

RAMADAN

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Hadith #4

كُلُّ عَمَلِ ابْنِ آدَمَ يُضَاعَفُ الْحَسَنَةُ عَشْرُ أَمْثَالِهَا إِلَى سَبْعِمِائَةٍ ضِعْفٍ
قَالَ اللَّهُ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ إِلَّا الصَّوْمَ فَإِنَّهُ لِي وَأَنَا أَجْزِي بِهِ يَدَعُ شَهْوَتَهُ وَطَعَامَهُ
مِنْ أَجْلِي وَالصَّيَامُ جُنَّةٌ وَإِذَا كَانَ يَوْمُ صَوْمِ أَحَدِكُمْ فَلَا يَزِفْتُ وَلَا
يَصْحَبُ فَإِنْ سَابَّهُ أَحَدٌ أَوْ قَاتَلَهُ فَلْيَقُلْ إِنِّي امْرُؤٌ صَائِمٌ وَالَّذِي
نَفْسُ مُحَمَّدٍ بِيَدِهِ لَخُلُوفُ فَمِ الصَّائِمِ أَطْيَبُ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ مِنْ رِيحِ الْمِسْكِ
لِلصَّائِمِ فَرْحَتَانِ يَفْرَحُهُمَا إِذَا أَفْطَرَ فَرِحَ وَإِذَا لَقِيَ رَبَّهُ فَرِحَ بِصَوْمِهِ

Every deed of the son of Adam is multiplied, a single deed as ten times the like of it up to seven hundred times. Allah Almighty said, 'Except for fasting, as it is for Me and I will reward it. He leaves his desires and his food for My sake.' Fasting is a shield, so when one of you fasts, he should not be indecent nor shout. If someone insults him or fights him, let him say: Indeed, I am fasting. By the One in whose hand is the soul of Muhammad, the breath coming from the mouth of a fasting person is more pleasant to Allah than the scent of musk. The fasting person has two moments of relief he enjoys: when he breaks his fast he is joyful, and when he meets his Lord he is joyful for his fasting.

- In this hadith, Allah SWT says **قَالَ اللَّهُ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ إِلَّا الصَّوْمَ فَإِنَّهُ لِي وَأَنَا أَجْزِي بِهِ** which means 'it is for Me and I will reward it'.
 - Fasting is withholding from an action, while other acts of worship are performing an actual action (reading Quran, praying, etc.)
 - So, fasting is not written down in our book of deeds because it is not a physical action that is taking place.

- Therefore, the rewards of fasting are preserved and no one will be able to steal from those rewards on the Day of Judgement, on the day when others will be able to take a portion from your good deeds if they were ever harmed by you in this life.
 - So, the rewards of fasting can never be lost.
- Because fasting is for Allah, He does not put a price of reward on it.
 - It is so valuable that it cannot be given a quantifiable amount of rewards.
 - The same way that we keep surprises a secret because they are special, Allah does not disclose the reward of fasting because it is so special.
- Fasting is the one act of worship that no one ever did for someone/something other than Allah.
 - Other religions have done acts of worship in the name of deities other than Allah, but fasting was never done for anyone other than the sake of Allah.
- The reward of patience is given without any hisaab (accountability)
- The meaning of **أَنَا أَجْزِي بِهِ** could also be 'I am the reward for it', meaning that the reward for fasting will be that you will see Allah in paradise in the next life.
- **يَدْعُ شَهْوَتَهُ وَطَعَامَهُ مِنْ أَجْلِي**: He leaves his desires and his food for My sake
 - You are not only abstaining from something random, but you are abstaining from things that are necessities and luxuries in this life.
 - Because the fasting person is refraining from things which the rest of the world is engaging in, Allah rewards it with an especially high value.
- **وَالصَّيَامُ جُنَّةٌ وَإِذَا كَانَ يَوْمُ صَوْمِ أَحَدِكُمْ فَلَا يَرْفُثُ وَلَا يَصْخَبُ**: Fasting is a shield, so when one of you fasts, he should not be indecent in speech nor raise your voice.
 - Being foul in speech or yelling at others will take a person outside of the shield of fasting.

- Fasting is supposed to be a shield from engaging in any of these bad habits.
- فَإِنْ سَابَّهُ أَحَدٌ أَوْ قَاتَلَهُ فَلْيَقُلْ إِنِّي آمِرٌ صَائِمٌ: If someone insults him or fights him, let him say: Indeed, I am fasting.
 - When you say it out loud, you are reminding yourself and the other person.
 - If the others person is truly fearful of Allah, then the fighting will end as soon as you say those words.
- وَالَّذِي نَفْسٌ مُحَمَّدٍ بِيَدِهِ لَخُلُوفٌ فَمِ الصَّائِمِ أَطْيَبُ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ مِنْ رِيحِ الْمِسْكِ: By the One in whose hand is the soul of Muhammad, the breath coming from the mouth of a fasting person is more pleasant to Allah than the scent of musk.
 - This is an example of how good things that you do in this world can seem to have an unpleasant effect, but in reality, you are only building up the reward for your akhirah.
 - In our realm, things might not seem pleasant, but in the akhirah, the reward will be so much that it will make up for everything we experienced in this life.
- لِلصَّائِمِ فَرْحَتَانِ يَفْرَحُهُمَا إِذَا أَفْطَرَ فَرِحَ وَإِذَا لَقِيَ رَبَّهُ فَرِحَ بِصَوْمِهِ: The fasting person has two moments of relief he enjoys: when he breaks his fast he is joyful, and when he meets his Lord he is joyful for his fasting.
 - When we meet Allah, that will be the bigger moment of happiness
 - The bigger Iftar is on the Day of Judgement

Hadith #5

إِذَا كَانَ أَوَّلُ لَيْلَةٍ مِنْ شَهْرِ رَمَضَانَ صُفِّدَتِ الشَّيَاطِينُ وَمَرَدَةُ الْجِنِّ وَغُلِّقَتْ أَبْوَابُ النَّارِ فَلَمْ يُفْتَحْ مِنْهَا بَابٌ وَفُتِّحَتْ أَبْوَابُ الْجَنَّةِ فَلَمْ يُغْلَقْ مِنْهَا بَابٌ وَيُنَادِي مُنَادٍ: يَا بَاغِيَ الْخَيْرِ أَقْبِلْ وَيَا بَاغِيَ الشَّرِّ أَقْصِرْ وَلِلَّهِ عُتَقَاءُ مِنَ النَّارِ وَذَلِكَ كُلُّ لَيْلَةٍ

On the first night of the month of Ramadan, the Shayatin are shackled, the jinns are restrained, the gates of the Fires are shut such that no gate among them would be opened. The gates of Paradise are opened such that no gate among them would be closed, and a caller calls: 'O seeker of the good; come near!' and 'O seeker of evil; stop! For there are those whom Allah frees from the Fire.' And that is every night.

- Every night there is an opportunity to do good and stay away from evil. So, we need to seize those opportunities during this month.

Hadith #6

أَتَاكُمْ رَمَضَانُ شَهْرٌ مُبَارَكٌ فَرَضَ اللَّهُ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ عَلَيْكُمْ صِيَامَهُ تَفْتَحُ فِيهِ أَبْوَابُ السَّمَاءِ وَتُغْلَقُ فِيهِ أَبْوَابُ الْجَحِيمِ وَتُغْلَقُ فِيهِ مَرَدَّةُ الشَّيَاطِينِ لِلَّهِ فِيهِ لَيْلَةٌ خَيْرٌ مِنْ أَلْفِ شَهْرٍ مَنْ حُرِمَ خَيْرَهَا فَقَدْ حُرِمَ

There has come to you Ramadan, a blessed month, which Allah, the Mighty and Sublime, has enjoined you to fast. In it the gates of heavens are opened and the gates of Hell are closed, and every devil is chained up. In it Allah has a night which is better than a thousand months; whoever is deprived of its goodness is indeed deprived.

- One of the blessings of Ramadan is that the most blessed night is placed within it.
- To make Ramadan even more rewarding, Allah has placed this night in Ramadan, rather than any other month.

Hadith #7

الصَّيَامُ وَالْقُرْآنُ يَشْفَعَانِ لِلْعَبْدِ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ يَقُولُ الصَّيَامُ أَيْ رَبِّ مَنْعْتُهُ الطَّعَامَ وَالشَّهَوَاتِ بِالنَّهَارِ فَشَفَّعْنِي فِيهِ وَيَقُولُ الْقُرْآنُ مَنْعْتُهُ النَّوْمَ بِاللَّيْلِ فَشَفَّعْنِي فِيهِ قَالَ فَيُشَفَّعَانِ

Fasting and the Quran will intercede for the servant on the Day of Resurrection. Fasting will say: O Lord, I prevented him from food and drink during the day, so let me intercede for him. The Quran will say: O Lord, I prevented him from sleeping during the night, so let me intercede for him. Thus, they will both intercede for him.

- The fast will be able to speak on the Day of Judgement and intercede on our behalf
- During Ramadan, both of these actions are maximized by so many people.
- We fast for the whole month and, generally speaking, there are more people praying at night than in any other month in the year.