

INTRODUCTION

Ramadaan
Mubaarak!

Allaah has blessed us with another Ramadaan, Alhamdulillah.

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He (saw) said, "Indeed there is a gate of Paradise called *ar-Rayyaan*. On the Day of Resurrection those who fast will enter through it; no one enters it except for them, and when they have entered, it is closed so that no one else enters it, [so when the last of them enters, it is closed, and whoever enters it drinks, and whoever drinks never becomes thirsty.]"

[Bukhaaree]

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THE NIGHT OF POWER

It is not known exactly when Laylatul Qadr is. When the Prophet (saw) came out to tell the people, two Companions were arguing. He (saw) said: "I came out to tell you when Laylatul-Qadr was, and so and so and so and so were arguing, so it (knowledge of when it was) was taken away from me. Perhaps this is better for you. So seek Laylatul Qadr in the odd-numbered nights of the last ten nights of Ramadaan."

[Bukhaaree]

He (saw) used to worship harder during these days in a way that he did not strive at any other time

[Muslim]

Some scholars say Laylatul Qadr moves, not coming on a specific night each year.

[al-Majmoo', 6/450]

We have been given some descriptions of that special Night. Each year, we might see these signs on a different night. So we can explain this by saying that each year, the Special Night may come on a different day.

Allaah has concealed this night; the exact date of it is unknown every year. This is so His slaves will strive to find it, and strive hard in worship. Just like there is a very special time on Friday. In that time, for those who



make du'aa, it will not be rejected. This time has also been hidden, so we work hard that day in worship and du'aa, hoping to find it.

The devoted servant of Allaah fills these nights with prayer, reading and reflecting on the Qur'aan. He makes sincere du'aa to Allaah, begging for His forgiveness. Allaah comes down to the lowest heaven during the last third of each night and announces: 'Whoever makes du'aa, I shall answer it. Whoever asks (for something halaal) I shall grant it; and whoever seeks forgiveness, I shall forgive him.'

[Bukhaaree]

On the night of Laylatul Qadr, one should say, 'O Allaah, You are Forgiving and Generous, and you love forgiveness, so forgive me.'

"Allaahumma innaka 'affuwan tuhibbul 'afwa fa' fu'annee"

[Ahmad, Tirmidhi & Ibn Maajah]

Laylatul Qadr is the night of forgiveness. He (saw) said: "Whoever fasts the month

of Ramadaan or stays up during Laylatul Qadr, out of faith and hoping for the reward, all his previous sins will be forgiven."

[Bukhaaree & Muslim]

This is while worshipping Allaah to gain His reward, not for any other purpose such as showing off, or to tell others of what you did.

The angels, including angel Jibreel (as), come down on this blessed night along with Allaah's Blessing and Mercy. They also come down when the Qur'aan is recited, and beat their wings for those sincerely seeking knowledge, out of respect for them."

[Ibn Katheer]

This night is described as peaceful and safe. Shaytaan cannot do any evil or cause any harm on this night [Ibn Katheer]. On this night, many people are saved from punishment because of what they do to worship Allaah.

On this night the destiny of all creatures for the coming year is decided. It is written who will live or die, who will be saved or doomed, who will be destined for Paradise or Hell and all else that Allaah wills in that year. On this night, this information is transferred from al-Lawh al-Mahfooth (the Protected Tablet) to the lower heavens & Allaah knows best


QUIZ TIME

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masha'Allaah!

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“Whoever does not abandon lying, then Allaah does not need him to abandon his food and drink.”

[Bukhaaree]

WHAT AFTER RAMADAAN?

At the beginning of Ramadaan, our hearts were full of happiness, hoping for Allaah’s Mercy, rewards and forgiveness. We ask Allaah (swt) to accept our fasting and prayers, to accept our past deeds and to bless the remaining part of our lives. He is truly blessed, whose sins were forgiven and his repentance accepted.

All good deeds should end by seeking Allaah’s Forgiveness, *Al-Istighfaar*.

Fasting should end in the same way, to cover any acts of forgetfulness, mistakes or sins we might have committed. *Al-Istighfaar* removes pride from the heart, because we realize we have made mistake. This in turn helps us do more righteous deeds, which means more rewards.

‘Umar Ibn Abdul-Azeez (ra) wrote to some people saying:

“Istighfaar mends what foolish talk may have damaged in one’s fasting.”

Though we have bid farewell to Ramadaan, this should not mean a farewell to acts of worship. Rather, a Muslim should strengthen the relationship be-

tween himself and his Lord so that he may have continued blessings. As for those who leave good deeds as soon as Ramadaan ends, they are evil people who only remember their Lord in Ramadaan and afterwards don’t want to know.

Allaah says,

There is no value in an act of worship if one does not become a better, stronger Muslim.

Ibn Al Qayyim (rh) said,

“There is a distance between a righteous deed and the heart and in that distance there are a lot of obstacles that prevent the deed from reaching the heart. So you see a man who has done many good deeds and yet nothing of that finds its way to his heart, for he never carried out the deed out of love for Allaah, fear of Him and hoping for His mercy.

Had the completion of his deeds reached his heart, he would have indeed been a much different person, truly knowing the difference between truth and falsehood.”

Ramadaan filled our lives with blessings. It caused our ceemaan to

become stronger and purified our souls. He who benefits from Ramadaan is the one who is a better Muslim after Ramadaan than he was before it.

A sign that your good deeds have been accepted is that you can continue to do more good deeds afterwards. On the other hand, if you return to sin after your good deeds in Ramadaan, it may be a sign that your Ramadaan has been rejected.

The Prophet (saw) said.

“Fear Allaah wherever you are, follow up the evil deed with a good one and it will remove it, and deal with people with good conduct.” [Tirmidhee]

Therefore, let the shining effects of this Ramadaan be the key to your blessings all the time. Work hard to be kind to your parents and neighbours, visit your relatives, help those who are suffering, take care of the orphans, solve problems between yourselves and others, help those who ask you, be kind to others, defend the honor of your brothers and always be a source of good as you were in the month of Ramadaan. Be a changed, better Muslim as a result of Ramadaan. Don’t let it go to waste!

THE HAPPY DAY OF 'EID

Before Islaam, the people used to have two celebrations. Then when the Noble Prophet came with Islaam, Allaah gave the Muslims two better days to celebrate, they are the two Eid's.

Eid is a special time for ALL Muslims and everyone should try to go and pray Eid Salaah as this is one of the most important part of that day. This includes the children as well as the elderly.

DID YOU KNOW?

we are allowed to sing on this day and use the Daff?

The Daff is like a tambourine, without any bells on it and it sounds like a drum. The songs that are sung must not have any bad words or meanings.

'Aaishah (ra) said: *"The Prophet (saw) came into my room while I had 2 young girls singing songs about a battle, so he sat on his mattress and turned his face away. Abu Bakr (ra) then walked in and told me off, saying: 'The music of Shaytaan in front of the Prophet (saw)!' Allaah's Messenger (saw) said to him: "O Abu Bakr every people have an 'Eid and this is our 'Eid - (so let them have their fun on this special day)"*

[Bukhaaree & Muslim]

DID YOU KNOW?

'Eid al-Adhaa Prayer is prayed as early as possible as people need to arrange for an animal (such as a sheep) to be sacrificed afterwards.

'Eid al Fitr is prayed late. This is the Eid after Ramadaan. It is prayed late so that everyone has enough time to pay charity called Zakaat al-Fitr. This money is paid by everyone so that any mistakes they made in Ramadaan are forgiven. [Muslim]

DID YOU KNOW?

The Eid salaah does not have any adhaan or iqaamah?

[Abu Daawood, Tirmidhee]

DID YOU KNOW?

For Eid al Fitr:

1. Have a bath before salaah
2. Eat before you go
3. Walk to the Eid Salaah [Saheeh]

Everyone should have a bath on this day, before the Eid Salaah. You should also wear new clothes if possible and look your best. And for the men only, they should put on perfume before they go.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Eid salaah has only TWO rakahs. You don't pray anything before it and nothing after it.

[Bukhaaree & Muslim]

DID YOU KNOW?

'On the days of 'Eid, the Prophet, (saw) would go to the prayer area by one route and come back by another route (walking).'

[Bukhaaree]

MAKE TAKBEER

"Allaahu Akbar, Allaahu Akbar, Laa illaaha illallah. Allaahu Akbar. Allaahu Akbar wa lillaahil-hamd."

Saying the Takbeer starts from the night before 'Eid (after Maghrib of the day before) until the next day, at Eid Salaah, when the Imaam comes out to start the prayer. Allaah says

"You should complete Ramadaan and then you should glorify Allaah (say Takbeer) for having guided you so that you may be grateful to Him."

[2:185]




DID YOU KNOW?

When the Prophet's companions used to meet each other on 'Eid day, they would say to each other: "May Allaah accept from us and from you."

'Taqabbal Allaahu minna wa minkum'

[Ahmad]



1. Make Takbeer
2. Have a bath
3. Wear best clothes 
4. Put on perfume (men only)
5. Eat before leaving to pray 
6. Walk to prayer place
7. No prayer before nor after Eid prayer 
8. Return home using a different way



7 - 9 yrs

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Last Months winners is:

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WORDSEARCH

Use this page to help you find 19 words from the grid below. Hand in your list of words, with your name, address and age to the address given BEFORE the deadline: 13th October 2006

The Noble Prophet (saw) said:

"Fasting is not [only] leaving eating and drinking, but staying away from useless and bad talk, so if someone insults or wrongs you, say: 'I am fasting.'" [al-Hakeem]



SUHAYB'S FAST



Before Suhayb went to sleep at night, he made Du'aa to Allaah to help him get up the next morning for the very early breakfast, called Suhoor. It was really difficult to get up at that time as it was so early. It was also, very dark outside and all the neighbours were fast asleep.

Suhayb's parents woke him up and with the help of Allaah, he managed to get up. His mother made him eat a good breakfast, even though he was too tired to enjoy it properly.

As soon as he had done, he brushed his teeth and made wudhoo. He prayed his Fajr and went back to sleep, remembering to thank Allaah for helping him. All the rest of the men went to the Masjid to pray with the Imaam there.

Suhayb woke up later and got ready for school. He knew he must remember to do as much good as he can, because EACH good thing he does would get him even more rewards than usual - that was one of the good things about Ramadan.

So he said his du'aas when:

- he woke up
- he went to the bathroom
- he puts on his uniform
- he left his house
- he went to school on car

By lunch time, Suhayb was quite hungry. Most of his friends went off to eat - but he reminded himself he is not allowed to eat. He then thought of all those poor people. They feel hungry all the time and can not do anything about it. At least when Suhayb goes home, he knew he would be able to eat at Iftaar time. But those poor people hardly ever got any

proper food. Suhayb remembered to thank Allaah again, saying 'Alhamdulillah' that Allaah has given him and his family so much and that they do not have to worry about their food.

He used his lunch break to pray his Dhuhr Salaah, remembering to do some dhikr afterwards, reciting SubhaanAllaah (33x), Alhamdulillah(33x) and Allaahu akhbar (34x). When he went home in the afternoon, he was tired, so he rested for a bit.

Later, his mother reminded him to pray Asr - he made sure he never prayed his 'Asr late as he remembered what his mother told him: she said, the one who prays it late, it is like all his good deeds are wiped away.

Suhayb worked hard to do as much good as he could, he would hate all those to go to waste. So he prayed His 'Asr immediately.

By now, he could smell the food cooking in the kitchen and he was really hungry. But it was time for Madrassah in the Masjid, so off he went.

Some of his friends were fasting too - they wanted to keep all their fasts this year insha'Allaah.

When he returned home, he revised his Qur'aan, Then he finished off some homework for school.

There was not long left until iftaar time, when he could break his fast. He helped his mother by taking food to his neighbours.

One of the best times to make du'aa was before you break your fast. So when his mother sat down to make

du'aa, he sat with her and asked Allaah to make him a good Muslim and a haafidh and to grant them all Jannah.

At iftaar time, Suhayb said the du'aa for breaking the fast, then he ate 3 dates and had some water before eating anything else. Then he went to the Masjid with his father to pray Maghrib. His father reminded him to say the du'aas on entering and leaving the Masjid, and to behave whilst in there.

When they arrived home, they thoroughly enjoyed their iftaar dinner and again Suhayb thanked Allaah for His great blessings & favours on them.

Suhayb was young to go for Eisha salaah. This was because they prayed Taraawih salaah as well in the Masjid. This was the special night prayer of Ramadan and it usually took long to pray.

Sometimes, his father took him on the weekends. Suhayb enjoyed going, but got too tired to pray all the salaah.

When he will be older, he would like to go to the Masjid every night to pray salaatul Taraawih. His father told him that whoever prays that night prayer for the whole of Ramadan, all his sins will be forgiven.

His father also told him that whoever fasts the whole month of Ramadan, Allaah will grant that person Paradise. Allaah is so Kind!

So that night, Suhayb thanked Allaah again and prayed he to go to Paradise, with his whole family. He prayed again to Allaah, that He makes it easy for him to wake up for Suhoor....