

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

We praise Allah ﷻ Most High, Salutation upon our Master, Nabi ﷺ.

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THE MONTH OF ALLAH AND THE DAY OF ASHURA

We are indeed fortunate to find ourselves, once again, in a blessed month, known as the month of Allah, at the dawn of the new Hijri year. A month in which Allah's generosity is manifested through multiple reward. The Day of Ashura in particular, is a day that should be infused with good deeds and deprived of sins that would take away its blessings. We are thus encouraged to seize the opportunity in this sacred month by increasing in virtuous actions and encouraging others to do so as well.

1. FASTING:

We are encouraged to fast in this month, as much as we can. Particularly on the tenth day of this month—together with the ninth or eleventh— known as Ashura, our messenger (SAW) said:

عن أبي هريرة رضي الله عنه قال: قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم: «أفضل الصيام بعد رمضان شهر الله المحرم» رواه مسلم

Abu Hurairah said: "The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said: ***The best fasting after the month of Ramadan is the month of Allah, Al-Muharram.***'

عَنْ أَبِي قَتَادَةَ، قَالَ: قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ - صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ: "صِيَامُ يَوْمِ عَاشُورَاءَ إِنِّي أَحْتَسِبُ عَلَى اللَّهِ أَنْ يُكَفِّرَ السَّنَةَ الَّتِي قَبْلَهُ" ابن ماجه

It was narrated from Abu Qatadah that the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said: ***"Fasting the day of 'Ashura', I hope, will expiate for the sins of the previous year."*** Ibn Majah

عن عبد الله بن عباس رضي الله عنهما قال: "قدم رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم المدينة فرأى اليهود تصوم يوم عاشوراء، فقال: ما هذا؟ قالوا: هذا يوم صالح، نجى الله فيه موسى وبني إسرائيل من عدوهم، فصامه، فقال: أنا أحق بموسى منكم فصامه وأمر بصيامه (متفق عليه)

Ibn 'Abbas (May Allah be pleased with him) "when the Messenger of Allah (blessings and peace be upon him) came to Madinah, he found the Jews fasting the day of 'Ashuraa. He inquired why they did so. They replied that it was a good day, the day which Allah delivered Prophet Moosa (blessings and peace be upon him) and the children of Israel from their enemy. As gratitude Moosa (blessings and peace be upon him) fasted that day. The Prophet (blessings and peace be upon him) responded: **"I have more right to Moosa than you."** He fasted the day and commanded the believers to fast." Reported by al-Bukhari & Muslim

2. SPENDING ON YOUR FAMILY

عن جابر بن عبد الله: من وسَّع على أهله يومَ عاشوراءَ وسَّع اللهُ على أهله طُوالَ سنته. البيهقي

It was narrated from Jabir that the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said: **"One who generously spends on his family on the day of Aashura, Allah will increase (his provision) for the whole year."** (Bayhaqi)

3. GENERAL GOOD DEEDS

In general, a day of fasting should be honoured with good deeds. As such, we should increase in: Recitation of Quran, Sadaqah to the needy, ThikruAllah and other virtuous actions. We do all this in honour of this month, and Day of Ashura. We also do this in hope that Allah lifts this pandemic from the face of earth, In sha Allah.

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