

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَنِ الرَّجِيمِ

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ كَمَا هُوَ أَهْلُ الْصَّلَاةِ وَالسَّلَامِ عَلَى سَيِّدِ الْعَبْدِ وَرَبِّ الْأَدَمِ كَمَا يُحِبُّ وَيُرْضِي إِنَّمَا يُصْلِلُ عَلَيْهِ

Allah *azza wajal*, in Whose Name we begin, The Most Compassionate,

The Most Merciful

All Praise is due to Allah *azza wajal*, Countless Peace and Blessings be upon

His Beloved Messenger *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam*

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## Virtues of the Day of 'Aashurah

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It is reported that when Allah *azza wajal* promised Nabi Moosa *Alayhis Salaam* that he would be spoken to by Allah *azza wajal*, he would be addressed by the Allah *azza wajal*, and that he would receive the Taurah on a special tablet, he was thereafter commanded to fast for thirty days.

However, during this time when Nabi Moosa *Alayhis Salaam* felt that his mouth did not smell very nice, he decided to clean his mouth with a branch that had a nice fragrance in it. In one narration it is said that this was a stem of the olive tree or some other sweet-scented tree. Nabi Moosa *Alayhis Salaam* was then told, "When you are keeping fast on My Command, why did you perform Iftaar according to your decision. Are you not aware that the smell emanating from the mouth of a fasting person is more beautiful than Kasturi? As expiation, he was commanded to perform another ten more fast."

In Surah Al Araf (7) verse 142, the Qur'an declares that:

وَوَعَدْنَا مُوسَىٰ ثَلَاثِينَ لَيْلَةً وَأَتَمَّنَهَا بِعَشْرِ فَتَّمْ مِيقَتُ رَبِّهِمْ أَوْ بَعْنَ لَيْلَةً

“And We made Musa a promise of thirty nights and completed adding ten more in them, so the promise of his Lord was completed by forty nights.”

In one report it is mentioned that by ten is meant the first ten days of Muharram and in another report, it is mentioned that this ten signifies the first ten days of Zil-Hajj. If we accept the first opinion then it means that the last day of these ten days would be the Day of 'Aashurah. This is also the day on which Allah *azza wajal* spoke to Nabi Moosa *Alayhis Salaam* and also revealed the Taurah to him.

This is that special day when the reward of good deeds are doubled. All sins are pardoned. As we have said this is the day when Nabi Adam *Alayhis Salaam* was pardoned and among others, and the day when Nabi Ebrahim *Alayhis Salaam* was saved from the fire of Nimrud.

One of the greatness of this day is that a person who keeps fast on this day, it is like he has kept fast the entire year. As for him who spends the night in Ibadah, he will be greatly rewarded. As for that person who clothes a needy person and performed a good deed, he will be saved from great punishment. A person who gives a needy person a glass of water, or helped an orphan or feed a needy person he will be fed from a table in Jannah. Whoever gives charity on this day, on the Day of Judgement that charity of his will be counted and taken into consideration. He who spends on his family on this day, his sustenance would be increased. He should increase in reading the Kalimah, making Dhikr, reading Durood Shareef, etc. There are so many reports on the excellence of this night and day that it is impossible to count them. (Nuzhatul Majaalis, 1/323)