

## **Causes for Forgiveness**

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### **In the name of Allah Most Gracious Most Merciful**

Dear Muslims,

We are still living the blessed month of Ramadan. The month of fasting, the month of staying up praying, the month of the Quran, the month of grace, and treasures, blessings. A generous month filled to the rim with mercy, forgiveness and saving from the hell fire.

Allah says commanding his slaves to fast: **{You believers, it has been written upon you to fast just as was written upon those before you, so you may fear}** (2-183). The Prophet (PPBU) giving good tidings and good news to his companions by saying ((The month of Ramadan has approached you, a blessed month, Allah has written fasting upon to you. In this month the doors of Paradise are open and the doors of hell are closed. Satins are chained. During this month there is a night which is more worthy than a thousand months. This who misses its' befits, has really missed.)).

Dear Muslims, a Muslim ought to take opportunity of a month having such properties and preferences by utilizing his/her time in obeying Allah with assortment of worships and acts of obedience, such as: fasting, night prayers, Quran reciting, supplication (Duaa), asking for forgiveness, praising and glorifying Allah, being thankful to Allah. All that is done with the aim of seeking to satisfy Allah and gain His forgiveness.

Slaves of Allah, bear in mind that causes of forgiveness during the month of Ramadan are numerous, and they are summarized as follows:

First: The first cause of sins forgiveness during the month of Ramadan is actually being alive in Ramadan, or making it to Ramadan alive. The prophet (PPBH) was reported saying: ((The five prayers and a Friday to a Friday and a Ramadan to a Ramadan are cleansers to what happens between each of them of sins. Provided the major forbidden acts are avoided)). Allah be praised..., how great is this? Daily reasons to obtain forgiveness just by doing the five prayers. Yes, why not when the prophet said ((can you envisage if someone had a river flowing by the door of his/her home, in which he/she bathes five times a day. Would you say any of his dirt will still be left? They replied: "None of the dirt will remain". He said "That is just like the five prayers, Allah uses them to wipe off sins")). This is the first cause for forgiving sins during Ramadan and other months too. But with one simple condition; for which Allah makes it simple; It is the condition of avoiding the major forbidden sins.

Let us keep up doing our prayers and avoid all forbidden acts especially the major ones. That is also verified by the prophet's saying ((if a Muslim who is approached by the time of a compulsory prayer, if he/she does a good wash (wado) and performs the prayer in its deserved piety and good bowing, then this prayer becomes a cleanser to sins proceeding it provided no major forbidden acts were committed. And this goes on for ever. )) this was reported by Muslim.

It is the grace of Allah that He made weekly causes to clear sins through the Friday (Jama3a) prayer. The prophet said ((Anybody who did a wado and did it well, then he came to a Friday (prayer) and listened to the Friday (Khutbah).Then his sins between the two Fridays are forgiven and three extra days)).

It is the grace of Allah as well that he made annual causes to cleanse sins through the month of Ramadan with the condition of avoidance major forbidden acts. How many Ramadans and how many years went by passed us while we were unaware to appreciate these great pieties. The

first ten days of Ramadan are days of mercy, the middle ten days are days of forgiveness and the last ten days are pardoning and setting free from Hellfire.

Dear brothers, during the month of Ramadan, the cause of forgiving sins is fasting. The prophet said: ((He who fasts Ramadan in faith and expectation, then his/her earlier sins are forgiven)). This who fasts while believing in Allah, and with acceptance of the obligation of fasting, with conviction in expecting the reward, not hating to fast, and not doubting the reward, Allah will forgive his/her previous sins.

Dear brothers, during the month of Ramadan, the cause of forgiving sins is staying up in prayers on the Night of Qadr. The prophet said: ((He who witnesses the night of Qadr (or stay it up in prayers) in faith and expectation, then his/her earlier sins are forgiven)).

Allah Says: {You believers it has been decreed upon you to fast just as the decree was imposed up on those before you; so you may become God-fearing. A specified number of days; but, this of you who is ill or is traveling, [shall fast instead for the same] a number of other days; While those who can withstand it then a charitable sacrifice of feeding a needy. While those who volunteer doing more than they are bound; is better for them; and to fast is even better for you if you just knew. The month of Ramadan in which the Quran was brought down as guidance to man kind and a clear guidance and a mean to differentiate the truth from the falsehood. Hence, whoever of you lives to see this month shall fast throughout it; but he/she that is ill, or on a journey, [shall fast instead for the same] number of other days. God wills that you shall have ease, and does not will you to suffer hardship; but [He desires] that you complete the number [of days required], and that you glorify Allah for having guided you aright, and that you render your thanks.}

May Allah make the Quran and the Sunna (life) of the messenger blessings for us.

May we benefit from the Koran's verses (Ayat) and the wisdom within it. With this I ask forgiveness of Allah the most merciful for me and you and all Muslims. Brothers and sisters do ask Allah for forgiveness and repent to him.