

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ وَعِتْرَتِهِ بِعَدْوِ كُلِّ مَنْزِلٍ مِمَّنْ تَمَّتْ أَسْتَفْهِارُ اللَّهِ الْكَرِيمِ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ
الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْعَلِيِّ الْكَرِيمِ

VIRTUES OF THE MONTH

Muharramul Haraam محرم الحرام

Hadeeth Shareef:

Hadrat Abu Qataadah رضي الله عنه narrated that the Beloved of Allaah صلى الله عليه وسلم, Hadrat Sayyidina wa Maulaanaa Muhammad Mustafa صلى الله عليه وسلم said: I hope from Allaah عز وجل that (in His consideration) the day of 'Aashoorah (10th day of Muharramul Haraam) will atone for the previous (the past year). (Tirmidhi)

Hadeeth Shareef:

Hadrat Sayyidina wa Maulaanaa Muhammad Mustafa صلى الله عليه وسلم has exhorted and encouraged his Ummah to fast on this day. Hadrat Abu Qataadah رضي الله عنه narrates that the Beloved of Allaah صلى الله عليه وسلم, Hadrat Sayyidina wa Maulaanaa Muhammad Mustafa صلى الله عليه وسلم was asked regarding the fast of the day of 'Aashoorah. The Beloved of Allaah عز وجل, Hadrat Sayyidina wa Maulaanaa Muhammad Mustafa صلى الله عليه وسلم replied: "It is a compensation for the (minor) sins of the past year." (Muslim, vol. 1, pg. 368)

NOTE: It must be borne in mind that wherever a promise of forgiveness of sins is made upon the fulfillment of some action, it is only the minor sins that are forgiven. The major sins are not forgiven without true Taubah (repentance).

One should also observe the fast of the 9th of Muharram to safeguard his deed from resemblance with the non-Muslims who fast only on the 10th of Muharram.

Hadeeth Shareef:

Hadrat Ibne Abbas رضي الله عنه said: When the Beloved of Allaah صلى الله عليه وسلم, Hadrat Sayyidina wa Maulaanaa Muhammad Mustafa صلى الله عليه وسلم observed the fast of the day of 'Aashoorah and ordered (his Companions) to fast, they said, "O RasoolAllaah صلى الله عليه وسلم! It is a day revered by the Jews and Christians." The Beloved of Allaah عز وجل, Hadrat Sayyidina wa Maulaanaa Muhammad Mustafa صلى الله عليه وسلم said, "The coming year, if Allaah عز وجل wills, we will fast on the ninth (also)." (Muslim, vol. 1, pg. 359)

These Ahadeeth indicate clearly that one should fast on the 9th and 10th of Muharram. However, if one does not manage to fast on the 9th, then he should fast on the 11th of Muharram instead.

Hadeeth Shareef:

The Beloved of Allaah عز وجل, Hadrat Sayyidina wa Maulaanaa Muhammad Mustafa صلى الله عليه وسلم said: "Observe the fast of 'Aashoorah and oppose the Jews. Fast a day before it or a day after." (Baihaqi). Hence, it is important to either fast on the 9th and 10th of Muharram or the 10th and 11th. To fast only on the day of 'Aashoorah is makrooh tanzeehi as stated by Hadrat Allamah Ibne Aabideen Shaami رحمته الله عليه. One should be generous on one's

family and dependents and spend more on them than what is normally spent. Hadrat Abu Hurairah رضي الله عنه reports that the Beloved of Allaah صلى الله عليه وسلم, Hadrat Sayyidina wa Maulaanaa Muhammad Mustafa صلى الله عليه وسلم said: "One who generously spends on his family on the day of 'Aashoorah, Allaah عز وجل will increase (his provision) for the whole year." (Baihaqi, At Targheeb Wat Tarheeb, vol. 2, pg. 116)

Hadeeth Shareef:

Hadrat Ibn 'Abbaas رضي الله عنه has narrated that the Beloved of Allaah عز وجل, Hadrat Sayyidina wa Maulaanaa Muhammad Mustafa صلى الله عليه وسلم said: The person who fasts on 'Aashoorah (10th day) of Muharram will be given Thawaab (rewards) of 10,000 angels and Thawaab of 10,000 people who perform Hajj and 'Umrah. Anyone who strokes affectionately an orphan's head, Allaah عز وجل will increase his station in Paradise by the number of hair on the orphan's head and anyone who feeds a fasting True Believer at Iftaar (breaking the fast), it would be considered as if he fed at Iftaar all the Ummah of the Beloved of Allaah عز وجل, Hadrat Sayyidina wa Maulaanaa Muhammad Mustafa صلى الله عليه وسلم, till their stomachs are full.

Hadeeth Shareef:

The Holy Companions (may Allaah عز وجل be pleased with them all) respectfully submitted: O RasoolAllaah صلى الله عليه وسلم, Allaah عز وجل has given to the 10th day of Muharram more greatness than all other days. He صلى الله عليه وسلم replied: Yes. Allaah عز وجل created the Heavens and the Earths on the day of 'Aashoorah, created mountains on the day of 'Aashoorah, created His Pen (Qalam) on the day of 'Aashoorah, and the Lauh Mahfooz (The Guarded Tablet) on the day of 'Aashoorah, created Hadrat Aadam عليه السلام on the day of 'Aashoorah and gave him entrance into Paradise on the day of 'Aashoorah, Hadrat Ibrahim عليه السلام was born on the day of 'Aashoorah, and the Pharaoh (Fir'aun) was drowned on the day of 'Aashoorah, and Allaah عز وجل removed from Hadrat Ayyub عليه السلام his affliction, and Allaah عز وجل accepted the Taubah (repentance) of Hadrat Aadam عليه السلام on the day of 'Aashoorah and Allaah عز وجل forgave the mistake of Hadrat Dawood عليه السلام on the day of 'Aashoorah and Hadrat 'Isa عليه السلام was born on the day of 'Aashoorah, and the Day of Judgment will form on the day of 'Aashoorah. (Ghuniyatutalibeen - Tarteef Shareef, pgs. 756 - 757)

Hadeeth Shareef:

Hadrat Ibn Abbaas رضي الله عنه has narrated that the Beloved of Allaah عز وجل, Hadrat Sayyidina wa Maulaanaa Muhammad Mustafa صلى الله عليه وسلم said: The person who fasts on the day of 'Aashoorah in Muharram, Allaah عز وجل will write for him worship of 60 years and in this worship is included fasts during days and nights in worship. Anyone who performs a Ghasl (head shower) on the day of 'Aashoorah, he will not be afflicted with any sickness except the sickness which leads to his preordained death, and anyone who applies Soormah (Collyrium) to his eyes, his eyes will not suffer any pain during the entire year, and anyone who visits a sick person on the day of 'Aashoorah, it would be as if he visited all the progeny of Hadrat Aadam عليه السلام. Anyone who offers a drink of water once on the day of 'Aashoorah, it would be considered that he did not disobey his Lord for even one batting of an eyelash. Anyone who performs on the day of 'Aashoorah 4 Rakaah of Salaat with 2 Salaams and recites after Soorah Al-Faatihah, Soorah Al-Ikhlaas 50 times, Allaah عز وجل will forgive his sins of the past 50 years as well as his sins of the next 50 years and Allaah عز وجل will reward him with 1,000 palaces in a group above the Noor (Light).

Hadeeth Shareef:

Hadrat Abu Hurairah رضي الله عنه has narrated that the Beloved of Allaah عز وجل, Hadrat Sayyidina wa Maulaanaa Muhammad Mustafa صلى الله عليه وسلم said: Perform 4 Rakaah with 2 Salaams and in each Rakaah recite Soorah Al-Faatihah once, Soorah Al-Zilzaal once, Soorah Al-Kaafiroon once, and Soorah Al-Ikhlaas once, and after the

completion of the Salaah, recite Salaatun Nabee (Durood) upon the Beloved of Allaah ﷺ, Hadrat Sayyidina wa Maulaanaa Muhammad Mustafa ﷺ 70 times. (Ghuniyatuttalibeen - Tarteef Shareef, pgs. 756-758)

Hadeeth Shareef:

Hadrat Shiblee رضي الله عنه used to perform 4 Raka'ah Nafil daily from the 1st till the 10th of Muharram and used to recite in every Raka'ah, Soorah Al-Faatihah once and Soorah Al-Ikhlās 15 times and after the Salaam, he presented the Thawaab of this worship to the soul of Hadrat Sayyidina Imaam Husain رضي الله عنه. One day, Hadrat Shiblee رضي الله عنه saw Hadrat Sayyidina Imaam Husain رضي الله عنه in his dream in which he turned his face away from Hadrat Shiblee رضي الله عنه. Hadrat Shiblee رضي الله عنه humbly asked Hadrat Sayyidina Imaam Husain رضي الله عنه: "Your Honor, where did I go wrong?" The response was: "No wrong has been done. My eyes are ashamed (indebted) at your obligation. Till such time as I can return your favor (which will be) on the Day of Judgment, I am unable to let my eyes meet yours." The honorable grandson رضي الله عنه of Sayyad-ul-Kaunain (leader of both the worlds صلى الله عليه وسلم) will do the Shafaa'at (Intercession) on the Day of Judgment of all those who perform this Salaah. (Jawaahar Ghaibee)

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