

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful

Hazrat Ameer's Eid ul Fitr Message

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وَلَا تَكُونُوا كَالَّتِي نَقَضَتْ غَزْلَهَا مِنْ بَعْدِ قُوَّةٍ أَنْكَاثًا

And be not like her who unravels her yarn, disintegrating it into pieces, after she has spun it strongly. (16:92)

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

As-salāmu Alaikum Wa Raḥmatullāhi Wa Barakātu-hū

Eid ul Fitr Mubarak.

The literal meaning of Eid is happiness; in fact, an ever-recurring happiness. Today we have a very good reason to be happy and to celebrate, for we have successfully completed our devotional services during Ramadan. As a result, we have within us a soul which is stronger, healthier and happier because souls thrive when we follow the commands of Allah. Allah being *Al Rahman*, the most Compassionate, provides us an annual opportunity to concentrate on the duties which He has prescribed for us in His revealed Book. Today our souls feel well-nourished and well clad because of our carrying out Allah's commands. By following the Qur'an, we fulfill the conditions which are conducive for the progress of our soul. It grows weak when we go against Allah's commands and the spiritual garment with which we had clothed it is shredded to pieces. Our action is comparable to the woman described in the verse of the Qur'an which I have cited above - a woman who unravels her yarn after spinning it all day and shreds it to pieces. Eid ul Fitr is a day of resolve not to shred the lovely garment

we have spun for our soul during the month of Ramadan. Let us all resolve on this day that we will not do any deed which harms our souls.

The verse I have cited is preceded by words regarding the fulfillment of our covenants with Allah and holding fast our oaths. May Allah Ta‘ala grant us the strength and determination to stay steadfast to our covenants and oaths.

I wish you all a very happy Eid ul Fitr. May each moment of this joyous time be filled with love and peace for our Jama‘at.

Aameen summa aameen.

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