

RAMADAN

IMMERSION



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Hadith #8

عَنْ أَنَسِ بْنِ مَالِكٍ قَالَ دَخَلَ رَمَضَانُ فَقَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ إِنَّ هَذَا الشَّهْرَ قَدْ حَضَرَكُمْ وَفِيهِ لَيْلَةٌ خَيْرٌ مِنْ أَلْفِ شَهْرٍ مَنْ حُرِمَهَا فَقَدْ حُرِمَ الْخَيْرَ كُلَّهُ وَلَا يُحْرَمُ خَيْرَهَا إِلَّا مَحْرُومٌ

Anas ibn Malik reported: The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, said when the month of Ramadan began, "Verily, this month has presented itself to you. There is a night within it that is better than a thousand months. Whoever is deprived of it has been deprived of all good. None is deprived of its good but that he is truly deprived."

- When angel Jibreel ascended the pulpit with the Prophet SAW, Jibreel made dua saying, "Woe on to the person who finds Ramadan and is not forgiven." The Prophet SAW said ameen to this dua.
- This is referring to the person who never even asked for forgiveness of Allah and did not make any effort during Ramadan
- What does **لَيْلَةُ الْقَدْرِ** mean?
- The name itself is undisputed because Allah calls this night by this name in the Quran.
- **قَدْرٌ** can have a few different meanings:
 - Destiny
 - Decisions are being handed down
 - In Surah Dukhan, Allah says:

إِنَّا أَنْزَلْنَاهُ فِي لَيْلَةٍ مُبَارَكَةٍ إِنَّا كُنَّا مُنذِرِينَ (3) فِيهَا يُفْرَقُ كُلُّ أَمْرٍ حَكِيمٍ (4)

Indeed, We sent it down on a blessed night, for We always warn (against evil). (Al-Dukhan, Ayah 3)

On that night every matter of wisdom is ordained (Al-Dukhan, Ayah 4)

- Everything is already in Allah's knowledge, but the angels' knowledge is limited.
 - So, on this night, Allah gives them this knowledge of the destiny.
- We should be in a state of worship while this is taking place because that is what the Prophet SAW taught us.
- During the month of Shaaban, the Prophet SAW used to fast extra.
 - When he was asked about this, he said, "It is a month in which the deeds are raised to the Lord of the worlds and I like for my deeds to be raised while I am fasting."
- It can also mean 'to tighten'.
 - The skies tighten up due to the number of angels that descend from the sky. Jibreel himself also descends on that night.
 - Jibreel is the angel of revelation and he only descends to bring revelation. This night is the exception, which makes this night very significant.
- How did the Prophet prepare for this night?
 - Aisha RA said that when the last 10 nights of Ramadan would come in, the Prophet SAW would do 4 things:
 - He would become serious
 - He would show that these last nights are different from the rest
 - He would spend his entire night awake in worship
 - He would wake up everyone in his household
 - He never burdened those around him. But, during these nights he would encourage his family more because they are very special.

- He would tighten his belt.
 - This can be understood in a few different ways:
 - The Prophet did not engage in intercourse with his wives during the last 10 nights.
 - Metaphor to show that he would get serious about these last 10 nights – similar to saying, “roll up your sleeves.”
- What should we do during these nights?
 - Pray Isha and Fajr in congregation in the masjid.
 - The Prophet SAW said, “One who performs Isha’ prayer in congregation, is as if he has performed Salat for half of the night. And one who performs the Fajr prayer in congregation, is as if he has performed Salat the whole night.”
 - Aisha asked which dua to make on Laylatul Qadr. The Prophet told her to make this dua:

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّكَ عَفُوفٌ تُحِبُّ الْعَفْوَ فَاعْفُ عَنِّي

O Allah, You are pardoning, you love to forgive, so forgive me.

- Allah does not forgive begrudgingly, He loves to forgive.
 - Abu Huraira RA reported: The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, said, “By the One in whose hand is my soul, if you did not sin, Allah would replace you with people who would sin, and they would seek forgiveness from Allah and He would forgive them.”
 - We are the only creation that has the ability to choose to do bad or good.
 - When we actually choose to repent to Allah from our own free will, it is an extremely powerful and significant action and something that Allah loves.
 - Ibn Al-Qayyim said that sometimes your sin can be the reason for you to reach Allah.
 - Allah’s mercy is always bigger than our sins.

- The Prophet SAW was asked about the major sins and he said, "Associating partners with Allah and losing hope in the mercy of Allah."
- Allah is looking for us to forgive. All we have to do is turn to Him.
- When is Laylatul Qadr?
 - Ubadah ibn al-Samit reported: The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, came out to inform people about the Night of Decree in Ramadan, but two Muslim men were insulting each other. The Prophet said, "Verily, I have come out to tell you about the Night of Decree, but two men were insulting each other. Thus, its knowledge was removed and perhaps it is better for you. Look for it during the seventh, ninth, or fifth night of the last ten nights."
 - This hadith shows us that fighting among ourselves has such evil effects that we don't even necessarily see.
 - All of the goodness and blessings moves away from those who fight and argue
 - Imam Malik would leave gatherings where there was fighting taking place.
 - The Prophet SAW said, "Perhaps it is better for you."
 - This helps us see the importance of unity and see how bad arguing is for us as a community.
 - We need to try to make amends with people during this time especially and make dua for them.
 - Abu Darda RA reported: The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, said, "No Muslim servant supplicates for his brother in his absence but that the angel says: And for you the same."