

In the Name of Allah the Most compassionate, the Most Merciful
Eid Speech by Sayed Mahmood Madani
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Praises and thanks belong to the God who is Sufficient for a person who seeks His help. And, He guides the one who ask to be guided. And peace be upon Muhammad and His Ahlul-Bayt and curses be upon their enemies.

Virtuous

I advice myself and you to be virtuous. Ramadan is the prime time for becoming virtuous as the Quran teaches us: {O ye who believe! Fasting is prescribed to you as it was prescribed to those before you, that ye may (learn) self-restraint} 2:183, although Ramadan has finished our duty to be pious never ends. We should continuously improve our morals and be precautious about our actions. Just because, Ramadan has passed but it does not mean that the period of righteousness and improving ourselves has also come to an end. Ramadan is like the period of youth, it should be utilized efficiently, one should start a family and gain the assets of knowledge and wealth for when it is needed, however, this does not mean if one has lost this golden opportunity he cannot utilize the rest of the time. The Holy Prophet (SAWW) called the self-struggle, the greater jihad, and this jihad does not end until your last breath.

Eid Al-Fitr

Accept our congratulations on this great Eid because you have fought with the Satan and evil of yourself with the sword of fasting, and today you return victorious. So today is your Eid as Imam Ali has said: ***Today is Eid for whom God has accepted their fast and God thanks his endeavor.*** Therefore, in our religion and within the Shia, Eid and holidays have a different meaning.

For others, the start of the holidays means escaping god and good morals. But in Islam God has combined physical pleasure with spiritual pleasure. So we begin our Eid with praying and worshipping God.

Secondly, Eid for others means the day of relaxing and wasting time but for us Eid is the day of learning about Islam. So God has kept two sermons after the Eid prayers and they are for advising about piety and informing us about the situation of the Muslims around the world.

Thirdly, at the time of Eid people make celebrations and forget about others and their problems but in this Eid God has ordered us to help others with Zakat Al-Fitrah, additionally, in the Eid Al-Azha God in The Holy Quran orders us :{ ...eat ye thereof, and feed such as (beg not but) live in contentment, and such as beg with due humility} X:36

Dear brothers and sister we should learn from these laws and implement them in our lives. Firstly, we should pay attention to what God has ordered us to do in all situations, in our happiness and our mournful situations. Secondly, we should pay attention to others and their situations. Thirdly, we should utilize all of our time for teaching and learning.

Coming day

We are at the opening time of schools. So we should pay attention of student and youth and we should prepare the situation for them. Moreover we should respect and thank teachers because of their guidance. Also we should be precautious about whosoever needs helps for pursuing their studies.

At last I want to thank you because of your attendance in Ramadan's ceremonies and we beg god to give us great successes and health.