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THE UMMAH OF
GOODNESS

*“The Ummah of Rasulullah
= The Ummah of Goodness”*

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*your curated weekly spiritual booster delivered straight to your
Inbox*

*We, the Ummah
of Rasulullah ﷺ,
loves doing good,
encouraging good,
& witnessing good.
We are the Ummah
of Goodness.*

Assalamualaikum my Champions,

I've been thinking about what Ustazah Syariati said in our last Sunday Session about how Allah SWT has chosen all of us, **me and you**, to be a part of the Ummah of Rasulullah ﷺ. This does not happen by accident, but **by His Sacred and Divine Wisdom, He has made us all to be a part of "the best community ever raised for humanity"**. ([Quran 3:110](#))

Let's pause on that for a moment and just internalise what honour it is for us to be from the Best of Nations ever lived - meaning from the beginning of the creation of Man, i.e., from Prophet Adam AS's time all the way till the end of time - we all belong to the Best of Ummah.

Allah SWT continued the Ayah above by elaborating on what makes us the best; He said, "You are the best community ever raised for humanity—**you encourage good**, forbid evil, and believe in Allah" ([Quran 3:110](#)). Ustazah Syariati highlighted the fact that because we are from the Ummah of Rasulullah ﷺ, **we naturally incline towards good**.

Not only that, but we also:

Love doing good

Rush to do good

Appreciate good

Encourage good

And that we are the

Ummah of Goodness.

So Champs, today and for the rest of our lives, let us all tap into our ***fitrah*** (*natural inclination*) of our love for goodness. Let us choose gentleness, kindness, patience, gratitude, mercy, forgiveness, generosity, sincerity, and all of the excellent traits that a believer ***and*** a follower of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ is supposed to have!

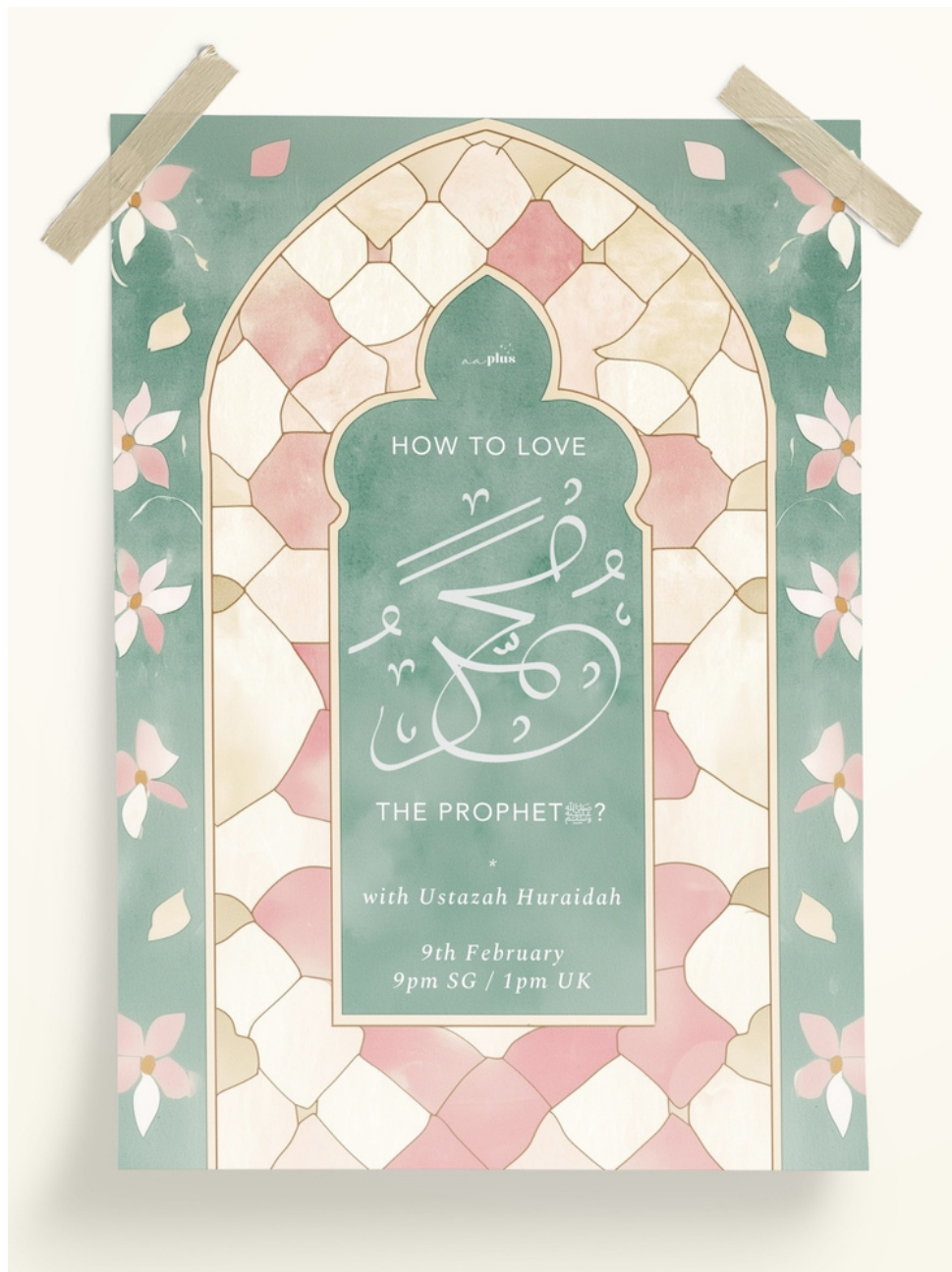
Because it is already in us. :)

PS: Here are 5 simple good deeds you can do now!

- 1) Share a snippet of this Closer email to your loved ones.
- 2) Sincerely thank someone for their help
- 3) Make a Du'a for the first person that came to your mind.
- 4) Set an intention in connection to the Quran
- 5) Smile to the first person you see

PPS: Share with me 5 of your simple good deeds so we can continue the Chain of Goodness!

this week on aa plus



Have you ever seen someone crush over the Prophet ﷺ, and you sat in silence wondering if there is something wrong with you for not feeling the same? Why does mentioning his name ﷺ bring tears to the eyes of others, but not you? Don't lose hope, dear beloved of the Prophet ﷺ (yes he ﷺ loves you very much!) because this session is about to transform your whole perspective about our Prophet ﷺ and his love for us (and in turn our love for him too In Sha Allah).

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a beautiful dua

Ya Allah, allow me
to strive and give
my level best in
everything I do, for
You have chosen me
to be from the Best of
Nations.

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Holding on to the conviction that Allah SWT has handpicked each and every single one of us to be from the Best of Nations definitely impacts how we should carry ourselves. We all must hold ourselves to a higher standard, but sometimes, when the days get too overwhelming and the nights get challenging, we can forget this honour. This is why I have been making this Du'a, as only Allah SWT can remind us, **and** reinitil within us, this sense of purpose for us to do better for His sake.

#sunnahsupplements



I came across this beautiful Hadith and wanted to share it with all of you. Sayidina Anas RA said that **the Prophet (ﷺ) never rejected the gifts of perfume ([Bukhari](#))**, and knowing this made me smile.

I love how "classy" (for lack of a better word) our Prophet ﷺ is! PS:

Let us also note that the word used in the Hadith is "الطيب" which literally means "the good one", i.e. the "perfume" meant here is not the ones that we know of today that are filled with chemicals, rather, *attars*, which are derived from natural scents such as flowers. FYI, Ustazah Maghfirah shared with me that Rasulullah ﷺ particularly liked Amber, Oud and Musk!

a blessed language

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الْجَزَاءُ

[Jaza']

Mentioned 117 times (in all linguistic forms) in the Quran

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root word:



جَزَى - يَجْزِي - جَزَاءٌ

noun present tense past tense

meaning:

to fulfill, satisfy or to pay up.

synonymous to قَضَاءٌ
which means *fulfilment*.

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1st Meaning in the Quran:

compensation

وَأَنْ لَّيْسَ لِلْإِنْسَانِ إِلَّا مَا سَعَىٰ
وَأَنَّ سَعْيَهُ سَوْفَ يُرَىٰ
ثُمَّ يُجْزَاهُ الْجَزَاءُ الْأَوْفَىٰ

And that there is not for man except that for which he strives, And that his effort is going to be seen -Then he will be recompensed for it with the fullest recompense -

[Quran 53:39-41](#)

2nd Meaning in the Quran:

reward

... نَجْزِي مَنْ شَكَرَ

We **reward** he who is grateful.

[Quran 54:35](#)

... plus

3rd Meaning in the Quran:

punishment

أُولَئِكَ جَزَاؤُهُمْ أَنَّ عَلَيْهِمْ لَعْنَةَ
اللَّهِ وَالْمَلَائِكَةِ وَالنَّاسِ أَجْمَعِينَ

Their **punishment** is that
they will be condemned by Allah,
the angels, and all of humanity.

[Quran 3:87](#)

... plus

*Notice that the
word Jazaa'
can both have
a positive OR
a negative
connotation to it.*

Good Actions = Positive Reward
Negative Actions = Punishment

... plus

Ps.

What does saying

جَزَاكَ اللَّهُ خَيْرًا

jazakillahu khairan (said to a singular female)

- or -

جَزَاكُمْ اللَّهُ خَيْرًا

jazakumullahu khairan (said to a group of people)

mean?

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

May Allah
reward
you with
(indefinite)
goodness

It is usually said when we want to repay someone's kindness by gifting them a doa. And in this doa, we're asking Allah SWT to reward them with indefinite goodness as we say "khayr" in an indefinite form, i.e., an indefinite amount of goodness in all forms.

And how do we reply?

We can simply say **waiyyak** (وإيّاك)

which means **you too** or we can say

jami'an (جَمِيعًا), which means:

May Allah reward **us all** with goodness.



In our second instalment of 'A Blessed Language', we take a look at the word **Jazaa'** which appears 117 times in the Quran in all linguistic forms. It can either mean reward, compensation or punishment, which means this word can have a positive OR negative connotation depending on context! And if you have ever wondered about the phrase 'Jazakallah Khair', a fairly common prayer used to thank someone, we added some information on it at the end so be sure to read through all nine slides!

road to ramadhan



We are down to the last 5 Juzuk before we finish another round of the Quran, In Sha Allah, just in time for us to begin again this coming Ramadhan! If there is one thing I intend AA Plus to be known synonymously with, it has to be our shared love for the Quran, and our Tuesdays and Wednesdays Quran gatherings always feel like much-needed therapy for the mind, body and soul. :) You'll feel the difference even if you can only make it for 5 minutes. Don't ever let the devil convince you otherwise!

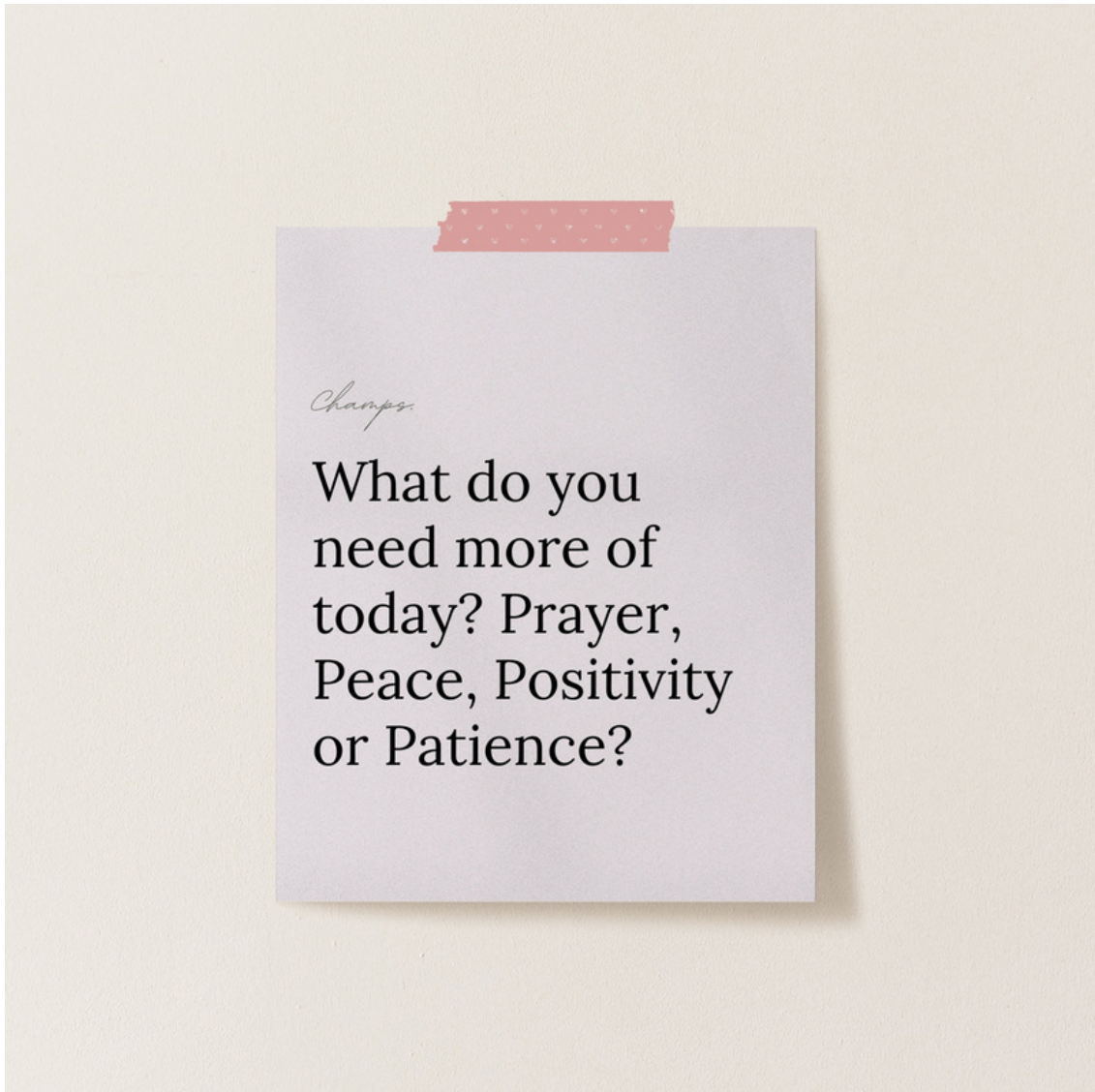
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Hadiths of Hope



Bringing back one of my favourite Hadith of Rasulullah ﷺ that always brings me hope! **"Strange are the ways of a believer for there is good in every affair of his and this is not the case with anyone else except in the case of a believer** for if he has an occasion to feel delight, he thanks (God), thus there is a good for him in it, and if he gets into trouble and shows resignation (and endures it patiently), there is a good for him in it." ([Muslim](#)) For the believer connected to her Rabb, her affairs are always good, and this powerful realisation is what can stop you from having crippling anxiety to peaceful liberation. All will be good, always, in all ways. ,

to ponder



I am always asking myself which one of these four Ps do I need on any given day. Today, I needed a bigger dose of Patience, and so I've been trying to steady myself with some breathwork and anchor myself with lots of *Alhamdulillah*. Whatever you may need more of, my dear Champ, I am certain that Allah SWT will guide you to it, and **through** it. May your prayers ground you, may peace embrace you, may positivity uplift you, and may patience shelter you. Amin. ❤️

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