**Importance of Eid Sermon**

The congregation will be reminded of the significance of Eid Al Adha in commemorating Prophet Ibrahim’s unselfish act of sacrificing his son, Ismail, to Allah. Eid-al-Fitr marks the end of Ramadan,which is a month of fasting and prayer. Many Muslims attend communal prayers, listen to a *khutba on both of the occasions*

Eid is about strengthening the ties of friendship in the community and helping those who are in need. It is also a time of forgiveness, visitation and gift giving. People are urged to smile at each other and foster gestures of closeness.

Abu Hurairah reported the Prophet Mohammed saying: “By Him in Whose Hand is my life! You will not enter heaven until you believe, and you will not believe until you love one another. Shall I inform you of something which, if you do, you will love one another? Promote greetings amongst yourselves.”

Muslims are also urged to let go of grievances and use this time to mend relationships and mark new beginnings.

According to Abu Ayyub Al Ansari, the Messenger of Allah also said: “It is not lawful for a Muslim to desert (stop talking to) his brother beyond three nights, the one turning one way and the other turning to the other way when they meet, the better of the two is one who is the first to greet the other.”

**PURIFICATION**

*“Allah loves those who repent and who purify themselves.”
“Purity is half of faith.”*

**Spiritual purification** requires the cleansing of the mind and soul of all evils
**Physical purification** is cleaning the body from all filth- classified as najasat
**Najasat Hukmiyah** is the state of impurity which is not visible to the eye but is known through Shariah injunctions *e.g. lack of Wudu/Ghusl*
**Najasat Haqiqi** is the impurity which one temperamentally detests and avoids *e.g. urine*
Minor impurities are termed as Hadath Asghar
Major impurities are termed as Hadath Akbar

**Wudu**
*Conditions:*
Intention
Clean teeth (miswak/toothbrush)
No part of body is to be dry before other is washed
Cannot break process of wudu
Should be completed in a particular order
Washing should always be right before left
Water should be clean and pure
No part should be left dry
*“He who performs his wudu well has all his sins washed away and all his linbs shed their sins and his ranks exalted in the hereafter.”*

**Ghusl**
Intention
Wash both hands to wrists
Wash private parts
Perform Ablution
Water poured from head to feet
Water poured on right then left side of the body thrice
 **Dry Ablution**
If water is not available or cannot be used, dry ablution is allowed
*Method:*
Both palms on ground once
Blow on them
Wipe face and hands upto the wrist
*Conditions:*
Void with that which breaks Wudu
Void with availability of water
Only done with pure dust
Cannot be done with anything burnt
Only be done with something with dust
Only allowed in very hard times