

Wasting precious Water during Ramadan

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ. الحمد لله رب العالمين ، والصلاة والسلام على خاتم الأنبياء والمرسلين

Shaykh Raslan said¹: The water we drink has come to us through no might or power of our own. Allah the Exalted said:

﴿٦٨﴾ أَنْتُمْ أَنْزَلْتُمُوهُ مِنَ الْمُزْنِ أَمْ نَحْنُ الْمُنزِلُونَ ﴿٦٩﴾

And have you considered the water that you drink? Is it you who cause it to come down from the rainclouds, or is it We who bring it down?²

Shaykh Salih Fawzan said: From the wisdom of fasting the month of Ramadan is so those who are well-to-do can empathize with the poor and needy. End quote

After seeing countless half-empty water bottles littered around the Masjid each Ramadan, it's safe to assume many of us don't fully appreciate the blessing of fresh water.

Did you know: For a billion people around the world water doesn't come packaged in a bottle, and water doesn't flow from a tap? For one billion people around the world, a glass of water means a 3.7 mile walk on average. That's 15 laps around a football field! Not to mention carrying the full container – 45 pounds – back home, walking barefoot or in sandals on unpaved roads. (UNICEF statistics)

Cool drinking water is the first favor Allah will question us about on the Day of Judgment. The Prophet – may Allah exalt his rank – said:

إِنَّ أَوَّلَ مَا يُسْأَلُ عَنْهُ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ يَعْنِي الْعَبْدَ مِنَ النَّعِيمِ أَنْ يُقَالَ لَهُ : أَلَمْ نُصِحِّحْ لَكَ جِسْمَكَ وَتُرْوِيكَ مِنَ الْمَاءِ الْبَارِدِ

Surely the first blessing the people will be questioned about on the Day Judgement is when it is said to them 'Did we not give you a healthy body? Did we not give you cool water to drink? (Jami` at-Tirmidhi 3358)

Solutions: Buy a personal reusable water bottle and fill it up at home. If you open a bottle finish it. Mark your bottle with a sharpie or color tape. If you find half empty water bottles water the plants.

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¹ Taken from 'The blessings of water and the necessity of preserving it'

² Soorah Al-Wāqī'ah 56:68, 69