

# Sanctity of the Masjid

**“Whoever venerates the symbols of Allâh, it is as (a result of) the piety of the heart.”**

The *masjid* is the House of Allâh; it is a symbol of His Greatness, Majesty, and Power. Respect for the *masjid* is respect for Allâh; disrespect to the House of Allâh is disrespect for Allâh. Our conduct in the *masjid* is therefore a reflection of the state of our *imân*.

## THE MOST VENERATED PLACE ON EARTH:

- ◆ “The most beloved of places unto Allâh are the *masâjid*, and the most detestable are the market places.”  
(*Muslim*)

***Be careful not to contaminate the masjid with the conduct prevalent in the market places.***

## CLEANLINESS AND PERFUME OF THE MASJID:

- ◆ Ayesha رضي الله عنها says that Nabî صلى الله عليه وسلم directed that *masâjid* be constructed in the (various) localities, and that they be cleaned and perfumed (regularly)
- ◆ “The rewards of my *Ummah* were laid before me, even the (reward of) a pebble that a man removed from the Masjid.”
- ◆ “Whoever consumes of this offensive smelling plant (onion/garlic/tobacco) must not come near the Masjid, because Angels become annoyed at what annoys man.”

***Do not dirty the masjid nor enter the masjid with a foul smell!! Remember you are either polluting the House of Allâh or causing discomfort to the guests of Allâh!***

## NOISE IN THE MASJID:

- ◆ “There shall come a time over man wherein their discussions in the *masâjid* will be about worldly matters, do not sit in their gatherings, as Allâh has no need of them.” (*Baihaqî*)
- ◆ Sâ'ib bin Yazîd says that Umar رضي الله عنه once directed me to bring two men (who were making noise in the Masjid) to him. He asked them from where they were. They replied: “We are from the inhabitants of Ta'if.” He (Umar رضي الله عنه) said: “Had you been from the inhabitants of Madinah, I would have punished you; do you raise your voice in the Masjid of Rasullullah?” (*Bukharî*)

***Do not raise your voice in the masjid, lest you be of those whom Allâh has no need of!***

## A COMMUNITY PLATFORM:

- ◆ “When you see a person buying or selling in the *Masjid*, say: “May Allâh not grant you profit in your trade.” When you see a person announcing for a lost item, say: “May Allâh not return it to you.” (*Tirmizî*)

***Do not use the masjid for your personal gain or for personal interests!***

## CHILDREN IN THE MASJID:

- ◆ “Keep your *masâjid* clear of your children and the insane.” (*Abû Dawûd*)

***Children who do not have the understanding of pâk and napâk, or who may be intimidated by the crowds should not be brought to the masjid!***

*The rise or fall of a community is closely linked to the collective respect or disrespect accorded to the House of Allâh. Therefore, be grateful when you are cautioned or reminded of appropriate conduct within the masjid. Nor ignore a commission of any wrong in the masjid.*

**YOU HAVE A DUTY TO ENSURE THAT THE SANCTITY OF THE MASJID IS NOT COMPROMISED!**

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