

RAMADAN

IMMERSION



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Introduction

- Every action which we do in our salah as well as those actions we do to prepare for salah is all from the way of the Prophet SAW.
 - We do not get to choose how we perform salah.
- However, when it comes to dua, we can make dua however we wish.
 - Even though we have flexibility in dua, we should take from the examples of the Prophets in order to make dua in the best ways.

Dua #1: The Dua of Adam AS and Hawaa

قَالَ رَبَّنَا ظَلَمْنَا أَنْفُسَنَا وَإِنْ لَمْ تَغْفِرْ لَنَا وَتَرْحَمْنَا لَنَكُونَنَّ مِنَ الْخَاسِرِينَ

They said: "Our Lord! We have wronged our own souls: If thou forgive us not and bestow not upon us Thy Mercy, we shall certainly be lost." (7:23)

- When Allah SWT created Adam AS, He said:

وَإِذْ قَالَ رَبُّكَ لِلْمَلَائِكَةِ إِنِّي جَاعِلٌ فِي الْأَرْضِ خَلِيفَةً

Behold, thy Lord said to the angels: "I will create a vicegerent on earth."
(2:30)

- This means that even though Adam AS and Hawaa were placed in Jennah, Allah SWT had already known that they would be placed on Earth.

- Ibn Ata'illah stated that if Adam AS had not made the mistake of eating from the tree, people might assume that we must be perfect and never make mistakes.
 - When Adam AS made this mistake, it allowed Allah SWT to establish that this affair and all of our affairs are not based on our perfection, but rather they are based on Allah's SWT Mercy and Forgiveness.
 - If we were not prone to making mistakes, Allah SWT would have no need for Mercy and Grace.
- There are several differences between the story of Adam and Hawaa in the Bible and in the Quran.
 - In the bible, Hawaa is painted as a temptress while in the Quran both Adam AS and Hawaa decided to eat from the tree.
 - In the Bible, when Adam AS and Hawaa ate from the tree, it is said that all of their ancestors have inherited the original sin and therefore Christians are christened to remove this original sin.
 - However, in Islam we know that we are born free of sin and that the human is inclined towards good.
- Through this dua, Allah SWT granted Adam AS and Hawaa forgiveness and children in Islam are born pure.
- In this dua, Adam AS and Hawaa say that they have wronged themselves (ظَلَمْنَا أَنْفُسَنَا).
 - Whenever we do something with our bodies which is against Islam, we are wronging ourselves.
- Then they state that if Allah SWT denies them His Forgiveness and Mercy, they will be of the losers.
 - If we wrong ourselves and Allah SWT does not forgive us, we fully acknowledge that we will be of those who are lost.
 - A sin which leads to a form of brokenness before Allah SWT is better than a good deed which leads to arrogance.
 - Every good that is done is due to the virtue which Allah SWT has given us so we must not be arrogant about it.

