

Virtues of Ramadhan

Abu Saeed Khudari (RA) relates that the Prophet (SAW) said: "During each day and night of Ramadhan, Allah sets free a great number of souls from hell. And for every Muslim, during each day and night, at least one prayer is certainly accepted."

Abu Hurairah (RA) reports that the Prophet (SAW) said: "There are three people whose dua is not rejected; the fasting person until he breaks the fast, the just ruler and the oppressed person, whose dua Allah lifts above the clouds and opens unto it the doors of heaven, and Allah says: 'I swear by My honour, verily I shall assist you, even though it may be after some time.'

Ubaadah bin Saamit reports that the Prophet (SAW) said one day when Ramadhan had drawn near: "The month of Ramadhan, the month of blessing has come to you, wherein Allah turns towards you and sends down to you His special mercy, forgives your faults, accepts prayers, appreciates your competition for the greatest good and boasts to the angels about you. So show to Allah your righteousness, for verily the most pitiable and unfortunate one is he who is deprived of Allah's mercy in this month."

Virtues of Quran

Hadhrat Abdullah ibn Amar (RA) reports that the Prophet (SAW) said: "On the day of judgement it will be said to the man devoted to the Quran, 'Go on reciting the Quran and continue ascending the storeys of Jannah and recite in the slow manner you had been reading in worldly life; your final abode will be where you reach at the time of the last ayah of recitation.'"

Hadhrat Aishah (RA) reports that the Prophet (SAW) said: "Certainly there is always a thing in which people take pride. And that which is glory and pride for my ummah is the Holy Quran."

Taraweeh Salah

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Allah has stated in the Quran:

“O you who believe! Fasting is prescribed for you as was prescribed for those before you that you may be God fearing.” (al baqarah)

In this verse it is as though Allah is telling us: ‘The eleven months that you have been spending away from Us have weakened your taqwa (fear of Allah) you can regain that by fasting in this month.’ So, it is not enough that we fast and offer taraweeh prayers but we must regain what we have lost in the past eleven months. We can do that by keeping ourselves attached to worship as much as possible right from the first day of Ramadhan because we can do other things in the remaining eleven months. In the month of Ramadhan we must bring down the other tasks as much as we can. Let us keep this month aside for worship.

Forty Opportunities

Let us now chalk out a programme or a time table for this month. Let us see what work we can postpone. We have to fast and offer the taraweeh prayers. Moulana doctor Abdul Hayy (RA) used to say a very interesting thing about taraweeh. He would say, ‘It is a marvellous thing. Through it, Allah allows man to attain nearness to him through forty more opportunities. There are twenty raka’at in taraweeh comprising of forty prostrations, each of which is an opportunity of the best kind to gain nearness to Allah; the forehead rests on the floor and the tongue repeats, ‘Glory be to my Lord, the High.’

Excessive Recital of the Quran

As we have said, we have to observe fasting and offer taraweeh in the month of Ramadhan and whatever time we have, we must spend in the worship of Allah for instance; we must pay particular

attention to reciting the Quran because the month has a special relationship with the Quran. Imam Abu Hanifah (RA) used to recite the whole Quran during the daytime in Ramadhan and again once in the night, and yet again in the taraweeh prayers over the month which means that he recited the Quran from cover to cover sixty one times in Ramadhan. Allamah Shami (RA) recited the Quran in its entirety once every day and night. During Ramadhan the Prophet (SAW) would recite the whole Quran to the Angel Jibraeel. We must also increase the recital of the Quran in Ramadhan compared to our normal recital during the other days.

Excess of Optional Worship

We must try to offer those optional and nafl prayers which we do not observe in other days. The tahajjud for instance. We may also offer the *Ishraq* (post sunrise optional prayer), the *Chasht* (midmorning optional prayer) and the *Awwabeen* (post maghrib optional prayer.)

Excessive Charity

A part from Zakah, we must give voluntary charity as much as we can in the month of Ramadhan. A Hadith tells us that the Prophet (SAW) was known to give away charity very generously at all times but in Ramadhan he was extraordinarily generous. He gave to whoever came to him.

Increase Zikr

Apart from that, we must mention Allah all the time, whether we are sitting, or walking about. Our hands may be busy but our tongue must be occupied in remembering Allah. We may also invoke blessings on the messenger of Allah all the time, whether we are sitting, or walking about. Our hands may be busy but our tongue must be occupied in remembering Allah. We may also invoke blessings on the

messenger of Allah (SAW) frequently and seek forgiveness of Allah often.

Keep Away from Sin

In the month of Ramadhan, we must pay particular attention to keep away from sin. Let us resolve to keep our eyes in check in the Holy month so that they do not rest on wrong places.

We must control our tongue and not speak anything wrong, neither tell a lie nor backbite anyone. We must not hunt anyone with our behaviour, that while we refrain in the Holy month from the permitted eatables we do not stop eating dead meat because the Quran has said to backbite anyone is to eat a dead brother’s flesh. We must avoid falsehood and keep away from unnecessary gatherings and any other unnecessary work.

Intensify Supplications

In addition to that, we must make supplications to Allah frequently. The doors of mercy are wide open. Mercy is being showered in plenty. Allah is looking for excuses to forgive. A crier cries out, ‘Is there any supplicant that I may grant him,’ we must beg, beseech and implore in the morning, evening and night; at all times. Allah says, ‘You ask Me at the time of iftar, I will give you, ask at night, I will grant, ask while you are fasting, I will bestow, ask in the last part of the night and I will give.’ Allah has let us know that the doors are open, so ask at all times. We must make plenty of supplication, for ourselves, our family members, community and the whole of the Muslim ummah. May Allah cause us to follow what we have read and respect the month of Ramadhan and spend its hours correctly.