

# newsletter

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### And Ramadan is once again upon us

The Holy month of Ramadan will soon be upon us and is an opportunity for all of us to strengthen our Im'aan. The following story illustrates the mercy of Allah, and that there is always a chance to start afresh.

In the days when Musa was with the children of Israel, a drought came upon them and together they prayed for rain to come. However, the few clouds that had been in the sky vanished and the drought intensified.

Allah revealed to Musa that there was a sinner amongst the tribe for more than forty years of his life:

"Let him separate himself from the congregation. Only then shall I shower you all with rain."

Musa then addressed the crowd and said:

"There is a person amongst us who has disobeyed Allah for forty years. Let him separate himself from the congregation and only then shall we be rescued from the drought."

The guilty man waited, hoping someone else would step forward. The sweat poured from his eyebrows. He knew he was the one.

He knew that if he stayed among them, everyone would die of thirst but if he stepped forward he would be humiliated for the rest of his life.

He asked Allah with a sincerity he had never felt before:

"O Allah, have mercy on me! O Allah, hide my sins! O Allah, forgive me!"

It started to rain.

Musa asked Allah:

O Allah, you blessed us with rain even though the sinner did not come forward."

#### Allah said:

"O Musa, it is for the repentance of that very person that I blessed all of children of Israel with water."

Musa wanted to know who the sinner was, so he asked Allah:

"Show him to me O Allah!"

#### But Allah replied:

"O Musa, I hid his sins for forty years, do you think that after his repentance I shall expose him?"

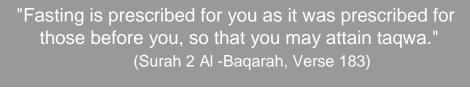
It is never too late for anyone to repent to Allah.

Ramadan is an excellent opportunity.

"Ramadan is the month in which the Quran was sent down, as a guide to mankind and a clear guidance and judgment (so that mankind will distinguish from right and wrong)"

Surah 2 Al -Baqarah, Verse 185







## Tafseer Classes on Wednesdays

The Qur'an has been translated into many different languages and most people only read these translations. Reading these is not enough to understand the depth the Qur'an holds in it, which is referred to as the 'Tafseer' of the Qur'an.

Tafseer classes on Wednesdays aims to study the Tafseer of the Qur'an by Ibn Katheer, a renowned Scholar in the Islamic world. Tafseer is vital to understand the Book of Allah, that we so often read, properly.

All are Welcome

Time: 7pm - 9pm

Day: Wednesday evenings Venue: Sutton Civic Offices

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