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O Huffaaz! Prepare Yourselves For Taraaweeh From <u>NOW</u> To Offer A Spiritually Uplifting Ramadhaan To Your Congregation!

"O Allah! Grant us Barakah in <u>Rajab</u> and <u>Sha'baan</u> and let us reach the month of Ramadhaan."

Indeed, the month of Rajab is quickly slipping away from us. Undoubtedly, this is a Mubaarak month and is from one of the Sacred Months – *Ashurul-Hurum*. There are four Sacred Months, viz. Rajab, Zul Qa'dah, Zul Hijjah and Muharram. Rajab plays an important role in preparing for Ramadhaan. Ulama say that in Rajab we should sow our seeds, water them in Sha'baan and eat of the fruits in Ramadhaan. The fruits of Ramadhaan mean the various forms of Ibaadaat such as Tahajjud, Takbeer-e-Ula (for men), Tilaawat, Zikrullah, Durood Shareef, Istighfaar, Awwaabeen, Ishraaq, Chasht, Du'a, etc. By training oneself in Rajab by implementing these Ibaadaat in one's life – *although on a small scale for many of us* – and by increasing them or at least remaining steadfast on them in Sha'baan, we will Insha Allah bear the correct, sweet and delicious fruits in Ramadhaan.

In this article, we intend to address the Huffaaz, specifically those of them who will be performing and leading their congregations in Taraaweeh Salaah. The reason for this is that the Huffaaz who will recite Allah's Kalaam – which has a Powerful Divine Magnetic Pull – should be proper and true bearers and protectors of the Qur'an Majeed, as well as true and genuine Muslims – not just seasonal Huffaaz, or more commonly known as 'Ramadhaan Huffaaz'! Insha Allah, once the Huffaaz try to mend their ways, then the True Spiritual Effect of the Qur'an Majeed will be felt and transferred to the congregants of the Taraaweeh Salaah. It is contradicting for 'Huffaaz' to recite the Qur'an Majeed in Taraaweeh by limiting the Qur'an Majeed's Teachings only to their tongues, while their lives – day and night – have a minute or is totally bereft of having any semblance of the proper adherence of the Sunnah, Zikrullah, Tilaawat, Takbeer-e-Ula, Sunnats, Islamic attire, etc.

For those Huffaaz who are interested to let the Qur'an Majeed's Beauty, Effects, Messages, Noor, Taqwa and Spirituality be experienced and be a means of entering into their lives and the lives of their congregants, we have penned the following points as guidelines which should be implemented from now, in order for them to be mastered and thoroughly implemented in Ramadhaan:

1. Salaah in the Masjid: It is unbefitting and not at all palatable to the Imaani taste-buds for a Haafizul-Qur'an -a Taraaweeh Imaam - to be absent from the Masjid for a

- Salaah. How can one who will be leading his congregation in Taraaweeh Salaah in Ramadhaan be absent from the Masjid for any Salaah before Ramadhaan?
- 2. Sunnah Salaahs: Huffaaz especially those who are going to be Taraaweeh Imaams should ensure they perform ALL their Sunnat Salaah Mu'akkadah and Ghair Mu'akkadah of every respective Salaah which has Sunan before or/and after. It behoves not for a Haafiz who will be a leader of the Ummah in Taraaweeh Salaah to be lazy in performing his Sunnah Salaahs before Ramadhaan.
- 3. **Takbeer-e-Ula:** Huffaaz *especially those who are going to be Taraaweeh Imaams* should make sure they are on time and present for every Takbeer-e-Ula, especially from NOW. A Haafiz who intends to be on the Imaam's Musallah for Taraaweeh, cannot be habitually in the Masbooq's Saff (latecomers' line) after the Fardh Salaahs *busy completing missed Rak'aats*. This is contradicting. Yes, we understand emergencies, etc. which may delay one, but a habit is different to an emergency.

While the Qur'an Majeed has a Divine Magnetic Pull towards which the young, old, rich, poor, and Muslims of all races flock towards the venues wherein Taraaweeh is performed, it is hoped that by implementing the above points from **NOW**, the True Spiritual Effect of the Qur'an Majeed can enter the lives of the Huffaaz and the Musallis, Insha Allah. Then, Insha Allah, the entire Taraaweeh will be a means of changes coming into the lives of everyone.

The above points are mere guidelines and a reminder for each one of us, in order to gain maximum benefit by the leading of the Taraaweeh Salaah in which the Kalaam of Allah Ta'ala is completed.

In order to be prepared for the month of Ramadhaan, the Huffaaz should start from **NOW**. Then, in the month of Ramadhaan, waking up for Sahri, finding oneself early in the Masjid for **EVERY** Salaah and Takbeer-e-Ula and performing **ALL** one's Sunnah Salaah will be easy, Insha Allah.

The following is a total number of times the common Ibaadaat of Salaah are observed in Taraaweeh Salaah, in 30 days of Ramadhaan:

1. Surah Faatihah: 600 times

Ruku': 600 times
Sajdah: 1200 times
Sajdah Tilaawat: 14

Imagine how great an effect it will have if the Huffaaz who have prepared themselves spiritually with Taqwa and Zikrullah and the points mentioned previously, on themselves and their congregants by repeating each Powerful Form of Ibaadat couple hundreds of times in 30 nights of Taraaweeh Salaah! Just one Sajdah can be a start to a change in the life of a sinner, what then can 1200 Sujood behind Proper, Righteous and Correct Huffaaz in Taraaweeh Salaah be a result of!? **Allahu-Akbar!**