

The last ten of Ramadan and the night of Qadr

In the name of Allah most Gracious most Merciful

Thanks be to Allah the Lord of the worlds. And peace and prayers be upon the most honorable of the messengers, and upon all his family and companions.

Dear Muslims, fear Allah, and do obey him. For the serious time is here, the time to push your self to do more of the good deeds, it is the last ten days of Ramadan has approached. As you know of the grace of these ten, for it was specifically targeted out of the entire month with fantastic features. Just as the month of Ramadan is favored and considered to be better than other months, for its last ten days and nights are favored over the rest of them. They are featured with numerous advantages; amongst them is that the messenger (PPBU) as his wife A-eshah told us that he used to get especially active with good deeds in those final ten days and nights than in any other.

That activeness included livening up the nights; which included all form of worships like prayers, reciting Koran, praising Allah, giving to charity and doing E-etikaf (إعتكاف) or adhearing to and staying at the Mosque. A-eshah said that when the last ten approach, the messenger (PPBU) tightened up his strap, meaning gave up his wives, and livened up his night, and woke up his family. He used to wake his family up in those nights to pray and praise Allah in order to take opportunity of such blessed night; with what it deserves of worship. Not as some people do staying up watching films, songs, videos, episodes, or frequenting coffees, smoking pipes, playing cards and denying themselves the goodness contained in these nights. Only those who are not blessed miss the goodness in those nights.

It is noticeable for some people that the closer the end of the month comes; the less they do. The exact opposite to what the messenger (PPBU) used to do. Little that they know that the best of the month is in fact its end.

A sane and sensible believer should not miss such a valuable opportunity to one's self and one's family. It is a mere a few nights. And they can very

well be the final nights in his or her life. For indeed, one might be blessed with one of Allah's blessings and attain happiness in this life and the next.

And it is such a great and disastrous loss to see many Muslims wasting those valuable times in what does not benefit them. They stay up the nights messing up and immersed into immoral actions. When the time to get up and say a prayer, they go a sleep. They miss so much goodness, and they may never get to see another Ramadan. This is due to Satan ability to manipulate them, and Satan's craftiness, conning and temptation to block them from the way of Allah.

Dear Muslims, be careful and pay attention to the following issue: The main purpose of livening up the last ten nights of Ramadan is to seek out the night of Qadr. And living in the hope to live it while living in obedience to Allah Almighty. With the hope that our sins are forgiven. The messenger (PPBU) said: {Whoever stays up the night of Qadr in belief and expectation, all his/her past sins are forgiven.} And in another narration: {whoever stays up the night of Qadre seeking it, and if it happens for him/her; then all his/her past and future sins are forgiven}.

Only the miserable and the disadvantaged is the one who is denied the goodness that is contained in this night. And why not, when he/she know of all the blessings it has and still does not actively seek it and let it slip by. Allah said: {The night of Qadr is better than a thousand month. Therein descend down the angels and the holy spirit with the grace of their Lord with all decrees. All night there is peace until the appearance of dawn.} So, staying up that night in prayers is better than all the deeds, the fasting and praying of a thousand months which does not include nights of Quadre. A thousand months is the equivalent of eighty three years and three months. Allah also said: {we brought it down (meaning the Koran) in a holy night.} Indeed this is a blessed night so many angels descend as the blessings and mercies descend. The same as angels come down when Koran is being recited, and surround the circles of studies. Angel lay down their wings to this who seeks knowledge to glorify him/her. And the Holy Spirit is the angel Gabriel may peace be upon him; is specifically mentioned in the verse as a sort of honor.

It was called the night of peace as a form of being safe. Meaning during which one should do no harm, and also an indication that many will be made safe from punishment and torment due to all the good deed the slave does on such night.

During this night Allah says: {All matters of wisdom get split} meaning the dislodging of major matters like commands of those whose time of death has approached, and commands of substance and daily bread given to people. All those matters that are not allowed to change. Only Allah knows of such matters beforehand, and they were already written. It is revealed to angels and they are commanded to implement it depending on their specialty.

Even though, Allah forgives sins for whoever stays the night up in belief and expectation. Yet Allah has made the night hidden from people to see. This is more mercy from Allah so in seeking the night of Qadr, people will do more good deeds in all those blessed nights. Such as prayers, glorifying and praising Allah, asking Allah through supplications; that only gets them closer to Allah and wins them more reward. Allah also hid the night in order to sort out those who are serious in seeking it and those who are lazy and careless.

Dear brothers and sisters, during the night of Qadr the door is opened, the loved ones are drawn closer, the calls, demands and prayers are listened to, and the answers are sent back, and those who work are rewarded greatly. So, be active and be serious in seeking the night of Qadr, for this is the time to do so. And be warned not to forget and not to be distracted.

What ought to be known about the night of Qadr is what the messenger (PPBU) told us that it occurs in the odd nights of the last ten nights of Ramadan. That is the 21st night, 23rd etc. The messenger was also reported saying that it occurs on the odd nights remaining in the month (when there 3, 5, 7 or 9 nights left in the month). Some scholars interpreted this to mean that this will depend on if the month of Ramadan is going to be a 29 or 30 day long. If the month is a 29 day month, then based on this; the night of Qadr should occur on one of the odd nights, but if the month was 30 days,

then the night of Qadr occurs on one of the even night. And if this is the case then a Muslim should seek it in all final ten nights of Ramadan.

It is more likely though, to occur in the last seven nights according to a group of companions who had a common dream that it occurred in the last seven nights and messenger (PPBU) confirmed that to them. And the messenger (PPBU) also said: (seek it in the last ten nights, but if one of you is weakened or becomes unable, let him/her not be beaten on the last seven-meaning endure harder to witness the last seven nights.)

And of the last seven nights with odd numbers, the most likely night is the 27th. For Obay ben-Kaab (أبي بن كعب) said: I know the night for the messenger commanded us to stay up the night of the 27th. He said that the messenger (PPBU) told us that the sun comes up on its morning with no rays or with no beam, as if it is dimmed until it rises up. This is one of the most famous signs of the night of Qadr. The messenger (PPBU) also told that the night is a beautiful night, neither hot nor cold; and its morning the sun comes out red and weak.

A-asha bent Saddeek asked: "O' Messenger of Allah, if it happens that I witness the night of Qadr, then what shall I say?" and the messenger (PPBU) said: {say: Lord, you are Forgiving, and you love forgiveness, so forgive me.}.

Indeed, the most Forgiving is one of Allah's names. It means the one who transcends and erases all traces of sins belonging to his slaves. And He both loves forgiveness and loves forgiving his slaves. Some scholars say that Allah loves forgiveness so much so He afflicts people with sins just so He shall forgive them. The messenger told on behalf of Allah saying: {Son of Adam, no matter how much you call me and beg of me, I shall forgive you for what you do, and I don't mind.}

Dear Muslims, If sinners stand on their feet round Sahoor time (night meal), and do much praising and calling upon of Allah, begging, invoking and making supplications then the response from Allah would be: Be my witness that I have forgiven you.

Do ask Allah for forgiveness; make up for what you have missed in previous years. For one night of Qadr is worth an entire life