

*An exclusive look
ahead at how the
lessons will be
conducted, in
shaa' Allaah...*

RAMADHAAN LESSONS

FROM THE NOBLE QURAN
AND AUTHENTIC SUNNAH



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INTRODUCTION

*This is actually the introduction
as found in the workbook.*

All praise is due to Allah, the Lord, Creator, and Sustainer of all things. May He raise the rank of and grant peace to the final seal of all of His Prophets and Messengers, Muhammad, and all of his respected family and noble companions.

As we enter Ramadhaan, the month of fasting, the month of the Quran, the month of *taqwa* (piety), we beg our Gracious Lord that He bestow upon us understanding of His Magnificent Book, the Quran.

The 30 lessons of this book have been designed specifically as a primary study tool for our daily classes in Ramadhaan 1439 (2018) at [the First Muslim Mosque in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania \(USA\)](#). Each lesson consists of:

1. A Quranic passage
2. Some or all of the vocabulary from the passage
3. An Arabic Language benefit
4. Tafseer benefits
5. A hadeeth related to the topic of the Quranic passage
6. Benefits of the hadeeth
7. An extension activity (research, memorization, or action plans)

The first five lessons of the book focus on the five Verses about fasting in *Soorah al-Baqarah*. Then, the Quranic passages were selected to represent and balanced study of a variety of important topics in Creed, Methodology, Fiqh, and Manners.

Those who have not yet committed themselves to serious study of the Arabic Language may not be able to follow the Arabic module of each lesson. Do not get discouraged, but instead allow these brief modules to be daily reminders about the importance of studying the language of the Quran. We have a Book of revelation from our Lord, preserved in the language it was revealed in, for over 1,400 years. It contains guidance, legislation, and information about the purpose of life and what happens after we die! It clarifies the Truth regarding the matters that the people around us differ over. So, of course, we recognize the importance of learning Arabic, and we ask Allah for success!

This workbook has not been designed for independent self-study. To maximize your benefit from these lessons, attend our classes at the masjid or tune in to the live nightly broadcasts at 7:45 pm (EDT) and 9:15 pm (EDT). If you are

unable to do that, then download or listen to the recordings of the classes and follow along using this workbook. If you are not attending the classes at the masjid, here is how you can benefit from the live broadcasts and/or their recordings:

Go to www.Spreaker.com/radio1mm and follow the live broadcast on the main page, if we are broadcasting live at the time. Otherwise, click on the "SHOWS" menu, as illustrated below:

The image shows a desktop screenshot of the Spreaker website and a mobile app interface. The desktop page is for 'al-Masjid al-Awwal (1MM)', a radio station with 1,526,738 plays, 125,314 downloads, and 3,868 followers. A red arrow points to the 'SHOWS' tab in the navigation menu. The mobile app interface shows the same station's profile, with a red arrow pointing to the 'SHOWS' option in the menu. The app also displays a list of episodes and shows, with the 'SHOWS' option highlighted.

The "shows" are in alphabetical order. Scroll down to "**Ramadhaan Lessons 1439**" and click on it. You will then see a list of all available recordings, *in shaa' Allah*.

I ask Allah that He grant me and you success in attaining His Pleasure and drawing near to Him. May He raise the rank of his Messenger, Muhammad, and grant him and his family and companions an abundance of peace.

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OVERVIEW OF ALL THIRTY LESSONS

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LESSON 1

TAQWA (CONSCIOUSNESS OF ALLAH)

The first module of every lesson is a Quranic passage with a translation of its meaning.

1.1 QURAN STUDY

﴿يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا كُتِبَ عَلَيْكُمُ الصِّيَامُ كَمَا كُتِبَ عَلَى الَّذِينَ مِن قَبْلِكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَتَّقُونَ﴾ البقرة: ١٨٣

"O you who have believed! Prescribed upon you is fasting, as it was prescribed upon those before you, in order for you to attain *taqwa* (fear and consciousness of Allah)." [2:183]

The second module is a list of important Arabic vocabulary from the Verse. Listen & take notes about the meanings.

1.2 VOCABULARY OF THE VERSE

كُتِبَ عَلَيْكُمْ	كُتِبَ	الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا
	Was written (passive)	Those who have believed
تَتَّقُونَ	الَّذِينَ مِن قَبْلِكُمْ	الصِّيَامُ

Thirdly, a brief Arabic lesson is drawn from the Verse. Listen & complete the activity with the instructor.

1.3 AN ARABIC LANGUAGE BENEFIT

You can change from active voice (مَبْنِيٍّ لِلْمَعْلُومِ), like كَتَبَ ("He wrote"), to passive voice (مَبْنِيٍّ لِلْمَجْهُولِ), like كُتِبَ ("It was written"), by changing the *harakaat* (vowelling) of the verb. Practice this with some other verbs in table below:

تَرَكَ ⇌ تَرَكْ	أَكَلَ ⇌ أَكِلَ	فَعَلَ ⇌ فُعِلَ
ضَرَبَ ⇌	رَسَمَ ⇌ رُسِمَ	دَرَسَ ⇌ دُرِسَ
غَفَرَ ⇌	خَلَقَ ⇌	جَعَلَ ⇌

The fourth module is a brief explanation of the Verse based on the works of the great imams, like Ibn Katheer, al-Baghawee, as-Sa'dee, and others. Listen & jot down important points.

1.4 TAFSEER BENEFITS

The call: "O you who believe..."	Ibn Mas'ood: "When you hear this call, pay attention"
Definition of <i>eemaan</i>	
Fasting has been prescribed	
The fasting of previous nations	
The overall goal of fasting	
Definition of <i>taqwa</i>	

The second session (9:15) begins with the fifth module:
A hadeeth on the topic and a translation of its meaning.

1.5 HADEETH STUDY

عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ، عَنِ النَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ، قَالَ:
«يَقُولُ اللَّهُ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ: الصَّوْمُ لِي، وَأَنَا أَجْزِي بِهِ، يَدَعُ شَهْوَتَهُ وَأَكْلَهُ
وَشُرْبَهُ مِنْ أَجْلِي، وَالصَّوْمُ جُنَّةٌ، وَلِلصَّائِمِ فَرْحَتَانِ: فَرَحَةٌ حِينَ
يُفْطِرُ، وَفَرَحَةٌ حِينَ يَلْقَى رَبَّهُ، وَلَخُلُوفُ فَمِ الصَّائِمِ أَطْيَبُ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ
مِنْ رِيحِ الْمِسْكِ.» [مُتَّفَقٌ عَلَيْهِ]

On the authority of Aboo Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him), from the Prophet (may Allah raise his rank and grant him peace), who said: "Allah, the Mighty and Majestic, has said: Fasting is for Me, and I alone provide its reward. He leaves his desires, his food and drink, for My sake! Fasting is a shield, and a fasting person shall have two occasions of joy: one when he breaks his fast, and another when he meets his Lord. Certainly, the smell of a fasting person's breath is better with Allah than the fragrance of musk." [Agreed upon]

The sixth module is a brief explanation of the meanings of the hadeeth. Listen & take notes.

1.6 BENEFITS OF THE HADEETH

Aboo Hurayrah	Abdul-Rahman b. Sakhr al-Dowsi, died before 60H
"Hadeeth qudsee"	
Sincerity in fasting	
Fasting people abstain from:	1
	2
	3
Benefits of fasting (as found in this hadeeth)	1
	2
	3
	4
	5
The joys of obedience	
Vs. temporary "joy" of sin	
Outward appearances	

The seventh & final module of each lesson is an extension activity or a research assignment related to the topic.

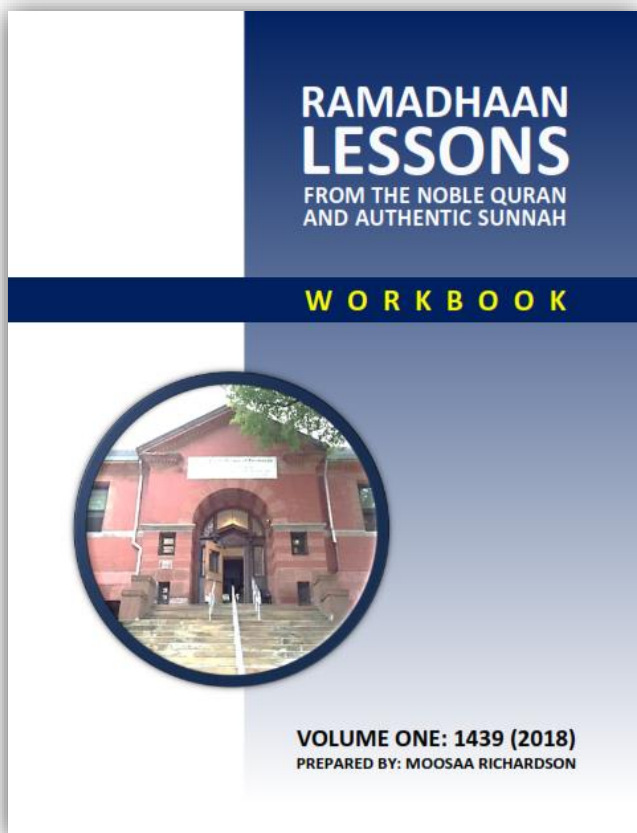
1.7 RESEARCH: How many benefits and advantages of fasting (spiritual, medical, or otherwise) can you compile?

1. Embodying servitude

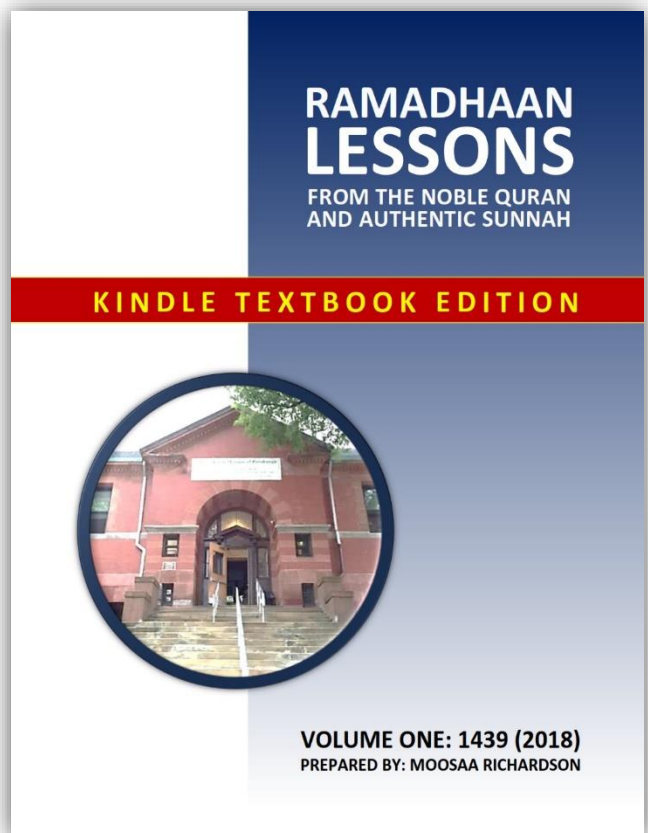
2. Entering Paradise through the "Rayyaan" door

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