibaani رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ reports that he personally witnessed Hadrat Abdullah ibn Mas'ood رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ **ejecting women from the Masjid on the day of Jumu'ah.** "You people go and perform your Salaat in your homes. Your Salaat performed at home is better for you." (At Tibraani /Majmauz Zawahid, vol. 1, pg. 156)

The four Imaams whose verdicts of jurisprudence **will last till the Day of Judgment** which all Muslims must follow, derived their **prohibition** on the basis of the 2nd and 3rd Ahadeeth. All Aulia (Muslim saints) including Baabaajee رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ impeccably obeyed these four great Imaams. Included in this prohibition are daily, Friday and 'Eid Salaats. Baabaajee's رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ Daar-ul-Ehsaan in Faisalabad strictly follows the above verdicts.

Prohibition of Boys (up to puberty) from the Masjid

Saheeh Hadeeth:

The RasoolAllaah ﷺ, according to the narration of Hadrat Abu Dawood رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ and Hadrat Abu Amama رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ said, "Save Masaajids from children, mad people, buying/selling, fighting (quarreling), loud human voices, carrying out punishments, and drawing out swords." (Collection of Ibn Maajah رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ and At Tabarani رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ)

The four great Imaams base their verdict of prohibition of children in Masaajid on the above Hadeeth.

Baabaajee's عليه السلام Daar-ul-Ehsaan follows this verdict.

I have also therefore submitted to all the above verdicts in Daar-ul-Ehsaan USA from now onwards.

My beloved sisters, please seek the forgiveness of the Most Merciful for ravaging the sanctity of the Daar-ul-Ehsaan Masjid in the past, as I am and all our brothers in Daar-ul-Ehsaan are doing.

Let us realize fully and passionately in our hearts that a glorious future awaits us all. Let us also thank Allaah عز وجل for bestowing upon us the rarest of all gifts, the guidance of one of his greatest Aulia Baabaajee عليه السلام in acceptance of our Du'aa and Soorah Al-Faatihah "...Siraatal lazeena an 'amta alaihim..." (Translation: "...The path of those upon whom You have bestowed the gift of [traversing] the straight path...").

Allaah عز وجل has also bestowed upon us the gift of Sr. Aisha Seyal who has received the blessing of surrendering to Allaah عز وجل and impeccable obedience to our beloved Baabaajee عليه السلام and this sinful Ameer. She has the humility and dedication to serve you all with great sincerity.

I do my Du'aa to our Merciful Lord of this universe that He may give all of you His Taufeeq (grace) to embrace whole heartedly this great opportunity He has so generously provided, Aameen.

Wassalaamu 'Alaikum wa Rahmatullaahi wa Barakaatuh



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