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CROWNING GLORY OF RAMADHAN

Laylatul Qadr is the crowning glory of the holy month of Ramadhan. It is associated with the sending down of the Qur'an Majeed, the last Book of Allah on His last Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, for the guidance of mankind. The Qur'an Majeed describes this Night.

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ ﴿١﴾ إِنَّا أَنْزَلْنَاهُ فِي لَيْلَةِ الْقَدْرِ ﴿٢﴾ وَمَا أَدْرَاكَ مَا لَيْلَةُ الْقَدْرِ ﴿٣﴾ لَيْلَةُ الْقَدْرِ حَيَّةٌ مِنْ أَلْفِ شَهْرٍ ﴿٤﴾ تَنْزِيلُ الْمَلَائِكَةِ وَالرُّوحِ فِيهَا بِإِذْنِ رَبِّهِمْ مِنْ كُلِّ أَمْرٍ ﴿٥﴾ سَلَامٌ هِيَ حَتَّىٰ مَطْلَعِ الْفَجْرِ ﴿٦﴾

“We have indeed revealed this (message) in the Night of Power: And what will explain to you what the Night of Power is? The Night of Power is better than a thousand months. Therein come down the Angels and the Spirit (Jibraeel) by Allah's permission, on every errand: Peace! This until the rise of Morn!” (Surah 97)

The Night of Power is the night of spiritual bliss. Our Prophet ﷺ is reported to have said concerning Ramadhan:

“Verily this month has come to you; and therein is a night which is better than a thousand Months. Whosoever is deprived of it, is deprived of all good; and none is deprived of its good except a totally unfortunate person”. (Ibn Majah)

“Whosoever stands up (in prayer) at the Night of Power out of faith and hopeful of reward, all his past sins will be forgiven.” (Targhib)

BETTER THAN A THOUSAND MONTHS

A thousand months are equivalent to 83 years and 4 months. Fortunate is the person who spends this night in prayer. The man or woman, who prays for the whole night during this Night, will deserve blessings and reward for the period as if he or she had been praying for eighty three years and four months consecutively. Since the Night of Power is better than one thousand months no one can actually measure the extent as to how much better it is.

We have to ask ourselves:

Do we want this night of power? Yes No

Will me and you plan and stay up on these odd nights (in last 10 days) and pray to Allah for mercy and change? Yes No

EXCLUSIVITY

The Holy Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said: “Laylatul Qadr has been bestowed by Allah Ta'la to my Ummah (People). It was not given to any people before this.” (Dur-Mansoor).

WHICH NIGHT IS IT?

Although there are different reports in different traditions regarding the exact night, it is almost unanimous that the blessed night occurs in one of the last ten nights of Ramadhan and more probably in one of the last ten odd nights i.e. 21st, 23rd, 25th 27th or 29th night.

The popular opinion is, however, in favour of the 27th Night of Ramadhan but that is not absolutely certain. The traditions indicate that it is to be sought in one of the last ten nights and preferably in the last five odd nights. It was therefore the practice of the Holy Prophet ﷺ and his companions to make I'tikaaf in the Mosque for the whole time offering Divine service during the last ten days of Ramadhan.

Hazrath Aisha (r) reported that the Apostle of Allah Ta'la said: “Search for the Blessed Night in the odd (nights) from the last ten (nights) of Ramadhan” (Bukhari).

Ramadaan is the Summary of All months. It is the Summary of all the lives of people. It teaches you the purpose of life to achieve Taqwa which shall lead to Allah Ta'la's pleasure.

Allah has given us life to live, has instructed us to fast from the sins of the body, mind and soul. At the end when our life is drained to a close, death is its reward as even death is a gift for the believer. As the taste of death is bitter but when its sweetness reaches the heart by experiencing the greetings of the angels and meeting Allah and His Messenger ﷺ, joy will fill the hearts of the true believer.

Its feast begins and never ends, as all blessings have no end even in the hereafter. Similarly those who violate the commands of Allah, the Exalted and fulfil their own desire and break the fast by committing sin and desires of duniyah, they shall taste duniyah which is bitter to the righteous but the evil people believe it to be the sweetest of taste. How deceived they have become, they chose to taste the duniyah [Temporary desire] over hereafter which is forever.

These people will taste torture in the hereafter for violating the commands of Allah , for immersing themselves in heedless.

We should remind ourselves and others of the dangers of failing to fast [and follow the command], as those who miss one fast in Ramadan need to resolve and make it up. What to say about those who break the spiritual fast by committing sins during Ramadan? They shall have to make up their days in the fire [For those who fail to repent]”.

From this we learn the true essence of fasting, abstaining not only from food and drink, but abstaining from the evils of the body, mind, heart and soul. This is the true spiritual fast, connecting us to presence of Allah Ta'la the Exalted and conditioning us to choose the hereafter over the temporal desires of this world.

Ask yourself this:

Are you prepared to forsake the temporal desires of this world in exchange for the pleasure of Allah Ta'la the Almighty and the everlasting beauty of paradise in the hereafter? Yes No

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HOW SHOULD ONE SPEND LAILATUL QADR AND THE ODD NIGHTS?

In the previous nations and past years, the secrets of Ramadhan and the blessed night of power were hidden. This Ummah was the blessed nation to be privileged with the Month of Ramadaan. Many of the previous nations lived for hundreds of years [Although they wished to be in the nation which you all live through].

Allah, the exalted has blessed this Ummah with blessings throughout the year. Ramadaan is one Month but its value is better the a thousand months. It is equal of living more than 83 years [83 years and 3 months].

People ask for long life to do good deeds. Ramadaan is one Month yet its reward is better than 1000 months. It is the king of all the Months and its days and nights are more blessed than all the other months.

Many of the previous ummahs have lived hundreds of years, Allah [Azzawajal] has also given us short life but its blessings outweigh the people who have been living long lives.

So this Month is as though you have been living for more than 83 years of life. So why do people waste such blessings, one good deed is equal to 70 times worth of deeds. What to say about the night of power, it is equal to all the nights of Ramadaan, for those fortunate ones who find it.

Our lives maybe short in number compared to previous nations but the blessings of night and day outweigh our life in ibadaah and reward.

LAILATUL QADR IN RAMADHAN IS ALSO PRESENT IN EVERYONE SPIRITUALLY

Lailatul Qadr is when one seeks to find its power, it is not just in Ramadhan but it is also within you all. Lailatul Qadr is when you find the power to change your life to the life of Sunnah of Prophet ﷺ.

One should pray for this power of change not just in Ramadaan but its effect stays within you after Ramadaan. It is to enable you all to enrich your hearts.

PROPHETIC SUPPLICATION FOR THIS NIGHT

Hazrat Aisha (r) has narrated another saying:

“I asked: O Messenger of Allah! Tell me if I were to find a Night of Power, what should I recite therein?” Holy Prophet Muhammad ﷺ advised her to recite:

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّكَ عَفُوٌّ، تُحِبُّ الْعَفْوَ فَاعْفُ عَنِّي

O Allah! You are Forgiving, You love forgiveness, so forgive me. (Bukhari).

Ask yourself these questions:

Am I amongst those individuals who was negligent and wasted opportunities of maximising my blessings in the previous Ramadans and Nights of Power that have passed?

Yes No

Will I truly search for the Night of Power in the last ten days of Ramadan this year?

Yes No

Make this Ramadan different and say: " InshaAllah, I intend to change from my sinful lifestyle. Inshallah I will discover and learn more about my faith, al-Islam, I will study and practice the essential knowledge of Fiqh and most importantly purify my body, mind, heart and soul so that I may die whilst trying to attain the pleasure of my Lord, Allah Azwajjal.

OPTIONAL VOLUNTARY PRAYERS & AMAAL FOR THE NIGHT OF POWER

One can perform different forms of worship throughout the night. Below are some examples of amaal.

1) Two Rakaats of Salahtul Tawbah with true Repentance, begging, regretting and truly submitting to change ones ways from darkness to light, from evil to righteousness. Truly beseeching from your past for all the shortcomings in following Allah Ta'la's command and the shortcomings of following the lifestyle of his final Prophet ﷺ. Also seek forgiveness in the shortcomings of following ones Murshid / Guide who has surely supported you in reaching Allah Ta'la's closeness.

2) Two Rakaats of Salatul Shukr with thankfulness of the heart for the blessings which Allah Ta'la has bestowed, the blessings of Ramadaan, the night of power, the Murshid / guides who have reminded you of my ways and all the blessings seen and unseen. One can never show thankfulness towards Allah for everything which Allah Ta'la has bestowed upon us as the blessings shall always outweigh any thankfulness one does.

3) Two Rakaats of Salatul Istikhara, beg Allah to guide you to the pleasure of Allah Ta'la through this life so that you may find the power of the secret of Prophet's ﷺ footsteps to the kingdom of Allah Ta'la. As one is always in need of their guidance, as darkness of oneself obscures the path. Always plea to Allah to clear the road of Duniyah to the pleasure of Allah [Azzawajal].

4) Two Rakaats of Salatul Hajjah, the prayer of need, beg Allah Ta'la for his closeness, his pleasure, and the power of want / desire for Allah Ta'la to be inside your hearts. One should leave all other false gods which you have relied upon in the past, the reliance on people, society, government and oneself. Now truly rely on Allah Ta'la and beg to return to his closeness the way one was in the world of sprits.

One should pray each Rakaats with the following concept:

One (1) x Surah Fatiha

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ ﴿١﴾

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ ﴿٢﴾ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ ﴿٣﴾ مُلِكِ يَوْمِ الدِّينِ ﴿٤﴾ إِيَّاكَ نَعْبُدُ وَإِيَّاكَ نَسْتَعِينُ ﴿٥﴾ اهْدِنَا الصِّرَاطَ الْمُسْتَقِيمَ ﴿٦﴾ صِرَاطَ الَّذِينَ أَنْعَمْتَ عَلَيْهِمْ غَيْرِ الْمَغْضُوبِ عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا الضَّالِّينَ ﴿٧﴾ آمِينَ*

One (1) x Ayatul Kursi

اللَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ ۚ الْحَيُّ الْقَيُّومُ ۚ لَا تَأْخُذُهُ سِنَّةٌ وَلَا نَوْمٌ ۚ لَهُ مَا فِي السَّمٰوٰتِ وَمَا فِي الْأَرْضِ ۗ مَنْ ذَا الَّذِي يَشْفَعُ عِنْدَهُ إِلَّا بِإِذْنِهِ ۗ يَعْلَمُ مَا بَيْنَ أَيْدِيهِمْ وَمَا خَلْفَهُمْ ۗ وَلَا يُحِيطُونَ بِشَيْءٍ مِّنْ عِلْمِهِ إِلَّا بِمَا شَاءَ ۗ وَسِعَ كُرْسِيُّهُ السَّمٰوٰتِ وَالْأَرْضَ ۗ وَلَا يُئِودُهُ حِفْظُهُمَا ۗ وَهُوَ الْعَلِيُّ الْعَظِيمُ ﴿٢٥٥﴾

Seven (7) x Surah Qadr

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ ﴿١﴾

إِنَّا أَنْزَلْنَاهُ فِي لَيْلَةِ الْقَدْرِ ﴿١﴾ وَمَا أَدْرَاكَ مَا لَيْلَةُ الْقَدْرِ ﴿٢﴾ لَيْلَةُ الْقَدْرِ خَيْرٌ مِّنْ أَلْفِ شَهْرٍ ﴿٣﴾ تَنْزِيلُ الْمَلَكَةِ وَالرُّوحِ فِيهَا بِإِذْنِ رَبِّهِمْ مِّنْ كُلِّ أَمْرٍ ﴿٤﴾ سَلَامٌ هِيَ حَتَّىٰ مَطْلَعِ الْفَجْرِ ﴿٥﴾

Seven (7) x Surah Ikhlas

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
قُلْ هُوَ اللَّهُ أَحَدٌ ﴿١﴾ اللَّهُ الصَّمَدُ ﴿٢﴾ لَمْ يَلِدْ ﴿٣﴾ وَلَمْ يُولَدْ ﴿٤﴾ ﴿٥﴾ وَلَمْ يَكُنْ لَهُ
كُفُوًا أَحَدٌ ﴿٦﴾

After the prayers have been performed one should recite the following Tasbih:

10 x Duood

33 x 'Astag firullah Alazi la ilaha ilahu alhayul qayum wa a tub u ilay'

اَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الَّذِي لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ الْحَيُّ الْقَيُّومُ وَ اَتُوبُ إِلَيْهِ

33 x 'Allahumma innaka affuwuwun tuhibbul afwa fa'fu anni' – dua

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّكَ عَفْوٌ، تُحِبُّ الْعَفْوَ فَاعْفُ عَنِّي

33 x 'Ya Allah, Ya Rahman, Ya Raheem'

يَا اللَّهُ، يَا رَحْمَانَ، يَا رَحِيمَ

33 x 'La hawla wa la quwata illabillah'

لَا حَوْلَ وَلَا قُوَّةَ إِلَّا بِاللَّهِ

10 x Duood

One should imagine oneself leaving this life, walking towards Allah's kingdom. Imagine the body is being engraved with the words of Allah [Azzawajal]. Imagine your body is becoming the letters of your request which is engraved [Not just in ones body but the heart is the one which shows your emotions for this request].

Imagine your body as the paper with which you write your feelings for all the shortcomings and shortfalls in following Allah Ta'la's command. Imagine the blessed words [Tasbi Amaals] slowly beginning to illuminate your body as your request is being answered with the blessed words of forgiveness with Allah Ta'la's blessed names.

Imagine the darkness being ejected out and radiated light is being place inside. Imagine yourself walking, running, and flying towards Allah Ta'la's closeness. Those who want Allah shall receive his closeness and mercy.

One should perform the Mediation in the blessed name of Allah ﷻ for 10 minutes

Imagine the blessed name of Allah Ta'la is being engraved on your entire body until it becomes illuminated inside your heart. Call Allah [Azzawajal] with your heart to keep you always in their remembrance. Let this blessed name dominate your entire body [on what you see, what you hear, all organs, for what you live for in life] so that your entire body mind and heart is always living in Allah Ta'la's remembrance until death.

[For too long your heart has been away from the true remembrance of Allah so now bring it to Allah Ta'la so the light of remembrance can be inserted inside].

One should perform the following Dhikr during the night:

1. 'Allah, Allah' ﷻ ﷻ for 20 minutes The seeker should call Allah with all his body, heart and mind, enabling all to become in Allah Ta'la's name.

Imagine you are in the presence of Allah. How will you beg forgiveness from Him?

[Will you tell Him your shortcomings? Who you really are and what you have been doing? Where will you start, by words or with tears or with both? Allah is all aware but are you aware of what you have been doing?]

What Inner words will you use to call them?

[Will you call Allah Ta'la with empty words or will you call them with your heart, how will you call them? Will you blame others or will you admit and blame yourself for your entire shortcoming?]

Completely submit with repentance, in shamefulness of not following Allah Ta'la's command. Imagine you are walking and then crawling towards Allah Ta'la's pleasure. Imagine the light from Allah Ta'la's name entering your memory / heart / soul dominating into words of remembrance. What will you do to be forgiven, how far will you go to please Him?

Allah just wants one thing from you all, it is your hearts. So give them your hearts and you shall have it all in both worlds.

2. 'Allahumma innaka affuwun tuhibbul afwa fa'fu anni' – for 20 minutes

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّكَ عَفُوفٌ، تُحِبُّ الْعَفْوَ فَاعْفُ عَنِّي

One should call Allah with the words of the heart and soul. It is the key of sending this request in the pleasure of Allah

Imagine you are in prostration in the blessed presence of Allah Ta'la, begging for all the shortcoming of one's actions and deeds. Beg Allah ﷺ with the tears of the body and heart with the cries of one's soul in the realm of returning in the presence of Allah Ta'la [There is nowhere to return but only in the presence of Allah Ta'la].

Allah Ta'la has never forgotten us nor has He abandoned us, but always loves us and wishes to forgive us. But it is us that turn away and never look back.

Now it is time to look back and face your shortcomings and return to Allah ﷺ with regret, with shame, with acceptance, with effort and power to change into the means of Allah Ta'la's pleasure.

Those who truly return and beg shall be forgiven with the chance to change his deeds into a person of a clean slate.

One should also send Salaam and Durood upon the companions of Prophet ﷺ in the best of ways in this special night.

One should reflect on himself by means of silent communication from the heart (Munajaat) for 10 minutes

One should present his defects in Allah Ta'la's presence and beg for solution and cure in resolving ones relationship with his Lord. It is surely by giving complete submission and preference over all things. Talk with Allah [Azzawajal] of the problems, presenting particular desires of sin inside his heart and the struggle which you are facing in reaching Allah. For surely Allah Ta'la shall show you the solutions and cure. Those who ponder shall see the cure in the path of Tareeqah Muhammadiyah and in Sunnah.

NIGHT OF POWER (LAILATUL QADR) IS WITHIN US ALL

Remember the night of power is when you allow the blessings to enter your heart so that the power of change comes inside you to truly follow Allah Ta'la and his Messenger ﷺ. Let the night of Power be in you all so you can bring the change and start your journey to purifying yourself so that all your hearts revolves into the words of Allah, from seed to flower, from rock to mountain, from bitter to sweet until your entire soul becomes the embodiment of the final Prophet and Messenger ﷺ.

Some people look for the night of Qadr but never find it. But it is the people who fail to let in the blessed night of power in their hearts and lives.

They look in the wrong places. As Lailatul Qadr is in every heart but they fail to see it. It is the heart of change that brings this blessing into your life.

You all have the potential to achieve Allah Ta'la's pleasure as you were made for Allah [Azzawajal]. So find the power to change into the righteous and when you have found that heart [Which is willingly submitting to Allah Ta'la] you shall find the night, you shall find Lailatul Qadr. It is the power of changing your hearts into following the Prophetic heart. Those who seek it shall find the night of power.

May you all find this power to return as true servants and be entered inside the Kingdom of Allah [Azzawajal]. May you all be a servant of Allah Ta'la and always live on the path of Siraat ul Mustaqeem. May you truly appreciate this blessing by following our guidance.

May you always be in the presence of Allah [Azzawajal].

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