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عَلَيْنَا رَحْمَتَكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ

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O Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ! Open the doors of knowledge and wisdom for us, and have mercy on us! O the One Who is the Most Glorious and Honourable! (*Al-Mustatraf, vol. 1, p. 40*)

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"Blessings of Ramadan"

The grandeur of Ramadan

Du'a of Attar

O Lord of Mustafa! Whoever reads or listens to 20 pages of the booklet "The Grandeur of Ramadan", allow them to understand the value of Ramadan. Also, grant them the ability to refrain from sins and perform good deeds for the rest of their lives.

أَمِينٌ بِجَاةِ النَّبِيِّ الْأَمِينِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

The bad outcome of not sending Salat upon the Prophet ﷺ

The final Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said: "Ill-fated are those who attain the month of Ramadan, but do not observe its fasts. Ill-fated are those who have their parents or one of them, but do not maintain good conduct with them. Ill-fated are those

before whom I am mentioned, but they do not recite Salat upon me.”¹

تُوبُوا إِلَى اللَّهِ! أَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ
صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Two Lights

Allah Almighty once said to Sayyiduna Musa عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام: “I have granted the nation of Muhammad (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ) two lights, by which they shall remain protected from the harms of two darknesses.” Sayyiduna Musa عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام asked: “O Allah! What are these two lights?”

Allah Almighty replied: “The light of Ramadan and the light of the Quran.” Upon hearing this, Sayyiduna Musa عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام then asked: “What are the two darknesses?” Allah Almighty said: “One is of the grave and the other of the Day of Judgement.”²

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Fasting Improves your Health

The leader of the believers, the lion of Allah, Sayyiduna Ali رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ reports, the Messenger of Allah صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said:

¹ *Muj'am Awsat*, vol. 2, p. 62, Hadith 3871

² *Durrat al-Nasiheen*, p. 9

“Without doubt, Allah sent a revelation to a Prophet عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام of the Bani Israel: ‘Inform your nation, whichever servant fasts one day to please Me, I grant health to his body and will also grant him esteemed reward.’”¹

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ

31 Narrations in relation to the Excellences of Ramadan

1. Sayyiduna Salman Farsi رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ says, “On the final day of Sha’ban, the beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said: ‘O people! A blessed and honourable month has come to you. A month in which, there is one night greater than 1000 nights. Allah Almighty has made fasting in this Fard, and standing in the night [i.e. *Taraweeh*] is تَطَوُّع (i.e. Sunnah). Whoever performed good in this, it is as though they performed a Fard in any other month, and whoever performed a Fard, it is as though they performed 70 Fard in other days. This is the month of patience, and the reward of patience is Paradise. This is also the month of compassion and goodness. The wealth of a believer is increased during this month. The one who provides Iftar for others who are fasting, is forgiven of his sins and acquires salvation from Hellfire. The one feeding a fasting person will receive reward equivalent to that of someone observing fast, without any deficiency in reward.’ We said:

¹ *Shu’ab al-Imaan*, vol. 3, p. 412, Hadith 3923

‘O Messenger of Allah! Not all of us are capable of providing Iftar for others.’ The final Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said: ‘Allah Almighty will grant this reward to the one who gives a date, or a sip of water, or milk to the fasting person. Whoever feeds him to his heart’s content will be given water from my fountain, and he will never feel thirst again; such that he will enter Paradise. The beginning of this month [first 10 days] are of mercy, the middle [10 days] are of forgiveness, and the last [10 days] are salvation from the fire of Hell. Allah Almighty will forgive the one who lessens the work of his slave and He will save him from the fire of Hell. Make a habit of 4 things during this month. Two will earn the pleasure of Allah, and you are dependent on the other two. The two things that will earn the pleasure of Allah Almighty are:

- ❖ Testifying that there is no God other than Allah.
- ❖ Repenting

The other two are:

- ❖ Seeking Paradise from Allah
- ❖ Seeking refuge in Allah from Hellfire.”¹

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

¹ *Shu'ab al-Imaan*, vol. 3, p. 305, Hadith 3608; *Sahih Ibn Khazeemah*, vol. 3, p. 192, Hadith 1887

2. “When the first night of Ramadan arrives, the doors of the Heavens are opened and do not close until the final night. Whoever prays Salah during any night of this month, Allah will grant him 1500 good deeds for every prostration and will build a house made of rubies for him in Paradise. Whoever observes the first fast of Ramadan, his previous sins are forgiven and 70,000 angels supplicate for his forgiveness from the morning to the evening. For every prostration he performs during the day or night, he is granted a tree in Paradise. The shade of this tree is such that a horseman would travel under it for 500 years.”¹

صَلُّوا عَلَی الْحَبِیْبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَیْ مُحَمَّدٍ

3. “When the first night of Ramadan arrives, Allah Almighty gazes upon His creation. When Allah mercifully gazes upon someone, He will never punish him. Everyday, Allah frees 10,000 people from Hell. When the 29th night arrives, Allah Almighty frees the same number of people from the Hellfire as He freed during the entire month. When the night of Eid al-Fitr arrives, the angels begin to rejoice. Allah reveals a special Divine Manifestation, and says to the angels: ‘O angels! What is the reward of the labourer who completes his work?’ The angels reply: ‘He is given complete reward.’ Allah Almighty states: ‘I make

¹ *Shu'ab al-Imaan*, vol. 3, p. 314, Hadith 3635, summarized

you a witness, I have forgiven them all.”¹

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ

4. Indeed, Paradise is adorned for Ramadan from the beginning of the year until the next, and it is further stated: “On the first day of Ramadan, winds flow through the giant trees of Paradise and onto the wide-eyed maidens of Paradise, who exclaim: ‘O Lord! From Your people, make our husbands those who will bring us peace, and will find peace themselves when they look upon us.’”²

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ

5. The Messenger of Allah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ said, “My nation has been granted 5 things in Ramadan, that no other Prophet before me was granted:
- ❖ When the first night of Ramadan arrives, Allah Almighty gazes upon His people with mercy. The people whom His merciful gaze comes upon will never be punished.
 - ❖ In the evening, the smell [due to hunger] of their mouths is better in the sight of Allah than the fragrance of musk.
 - ❖ The angels pray for their forgiveness night and day.

¹ *Jam 'al-Jawami'*, vol. 1, p. 345 Hadith 2536

² *Shu'ab al-Imaan*, vol. 3, p. 312, Hadith 3633

- ❖ Allah Almighty commands Paradise: ‘Become decorated for my servants. Soon, they shall find relief from worldly difficulties in my house and blessings.’
- ❖ When the final night of Ramadan arrives, Allah Almighty forgives everyone. Someone stood up and asked: ‘O Messenger of Allah ﷺ! Is this the Night of Power (Laylat al-Qadr)?’ He replied: ‘No. Do you not see that a labourer is given his reward once he finishes his work?’”¹

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ

6. “During every night of Ramadan until the morning, an angel makes the following announcement: ‘O seeker of goodness! Make your intention firm and become happy. O you who intend to do evil! Refrain from sin. Is there anyone who seeks forgiveness? His request will be fulfilled. Is there anyone who repents? His repentance will be accepted. Is there anyone who supplicates? His supplication will be accepted. Is there anyone asking for something? His request shall be granted.’ On every night of Ramadan, Allah Almighty frees 60,000 people from Hell. On the day of Eid, He forgives the amount of people He freed from Hellfire during the entire month.”²

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ

¹ *Shu'ab al-Imaan*, vol. 3, p. 303, Hadith 3603

² *Shu'ab al-Imaan*, vol. 3, p. 304, Hadith 3606

7. “Spend profusely [on your family] during Ramadan, as it is like spending in the way of Allah.”¹

صَلُّوا عَلَيَّ الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدٍ

8. “Fasts and the Quran will intercede for people on the Day of Judgment. The fast will say, ‘O my Lord! I prevented him from eating and fulfilling his desires during the day. Accept my intercession in his favour.’ The Quran will say, ‘I prevented him from sleeping at night; accept my intercession for him.’ Their intercession will be accepted.”²

صَلُّوا عَلَيَّ الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدٍ

9. “Whoever is in Makkah when the month of Ramadan arrives, fasts and prays at night as much as he can, Allah will record for him [reward equivalent to] 100,000 months of Ramadan observed elsewhere. For each day, Allah will record for him [reward equivalent to that of] freeing a slave, and for each day [reward equivalent to that of] providing a horse in the cause of Allah. He will grant him reward for every night and day.”³

صَلُّوا عَلَيَّ الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدٍ

¹ *Fazail Shahr Ramadan m'a Mousu'ah ibn Abi Dunya*, vol. 1, p. 368, *Hadith 24*

² *Musnad Imam Ahmad*, vol. 2, p. 586, *Hadith 6637*

³ *Ibn-e-Majah*, vol. 3, p. 523, *Hadith 3117*

10. “Indeed, Allah has made fasting in Ramadan obligatory upon you. I have made standing (Qiyam) in the night (meaning, Taraweeh) a Sunnah for you. Hence, whoever fasts in Ramadan and stands in the night in hope of attaining reward, he will be free of sins like the day he was born.”¹

صَلُّوا عَلَيَّ الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدٍ

11. “The reward of every good action is multiplied 10 to 700 times. Allah Almighty said: إِلَّا الصَّوْمَ فَإِنَّهُ لِي وَأَنَا أَجْزِي بِهِ ‘Every act of the son of Adam is for him, except fasting. It is done for My sake and I will give the reward for it.’ He further states: ‘A person abandons his desires and eating for My sake. There are two joys for the one who is fasting; one at the time of Iftaar and the second is the time of meeting with his Lord. The breath of the observer of fast is purer in the sight of Allah than the fragrance of musk.’”²

صَلُّوا عَلَيَّ الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدٍ

12. “The fast is a shield, and one should not speak indecently or scream. If someone abuses or fights him, he should say,

¹ *Nasai, p. 369, Hadith 2207*

² *Muslim, p. 580, Hadith 1151*

‘I am fasting.’”¹

تُوبُوا إِلَى اللَّهِ! أَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

13. “Whoever fasted a single day in order to earn the pleasure of Allah, Allah shall distance him from Hellfire to the distance a crow flies from its childhood until it becomes old and dies.”²

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

14. “Whoever peacefully observes one fast of Ramadan in silence, a house of green emeralds or red rubies will be built for him in Paradise.”³

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

15. “There is Zakat for everything, and the Zakat of the body is fasting.”⁴

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

¹ Bukhari, vol. 1, p. 624, Hadith 1894

² Musnad Abi Ya'la, vol. 1, p. 383, Hadith 917

³ Muj'am al-Awsat, vol. 1, p. 379, Hadith 1768

⁴ Ibn-e-Majah, vol. 2, p. 347, Hadith 1745

16. “The sleep of a fasting person is worship. His silence is tasbih, and his supplications and actions are accepted.”¹

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ

17. Everyday, at the time of Iftar, Allah frees one million people upon whom Hell was Wajib. During the night and day of Friday [i.e. from Maghrib on Thursday to Maghrib on Friday], millions of people are freed from Hell whom were rightful of being punished.²

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ

18. “Whoever fasts in the morning, the doors of the Heavens are opened for him and his limbs perform tasbih. The angels who dwell in the skies of the world supplicate for his forgiveness until the sun sets. If he offers one or two cycles of prayer, it will become a light for him in the Heavens and his wives from the heavenly maidens will say: ‘O Allah Almighty! Send him to us, we yearn to see him.’ If he recites **لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللهُ** or **سُبْحَانَ اللهِ** or **أَللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ**, 70,000 angels record the reward of it until sunset.”³

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ

¹ *Shu'ab al-Imaan*, vol. 3, p. 415, Hadith 3938

² *Musnad al-Firdous*, vol. 3, p. 320, Hadith 4960

³ *Shu'ab al-Iman*, vol. 3, p. 299, Hadith 3591

19. “Whoever provides Iftar for others from Halal sustenance, the angels supplicate for him and on the Night of Power (Laylat al-Qadr), Jibraeel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام will shake hands with him. The one with whom Jibreel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام shakes hands, his eyes become teary and heart becomes soft.”¹

صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ

20. “Whoever does not give up evil speech and acting upon it, Allah is not in need of him leaving his food and drink.”² Allamah Ali Qaari رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ states regarding this Hadith: “Evil speech refers to every impermissible speech, like lying, backbiting, taunting, swearing, cursing etc. that is necessary to refrain from.”³ The Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ also said: “Fasting is not solely avoiding food and drink, rather it is to refrain from frivolous and sinful actions.”⁴

صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ

21. “Whoever dies in the state of fasting, Allah Almighty will continuously grant him the reward of fasting until the Day of Judgement.”⁵

صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ

¹ Jam ‘al-Jawami’, vol. 7, p. 217, Hadith 22534

² Bukhari, vol. 1, p. 628, Hadith 1903

³ Mirqat al-Mafateeh, vol. 4, p. 491

⁴ Mustadrak, vol. 2, p. 67, Hadith 1611

⁵ Musnad al-Firdous, vol. 3, p. 504, Hadith 5557

22. “The one who makes dhikr of Allah during Ramadan is forgiven, and the one who asks from Allah is not deprived.”¹

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ

23. “Ramadan has come to you. The doors of Paradise are opened, the gates of Hellfire are closed, and the devils are imprisoned. Deprived is the one who is not forgiven during this month; if he is not forgiven in Ramadan, when will he be forgiven!”²

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ

24. “The five daily prayers, and from one Friday prayer to the next Friday prayer, and from one Ramadan to the next Ramadan, are expiations for the [sins] committed in between [their intervals], as long as major sins are avoided.”³

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ

25. “If the people knew the true value of Ramadan, my Ummah would wish it lasted the entire year.”⁴

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ

¹ *Shu'ab al-Imaan*, vol. 3, p. 311, Hadith 3627

² *Muj'am al-Awsat*, vol. 5, p. 366, Hadith 7627

³ *Muslim*, p. 144, Hadith 233

⁴ *Sahih ibn-Khuzaymah*, vol. 3, p. 190, Hadith 1886

26. “Whoever breaks a fast during Ramadan without a dispensation or illness, fasting even for a lifetime will not make up for the missed fast.”¹ Meaning he will be unable to acquire the blessings of the missed fast of Ramadan, regardless of what he does.²

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ

27. “I had a dream in which two people came to me and accompanied me to a rugged mountain. When I climbed halfway up, I heard screeching noises. I asked, ‘What are these voices?’ I was told these were the sounds of the dwellers of Hell. I then advanced onwards, and saw some people who were hanging upside down by the veins of their ankles and their jaws were ripped apart, causing blood to pour. I asked, ‘Who are these people?’ I was told, ‘They would perform Iftar before it was Halal for them to do so.’”³

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ

28. “My nation will not be disgraced for as long as they fulfil the rights of Ramadan. It was asked, ‘O Messenger of Allah! صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ! How will they be disgraced if they disregard the rights of Ramadan?’ He answered, ‘They will

¹ Tirmizi, vol. 2, p. 175, Hadith 723

² Bahar-e-Shariat, vol. 1, p. 985, summarized

³ Sahih Ibn Hibban, vol. 9, p. 286, Hadith 7448

perform Haram acts during this month.’ He then said, ‘The one who fornicates or drinks alcohol during this month, Allah and the angels curse him until the next Ramadan. If he dies before the next Ramadan arrives, he will have no good deed that can save him from Hellfire. So, remain fearful during Ramadan, because as the reward for good deeds is increased, the same is for sins too.’¹

تُوبُوا إِلَى اللَّهِ! أَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

29. “Gain strength for fasting by eating Suhur, and for praying at night by taking a brief rest [at midday].”²

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

30. “Suhur is full of blessings, so do not miss it even if you drink just a sip of water. Allah and His angels send mercy upon those who perform Suhur.”³

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

31. “Three types of people can eat to their heart’s content

¹ *Muj’am Sagheer*, vol. 1, p. 248

² *Ibn Majah*, vol. 2, p. 321, *Hadith* 1693

³ *Musnad Imam Ahmad*, vol. 4, p. 88, *Hadith* 11396

without accountability, as long as the food is Halal:

- ❖ When the fasting person performs Iftar.
- ❖ The one who performs Suhur.
- ❖ The warrior who strives to protect the frontiers of Islam.”¹

صَلُّوا عَلَيَّ الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدٍ

Statement of Sayyiduna Umar رضي الله عنه

The second caliph of Islam, Sayyiduna Umar al-Farooq رضي الله عنه would say: “Welcome to the month that is here to cleanse us. The entire month is full of goodness, whether it is the fasting of the day or the worship of night. Spending in this month is like spending in the way of Allah.”²

صَلُّوا عَلَيَّ الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدٍ

Statements of Sayyidatuna A'isha رضي الله عنها

1. When Ramadan would arrive, the face of the Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ would change, and he would pray and supplicate abundantly.³

صَلُّوا عَلَيَّ الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدٍ

¹ *Muj'am al-Kabeer*, vol. 11, p. 285, *Hadith 12012*

² *Tanbih al-Ghafilien*, p. 177

³ *Shu'ab al-Imaan*, vol. 3, p. 310, *Hadith 3625*

2. “When Ramadan would arrive, the Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ would combine his prayer and sleep for 20 days. When the last ten days would arrive, he would be fully engaged in performing the worship of Allah.”¹

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

Statements of Sayyiduna Abdullah bin Abbas رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُمَا

1. The Messenger of Allah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ was the most generous of all the people, and he would exhibit special generosity in the month of Ramadan. Sayyiduna Jibreel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام would come to meet him every night, and they would recite the Quran together. Whenever Sayyiduna Jibreel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام would visit the Messenger of Allah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, he would show more generosity in the matter of goodness than even strong blowing winds.”²

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

2. When the month of Ramadan would arrive, the Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ would release all prisoners and give to everyone who would ask from him.³

¹ Musnad Imam Ahmad, vol. 9, p. 338, Hadith 24444

² Bukhari, vol. 1, p. 9, Hadith 6

³ Shu'ab al-Imaan, vol. 3, p. 311, Hadith 3629

Were there Prisoners during the Lifetime of the Prophet ﷺ?

In regards to the part of the Hadith, “he would release all prisoners”, Mufti Ahmad Yar Khan رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ says in Mirat, volume 3, page 142: “The truth is that prisoners here refer to those who are bound by the rights of Allah or the rights of people. Releasing them means to fulfil their rights or have them fulfilled.”

Statement of Sayyiduna Ka’b al-Ahbaar رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ

“On the Day of Judgement, someone will make an announcement: ‘Everyone will be given reward equal to their actions, except for the scholars of the Quran and the fasting people. They will receive endless rewards.’”¹

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Statement of Sayyiduna Ibrahim Nakh’ee رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ

Sayyiduna Ibrahim Nakh’ee رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ states: “Observing one fast of Ramadan is superior than fasting for 1000 days [outside of Ramadan]. Performing tasbih [i.e. reciting سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ] once is greater than performing Tasbih 1000 times in another month. Offering one cycle of prayer in Ramadan is greater than

¹ *Shu’ab al-Iman*, vol. 3, p. 413, *Hadith 3928*

² *Tafseer Durr Manthoor* vol. 1, p.451

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offering 1000 cycles of prayer in other than Ramadan.”¹

Statement of Daata Ganj Bakhsh Ali Hajwayri رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ

“The essence of fasting is to “refrain”, and there are many conditions that must be met. For e.g., preventing food and drink from reaching the stomach; refraining from looking at immodest things; saving the ears from listening to backbiting; protecting the tongue from useless and provocative speech; and to avoid using your body in opposition to the command of Allah, are all part of fasting. When a person abides by all these conditions, only then is he truly a fasting person.”²

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

The Three Ranks of Fasting

There are three levels of fasting:

- ❖ The fasting of the public.
- ❖ The fasting of the distinguished.
- ❖ The fasting of the elite

Fasting of the public: Fasting means to refrain. In Shar’i terms, it is to avoid eating, drinking and having sexual relations from the break of dawn to sunset. This is the fasting of the public.

Fasting of the distinguished: Along with refraining from

¹ *Tafseer Durr Mansoor, vol. 1, p. 454*

² *Kashf al-Mahjoob, pp. 353, 354*

eating, drinking and having sexual relations, protecting every limb from evil is known as the fasting of the distinguished.¹

Fasting of the elite: Avoiding all matters to solely be attentive towards Allah is known as the fasting of the elite.

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Statement of Mufti Ahmad Yar Khan Na'eemi رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ

There are four names of this month:

- ❖ The month of Ramadan.
- ❖ The month of patience.
- ❖ The month of compassion and goodness.
- ❖ The month of the expansion of wealth.

He further states: Fasting is patience, and Allah is the reward of it. Fasting is performed in this month and that is why it is called the month of patience. It is called the month of compassion and goodness because the reward of being good and hospitable, especially towards relatives, is a source of great reward. Sustenance is increased during this month, as the poor are able to consume the blessings of Allah too. Hence, this month is also known as the month of the expansion of wealth.²

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

¹ Bahar-e-Shari'at, vol. 1, p. 966, Part 5

² Tafseer Na'eemi, vol. 2, p. 208

