

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ كَمَا هُوَ أَهْلُهُ وَالصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَى سَيِّدِ الْوُلْدِ أَدْمَرَ كَمَا يُحِبُّ وَيَرْضَى بِأَنْ يُصَلَّى عَلَيْهِ

In The Name Of Allah The Most Compassionate Very Merciful
All Praise Due To Allah And Peace And Blessings Be Upon His Beloved Messenger

Excellence and Blessings of Ramadan (Islamic Discourse)

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا كُتِبَ عَلَيْكُمُ الصِّيَامُ كَمَا كُتِبَ عَلَى الَّذِينَ مِنْ قَبْلِكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ

تَتَّقُونَ ﴿١٨٣﴾

O Believers! Fastings have been made obligatory upon you as were made obligatory upon those before you, so that you may become pious.

(Al-Baqarah 2, Verse 183)

Shariah Ruling:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا كُتِبَ عَلَيْكُمُ الصِّيَامُ

O Believers! Fastings have been made obligatory upon you...

The fasts of Ramadan are compulsory on every sane and mature Muslim male and female. The Salah became Fard on the night of Me'raj and the fasts became Fard on the 10th Shawwaal 2 A.H.

(Tafseer Khaazin, Bahaare Shariat)

The month of Ramadan was chosen for fasting because...

It is often seen that most of Islamic practices have been placed in the memory of some blessed personalities; e.g.

- The Fard aspect of Wuqoof in 'Arafaat is in the memory of Hazrat Adam – peace be upon him – and Hazrat Hawwa – may Allah be pleased with her
- The virtuous action of Qurbani is the Sunnah of Hazrat Ibrahim and Ismail – peace be upon them
- Sa'i between Safa and Marwah signifies the memories of Hazrat Hajerah's Sa'i between the two mountains

Likewise, our beloved Prophet – may Allah send peace and blessings upon him – used to abstain from eating and drinking during some days in the month of Ramadan. Allah Almighty loved this action of His beloved Messenger – may Allah send peace and blessings upon him – therefore He made the fasts Fard in the month of Ramadan, so that it signifies the memories of the beloved Prophet – may Allah send peace and blessings upon him – to his Ummah and we keep his Sunnah alive.

Fasting was Fard on the former Nations as well

كَمَا كُتِبَ عَلَى الَّذِينَ مِنْ قَبْلِكَ

As were made obligatory upon those before you...

- Hazrat Adam – peace be upon him – used to fast on the 13th, 14th and 15th of every month.
- Hazrat Nooh – peace be upon him – used to fast throughout the whole year
- Hazrat Dawood – peace be upon him – used to fast every second day

- Hazrat Isa – peace be upon him – used to fast every third day
(Tafseer Azezi Vol. 1 p. 639)

The Objective of fasting

The greatest blessing and objective of fasting is that by observing fasts of Ramadan a person attains piety, hence Allah's words...

لَعَلَّكُمْ تَتَّقُونَ ﴿١٨٣﴾

So that you may become pious.

Encourage your children to get accustomed to fasting from early age

Parents should encourage their children to fast from early age, so when they reach the age of puberty they do not find it hard to fast. It is for this reason that the Jurists have encouraged this practice and said that when the child reaches the age of 10 and is capable of fasting then the parents should make them keep the fasts of month of Ramadan.

(Radd al-Muhtar)

Learn to Appreciate the blessed month of Ramadan

Our beloved Prophet – may Allah send peace and blessings upon him – has stated that if the Ummah really knew about the virtues of Ramadan, they would wish that the entire year be Ramadan.

(Ibn Khuzaimah Vol. 3, p. 190; Al-Targheeb Vol. 2, p. 102; Kanzul 'Ummaal Vol. 8, p. 222)

Allah looks at His creation with Mercy in the first night of Ramadan

Hazrat Abu Hurairah – may Allah be pleased with him – narrates that the beloved Prophet – may Allah send peace and blessings upon him – has stated:

During the first night of Ramadan Allah Almighty looks at His creation with Mercy, and when Allah looks at His servant with Mercy He will never punish

him. He frees one million people from hell every day, and on the 29th night He frees the people of hell equivalent to the accumulative number of the entire month. The angels celebrate when the night of Eid arrives and Allah Almighty reveals special Radiance of His Noor and says to the angles, “What should be the reward of a worker who completes his duty?” The angels reply, “He should be repaid in full.” Allah Almighty then commands, “O angels, bear witness that I have forgiven them all.”

(Al-Targheeb Wal Tarheeb Vol. 2, p. 98)

One who observes the fasts of Ramadan attains the virtues of Siddeeqeen and Martyrs

A man came to the Holy Prophet – may Allah send peace and blessings upon him – asked, “Ya RasoolAllah, what would my status be if:

- I testify that there is none worthy of worship besides Allah Almighty and the Holy Prophet – may Allah send peace and blessings upon him – is the Messenger of Allah
- Pray five times Salah
- Pay Zakah
- Keep the fasts of Ramadan
- Stay awake in the nights of Ramadan worshipping (Taraweeh, Tilawah, Tahajjud etc.)?

“You would be considered among the Siddeeqeen and Martyrs” he replied.

(Ibn Khuzaimah, Ibn Hibbaan, Al-Targheeb, Kanzul ‘Ummaal)

Ramadan is full of blessings

Hazrat Salman Farsi – may Allah be pleased with him – narrates that our beloved Master – may Allah send peace and blessings upon him – delivered a sermon on the last day of Sha’ban:

O people, here comes to you the month full of virtues and blessing. It is the month whose one night is greater than a thousand months (Lailatul Qadr). Allah Almighty has fasting in this month compulsory and worship in its nights (Taraweeh) is Sunnah. Whoever performs these virtuous actions is as if he

performed Fard actions in any other month, and the status of Fard in this month is as if he has performed 70 Faraaid in any other month. This is the month of patience and the result of patience is Paradise. It is the month of common courtesy (to look after each other in the community of Islam). The sustenance of a believer is increased in this month. Whoever provides someone Iftar is forgiven and will get protection from hell. The one who serves someone Iftar will receive the reward like that of the person who fasted, without any decrease in his fast.

Hazrat Salman Farsi – may Allah be pleased with him – says, “We said, ‘Ya RasoolAllah, not everyone of us is capable of providing someone with Iftar.’” The Holy Prophet – may Allah send peace and blessings upon him – said, “Allah Almighty grants this reward to anyone who gives someone even one sip of milk, water or a single date to open fast, and the one who gives a fasting person full food, Allah Almighty will feed him from my pond (Haudh al-Kauthar) and then he will never be thirsty again until he enters Paradise.

This is the month whose beginning is mercy; the center is forgiveness and its end is freedom from hell. Whoever shows leniency towards his employees in this month Allah Almighty forgives that person and grant him freedom from hell.

(Shu’abul Iman Vol. 3, p. 305; Sahih Ibn Khuzaimah Vol. 3, p. 191)

The Holy Ka’bah blesses the Muslim Ummah by calling them towards itself; like the well, whoever goes to the well gets the water but Ramadan is like cloud of Mercy it goes and showers on people by itself and quenches the spiritual thirst of all.

(Tafseer Na’eemi)

Each and every moment of Ramadan is Ibaadat

This Mubarak month; its days and nights are blessing, whether in the form of Fast, Iftar, Salah, Taraweeh, and even the sleep after Taraweeh because sleeping with the intention of waking up for Sahri is also an act of Ibaadat.

No Accountability on the one who dies in Ramadan

The reward of Nafl is like that of the Fard in the month of Ramadan and the reward of Fard is 70-fold. If one passes away in the month of Ramadan, no question will be asked in his grave.

(Tafseer Na'eemi)

The accountability of food and drink is not applicable to the month of Ramadan.

(Roohul Bayaan)

The Paradise is decorated whole year for the month of Ramadan

Sayyiduna ibn Umar – may Allah be pleased with him – narrated that the beloved Prophet – may Allah send peace and blessings upon him – has stated, “The paradise is decorated throughout the year from the beginning till Ramadan arrives. When the month of Ramadan arrives, a breeze is blown on the Hooris from the leaves of the trees of Jannah below the ‘Arsh, and they make Du’a to Allah, “O Allah Almighty, make those amongst the men our husband through whom our eyes are cooled and theirs through us.

(Shu’abul Iman Vol. 3, p. 312-313)

The Gates of Heavens are opened in the Month of Ramadan

Hazrat Abu Hurairah – may Allah be pleased with him – narrated that our beloved Master – may Allah send peace and blessings upon him – has stated, “When the month of Ramadan arrives, the gates of heavens are opened” and in another narration, “The gates of Paradise are opened” in a different narration, “The gates of Mercy are opened and the gates of hell are closed, and the devils are chained.”

(Bukhari Vol. 1, p. 626; Muslim Vol. 1, p. 346)

Devils are chained in Ramadan

Our beloved Prophet – may Allah send peace and blessings upon him – has stated, “When the first night of Ramadan arrives, devils and mischievous jinns are

chained, and the gates of hell are shut and the gates of Paradise are opened, and none of its gates are closed. The caller gives the call, ‘O the seeker of virtues, pay attention, and O the seeker of evil, mend your ways!’ Some people will be freed from hell, and it occurs in every night of Ramadan.”

(Musnad Ahmed, Tirmidhi Vol. 2, p. 155; Ibn Majah Vol. 1, p. 119)

Special Generosity of the beloved Prophet – may Allah send peace and blessings upon him – in the month of Ramadan

Hazrat Abdullah Ibn Abbas – may Allah be pleased with him – stated that when the month of Ramadan arrived the Holy Prophet – may Allah send peace and blessings upon him – used to free all prisoners and give every one who asked for anything.

(Shu’abul Iman Vol. 3, p. 311)

We, the Ummah of beloved Prophet – may Allah send peace and blessings upon him – are in the prison of sorrow and troubles and hope from the Mercy of RasoolAllah – sallallahu alaihi wasallam. Ya RasoolAllah free us from the prison of calamities.

Ameen.

The Sahaba used to beg at the blessed court of the beloved Prophet – may Allah send peace and blessings upon him – and he used to grant them every thing they asked for. It’s enough to tell us that to ask and beg at his feet is the Sunnah of Sahaba, and on the other hand, to consider asking from the beloved Nabi – sallallahu alaihi wasallam – as shirk and bid’ah is the opposite of Iman, and a trait of wahabi deobandi filth. We, the people of Iman, always asked him and will continue to do so, and by Allah’s permission, he used to give us and will continue to give in sha Allah.

The true lover of Huzoor, AlaHazrat Imam Ahmed Raza – may Allah be pleased with him – says the following:

Kaun deta hai dene muh chaahiye
Dene waala hai sachcha hamara Nabi

Ramadan and Quran will intercede

On the Day of Judgment, both the Ramadan and Quran will intercede. Ramadan will say in the court of Allah, “O Allah, I kept him from eating and drinking all day” and the Quran will say, “O Allah, I kept him from sleeping during the night with Quran recitation (Taraweeh and Tilawah).” Allah Almighty will accept their intercession and forgive the Rozadaar and enter them into Jannah.

(Musnad Ahmed Vol. 2, p. 586; Tafseer Na’eemi)

All previous sins forgiven

Our beloved Master – may Allah send peace and blessings upon him – has stated:

مَنْ صَامَ رَمَضَانَ إِيمَانًا وَ احْتِسَابًا غُفِرَ لَهُ مَا تَقَدَّمَ مِنْ ذَنْبِهِ

Whoever fasts in the month of Ramadan in the state of Iman and sincerity, his previous sins will be forgiven.

(Bukhari Vol. 1, p. 658; Muslim Vol. 1, p. 259, Sunan Abi Dawood Vol. 1, p. 194)

One Million are forgiven in each moment of Jumu’ah

Our beloved Master – may Allah send peace and blessings upon him – has stated that Allah Almighty frees one million people from Jahannam at the time of Iftar upon whom hell was become waajib due to their sins, and from the sunset of Jumu’ah till the end of the whole day of Jumu’ah until sunset, one million people, who deserved hell, are freed from hell every moment of it, and when it is the last day of Ramadan then the number of people freed from hell is equivalent to the accumulative number of people free throughout the entire month.

(Tambeehul Ghaafileen)