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Indeed all Praises are for Allāh alone. We praise Him, seek His assistance, and seek His forgiveness. And we seek refuge in Him from the evil of our own selves and the evil consequences of our actions. Whomever Allāh guides, there is no one to lead him astray, and whomever is lead astray, there is no guide for him. I testify that there is no deity worthy of worship except Allāh, who is alone without any partner, and I testify that Muhammad is His slave and final messenger. To proceed:

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Now that Ramadan has Passed (part 2)

A Friday sermon by,
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So the witr is a certain practice and it is not appropriate that anyone leave it while some of the people of knowledge hold the opinion that it is obligatory and sinful if left. Imam Ahmad bin Hanbal said, whoever leaves the witr then he is evil and his witness should not be taken. The witr is at least one unit and at most 11 units and its time is after the night prayer until before the time of the dawn prayer and while its time is at night it can be made up in the day with an even number of units so if someone's habit is to pray three units and forgets to pray them in the night or sleeps through them, he is to pray four units in the day as it has come in Muslim on the authority of Aisha that the prophet (sall-Allahu alaihi wa sallam) would pray twelve units in the day if

he slept or was unable to pray in the night. The remembrances after the obligatory prayers were performed by the prophet (sall-Allahu alaihi wa sallam) after he made tasleem and would seek forgiveness three times and then say,

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After the prayer he would glorify Allah saying Subhana Allah 33 times, Al-hamdulillah 33 times, and Allahu Akbar 33 times which is 99 and said whoever completes 100 by saying "la illaha illa Allah wahdahu la sharika lak, lahu al-mulk wa lahu al-hamd wa huwa ala kuli shai-en qadir" will be forgiven even if his sins are (as abundant) as the foam of the ocean. The ablu-tion for the one who performs it thoroughly and then says, "there is no deity worshipped in truth other than Allah who is alone and without partner and I bear witness that Muhammad is his servant and messenger, O

Allah make me from those who are oft-repenting and of those who purify themselves" will have the eight doors of paradise opened for him and will be allowed to enter any of them he pleases. Likewise spending of wealth in charity of all types on the family and children all draw one near to Allah the Mighty and Majestic even for one's own self as there is not a servant who spends seeking the face of Allah except that he is rewarded for it. Also Allah is pleased with the servant who eats and praises Him for the food and drinks and praises Him for the drink. The one who aids the widow and the poor is like the one who struggles in the way of Allah, the one who fasts and does not break his fast, or the one who stands in prayer and does not stop and the one who aids the widow and poor is the one who answers their call for provision and sees to their needs just as your family, both young and weak who

are not able to see to their own needs who are from the poor so aiding them is like struggling in the way of Allah or constant fasting and continuous praying. O servants of Allah, the pathways to righteousness are numerous, so where are those that take these paths? Their doors are open, so where are those that enter them? The truth is very clear and no one strays from it except they are destroyed so take your portion of every righteous deed for Allah the Most High has said, "O you who believe! Bow down, and prostrate yourselves, and worship your Lord and do good that you may be successful." (Al-Hajj 22:77) May Allah give me and you success in taking advantage of our time and spending it with righteous actions and avoiding sin and evilness, and I ask that He purify us from it from His favor and bounty for He is vast in granting and giving. O Allah may peace and blessings upon your servant and prophet Muhammad, upon his family, companions, and those that follow them in perfection until the last day.

All praise is for Allah for His benevolence and I thank Him for granting success and His greatness. I bear witness that there is no deity worshipped in truth except Allah who is alone and without partner in His godhead, lordship, and ruler ship and I bear witness that Muhammad is His servant and messenger the aide to his religion and caller to His paradise and pleasure. I send salutations of peace and blessings upon him, his family, companions, aides, and supporters. As you have heard, whoever fasts the month of Ramadan and then follows it with six days from Shawwal is like the one who fasts the entire year. Thus, it is a must that

these six days of Shawwal not be left by anyone as they are few in number and contain great virtue. It is best for these days be fasted consecutively starting with the second day of Eid until they are completed as this is considered rushing to goodness, but if they are delayed or separated then there is no problem so long as the month has not ended. It must also be known that anyone who has days to make up of Ramadan, the six days of Shawwal will be of no benefit before those days are made up as the prophet (sall-Allahu alaihi wa sallam) said, "whoever fasts Ramadan and then follows it..." thusly whoever has days to make up from Ramadan is not to be considered as having finished and completed Ramadan and accordingly whoever has to make up days is to start with them first and then follow them with the six days of Shawwal. If one finishes the days to be made up then finds some reason which prevents him from fasting such as sickness or travel and then makes up the six days of Shawwal in the following month then it is hoped that he will gain the reward as the days were not left except with a valid excuse.

Some of the common folk name the eighth day of this month the eid of the pious which is an incorrect naming as the 8th day is like the 7th day, it is not an eid for the pious nor the sinful as there is not found in the sunnah other than three legislated eids which are eid al-fitr, eid al-adha, and the weekly eid of Friday and all other holidays are innovations which Allah has replaced with that which is better, eid al-fitr and eid al-adha as the prophet (sall-Allahu alaihi wa sallam) said. The prophet (sall-Allahu alaihi wa sallam) entered Madinah and the residents had two days of play and joy and the prophet

(sall-Allahu alaihi wa sallam) said, "Allah has replaced them for you with that which is better" meaning eid al-fitr and eid al-adha. O Muslims, fear Allah the Most High, worship Him, and thank Him so that you may be successful as Allah the Most High said, "O you who believe! Bow down, and prostrate yourselves, and worship your Lord and do good that you may be successful." (Al-Hajj 22:77) Be devoted to doing goodness, be devoted to benevolence to the people and sparing them from harm for Allah the Most High loves those that are benevolent and know that the best speech is the book of Allah and the finest guidance is that of Muhammad (sall-Allahu alaihi wa sallam), the worst of affairs are newly invented, every newly invented affair in the religion of Allah is an innovation, every innovation is a going astray and every going astray is in the fire. Stick to the main (orthodox) body of Muslims for Allah's hand is over them and whoever strays, strays into the fire. Know that Allah orders you with an order in which He began with Himself and said, "Allah sends His Salât (Graces, Honours, Blessings, Mercy, etc.) on the Prophet (Muhammad (sall-Allahu alaihi wa sallam)) and also His angels too (ask Allah to bless and forgive him). O you who believe! Send your Salât on (ask Allah to bless) him (Muhammad (sall-Allahu alaihi wa sallam)), and (you should) greet (salute) him with the Islamic way of greeting (salutation i.e. As-Salâmu 'Alaikum)." (Al-Ahzab 33:56) O Allah, send your salutations of peace and blessings upon your servant and prophet Muhammad...

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