

Rules of a Muslim Home

Rule No. 13

Entering and Leaving a Muslim Home

Entering the home

Whenever Rasulallah ﷺ entered the house, he always made salaam audibly and then entered. It is sunnah to recite the following dua when entering the home;

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ خَيْرَ الْمَوْجِبِ وَخَيْرَ الْمَخْرَجِ بِسْمِ اللَّهِ وَجِئْنَا وَبِسْمِ اللَّهِ خَرَجْنَا وَعَلَى اللَّهِ رَبِّنَا تَوَكَّلْنَا

O Allah ﷻ, I ask of You the blessings of entering the home and the blessing of leaving. In the name of Allah ﷻ, we leave and enter the home and upon Allah ﷻ, our Sustainer, do we rely and depend.

(Abu Dawood, Vol. 2, Pg. 348)

Entering with salaam

Hadhrat Anas (Radiyallahu Anhu) reports that Rasulallah ﷺ once said to me: “O my beloved son, upon entering your home, greet your family with salaam. This will be a means of earning blessings for yourself and your family.” [Tirmizi Vol 2 Pg.99]

When entering the home, make a habit of making the complete salaam loudly thereby earning yourself the full reward. This will insha Allah be a means of bringing barkat into our homes. In a time when barkat has become very scarce, this is a divine prescription for bringing barkat into our homes.

Hadhrat Salmaan Faarsi ؓ narrates that Rasulallah ﷺ said, “He who desires that Shaytaan should not get food from him, a place for siesta and a place to spend the night, he should make salaam when he enters the house and take the name of Allah Ta’ala when he partakes of his food.” [Tabraani]

Bringing Barkat in the home

In another Hadith it is stated that if a person enters his house and does the following three things:

- Makes Salaam – (whether anyone is in the house or not)
- Recites Durood Shareef once
- Recites Surah Ikhlās once

Allah Ta’ala will grant barakah in his sustenance. [Hisne Haseen]

Smiling when entering the home

A Muslim should and must enter the home with a broad smile on his face. No matter how difficult a day he may have had, he should bury all his worries outside the house and enter the home with a cheerful smile on his face. It is extremely unfair to your wife and children for you to enter your home with a gloomy and miserable face.

Rasulallah ﷺ said: “Do not underestimate any good deed (no matter how small it is), even if that deed was to meet your brother with a smiling face.”

Hadhrat Abdullah bin Haaris ؓ narrates, “I did not see anyone who smiled more than Rasulallah ﷺ.” Hadhrat Jareer ؓ says that whenever Rasulallah ﷺ saw me, he met me with a cheerful smile. (Shamaail, Page 247)

Rasulullah ﷺ would always meet people with a smile on his face despite the fact that he had the concern of the entire ummah upon his shoulders.

The Arabs would always hold a person who was known for smiling in high esteem. They believed this to be a sign of his generous personality. Having a gloomy, mean countenance are signs of a very lowly personality.

Hadhrat Sheikhul Hadith Moulana Muhammad Zakariyya (RA) says, "I observed my elders that whenever they met their visitors, they always met them with such cheerfulness that the visitor felt that the happiness was on account of his coming." [Khasaail Page 250]

Leaving the home

When leaving the home, it is sunnah to recite the following dua:

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ تَوَكَّلْتُ عَلَى اللَّهِ لَا حَوْلَ وَلَا قُوَّةَ إِلَّا بِاللَّهِ

(I leave) with the name of Allah ﷻ; I rely on Allah ﷻ; there is no power to do any good, nor any power to abstain from evil, except with the help of Allah ﷻ. (Abu Dawood, Vol. 2, Pg. 347)

Virtue

Rasulullah ﷺ said that whosoever recites the above dua when leaving his home, then it is said to him (by the angels) "You shall be guided, your needs shall be taken care of, you will be protected and may shaytaan go far away from you." (Tirmizi)

We are living in a time when people are scared to leave their homes. Burglaries have become rampant and security is a matter of great concern. By reading this dua, Allah Ta'ala appoints security guards over your home in the form of the Malaaikeh. Every one of us should make a habit of learning these duas and reciting them regularly. We will enjoy the company of Allah Ta'ala and will be divinely protected from Shaytaan.

May Allah Ta'ala protect our homes and make them a place of great happiness for us all.