

ANNUAL JALSA REPORT

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Through the mercy of Allah , Jaamia Zainab held its annual jalsa on Sunday, 19th May 2024. The theme of our jalsa this year was the exceptional daughter of Muhammad , the extraordinary queen of Jannah; Faatima bint Muhammad . The program began with a riveting recitation of the Quran by one of our Hidh students. The audience sat still as the transcendant Ayaat of the Quran flowed into the sunlit morning. The already enlightened atmosphere was further beautified with a beautiful naat in praise of Rasulullah 25. A student from Khassa class then presented a short yet inspiring رضی Bayan on the wonderful qualities of Faatima الله عنها. This was followed by a captivating nazam from Khassa class, which highlighted the extraordinary traits of the Queen of Jannah. Students from Aalmiyyah and Amma classes then presented Bayans on the hardwork and generosity of Faatima رضى الله عنها. Thereafter, our emmasdale Muallimat came forward with their breathtaking nasheed. This was followed by short bayans on the zuhd and ibaadah of Faatima رضى الله عنها.



Thereafter, the Hifdh girls came forward with their mesmerising Arabic nazam:

هل حدثت شمس النهار من التي .. حازت كمال النور في محياها ومن التي هي للحياة ضياؤها .. ومن التي تحذو النجوم خطاها يا سائلا عنها وعن آياتها .. هي جنة الدنيا ونفح رباها

This amazing rendition was followed by our first ever play in the unparalleled language of the Quran. The aim of the play was to shed light on how mothers should raise their daughters to walk in the modest footsteps of Faatima رضى الله عنها. Thereafter, a student from Khassa class presented a short bayan on the modesty of Faatima رضى الله عنها, leaving the audience enthralled with snippets of her incomparable Hayaa. Muallimah Bint Sulayman who is also a Qiraa'ah student, then read a few Ayaat in the seven different dialects. A few students from Khassa and Aliya classes then came forward with speeches on the marriage of Faatima رضى الله عنها and the subsequent demise of her beloved father ... This was followed by a beautiful nasheed from the Almiyyah class, in praise of Faatima رضى الله عنها. As our time drew to an end, our beloved Ammijan then graced us with her luminant presence. In a few concise words, Ammijan artfully summarised the achievements of the entire year, giving due credit and appreciation to the efforts of the Asaatitha, parents and students.

GUEST SPEAKER TALK BY MUFTI YACOOB VALLY

Hadhrat Mufti Yacoob Sahib DB — our respected guest of honor — commenced his talk by emphasizing on the significance of education, in the light of the events unfolding around the world. Hadhrat went on to speak about the importance of learning Masaail coupled with Fadhail, i.e. virtues.

Hadhrat explained that the level of Ta'leem is followed by the level of Takmeel. This is achieved by sitting at the feet of our great Akabireen. Our pious predecessors gave us an exemplary path to follow. Hadhrat — would walk from Deoband to Thanabawan, every week, in order to attain blessings from the company of Hadhrat Maulana Ashraf Ali Thanwi Rahimahullah

Hadhrat emphasized that the main purpose of learning Ilm is encaspulated in two phrases of the Quran : كونوا ربانيين Our entire aim and purpose is to submerse ourselves in the essence of this unparalleled description

Hadhrat narrated the Hadeeth of Rasulullah ﷺ in this regar إذا صلَّتِ المرأةُ خمسَها وصامَت شَهرَها وحفظت فرجَها

وأطاعت زوجها دخلتِ الجنَّة

This Hadeeth helps us understand the importance of Ta'leem and Amal for our women folk. We have to work to create a Deeni environment in our homes and illuminate them with the Noor of Imaan.

Hadhrat lamented over the current pandemic of divorce that we are experiencing and explained that this is as a direct result of straying so far from Deen. The first thing we need to make sure of is that we only feed our families Halaal food.

Another key factor is staying away from social media. One of the greatest evils of our era is social media. There is no difference between our public and private lives anymore. Social media is one of the biggest contributing factors to our current divorce rate. It is truly unfortunate that non Muslims are being drawn to the beautiful teachings of Islam and yet our own women feel like they are being chained and shackled by the commands of Allah ...

When a woman follows the criteria drawn by the Hadeeth, she will become deserving of this great reward mentioned in the Hadeeth. In fact, her reward will not end upon entering Jannah. It is mentioned in some Athaar that the women of the dunya will be more beautiful that the Hoor ul Ayn because the women of dunya have to sacrifice and strive to make ibaadah as opposed to the Hurul Ayn.

Hadhrat concluded the awe inspiring bayan with the timeless Naseehah of Luqman AS to his son:

This advice of Luqman AS, so beautifully encapsulated by the Quran, highlights the importance of advising and giving Naseehah to our children, and especially commanding good and forbidding evil.

Hazrat Moulana Abrar Sb would often say that the reason for the decline in our society is:

بڑوں نے کہنا چھوڑدیا اور چھوٹوں نے سننا بند کردیا

Hadhrat mentioned that nothing in the vast world can compare to the Ilm of Quran and Ahadeeth that these fortunate students have been blessed with. The gold, silver and kohi Noor of the world can not compare to this unparalleled nemah. We therefore ought to be constantly grateful to Allah Is for honoring us with this Ilm.

In conclusion, Hadhrat reminded us of the great favor of Allah upon us, the people of Zambia. Despite our unworthiness, He has created these institutions of Ilm and Tarbiyah in our midst and yet, there are places in the world that have only 2 Aalims in the entire country. May Allah pive us the tawfeeq to appreciate this unparalleled nemah and illuminate the deepest crevices of our hearts with Ilm and Imaan.

