

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ مَا شَاءَ اللَّهُ لَأَقْرَبَ إِلَهُهُ بِمَنْ بَدَأَ  
اللَّهُ صَلَّى عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ قَالَهُ وَعِزَّتِي بِسَدِّ كُلِّ مَنْعَةٍ عَنْكَ أَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ لَوْلَا الْإِسْلَامُ  
الْعَمَلُ الْفَيْزُومُ وَ التَّوْبَةُ إِلَيْهِ.

## VIRTUES OF THE MONTH

### *Sha'baan-ul-Mu'azzam* شعبان المعظم

#### Hadeeth Shareef:

Hadrat 'Aishah Siddeeqah رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهَا has narrated that when the Beloved of Allaah عَنْ وَجَل, Hadrat Sayyidina wa Maulaanaa Muhammad Mustafa صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ used to fast in the month of Sha'baan, we used to say now that he will not miss fasting even a day and when he abstained (from fasting), we used to say in this month he will not fast. I have never seen the RasoolAllaah صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ fast an entire month apart from Ramadaan and I have also never seen him fast in a month more than he did in the month of Sha'baan. (Bukharee Shareef)

#### Hadeeth Shareef:

Hadrat 'Aishah Siddeeqah رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهَا narrates that I submitted: "O RasoolAllaah صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ, why is it that I see you fasting in the month of Sha'baan?" He responded: "O 'Aishah رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهَا, this is a month in which the list of those who have to die in the rest of the year is written and given to the Angel of Death. I want that when my name is written in this list, I am in the state of fasting."

#### Hadeeth Shareef:

Hadrat Anas رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ narrated: It was asked of the Beloved of Allaah عَنْ وَجَل, Hadrat Sayyidina wa Maulaanaa Muhammad Mustafa صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ what is the best fast among days of fasting? He صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ said: "Fasting in the month of Sha'baan out of respect for Ramadaan."

#### Hadeeth Shareef:

Hadrat 'Abdullah رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ has narrated that the Beloved of Allaah عَنْ وَجَل, Hadrat Sayyidina wa Maulaanaa Muhammad Mustafa صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ has said that the person who fasts on the last Monday of Sha'baan will be granted his Maghfirah (salvation) -- not the last day of Sha'baan because for the person who does not fast perpetually, it is prohibited to fast one or two days before Ramadaan.

#### Hadeeth Shareef:

Hadrat Anas bin Maalik رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ has narrated that the Beloved of Allaah عَنْ وَجَل, Hadrat Sayyidina wa Maulaanaa Muhammad Mustafa صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ has said: "Sha'baan is named Sha'baan because from this month abundance of good bursts from it for Ramadaan and Ramadaan is named Ramadaan because it burns out sins."

#### Hadeeth Shareef:

Hadrat Abu Hurairah رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ has narrated that the Beloved of Allaah عَنْ وَجَل, Hadrat Sayyidina wa Maulaanaa Muhammad Mustafa صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ has said: "Sha'baan is my month, Rajab is Allaah's, and Ramadaan is my Ummah's. Sha'baan is the remover of sins, Ramadaan complete purifier." The Beloved of Allaah عَنْ وَجَل, Hadrat Sayyidina wa Maulaanaa Muhammad Mustafa صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ also said that: "Between Rajab and

Ramadaan is the month of Sha'baan. People are neglectful of it, although deeds are presented to Rabbul 'Aalameen (Lord of the Universe) in this month. I like that at the time of presentation of my deeds, I am fasting."

### **Virtues of Lailatul Baraat (Night of Baraat)**

Hadrat 'Aishah Siddeeqah رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهَا narrates that her beloved husband Hadrat Sayyidina wa Maulaanaa Muhammad Mustafa صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ said: "O 'Aishah رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهَا, what night is this?" I said: "Allaah عَزَّوَجَلَّ and His Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ know best." He صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ said, "This is the Nisfu Sha'baan (middle of Sha'baan) night. During (this night), all the deeds of the world and its slaves are raised up (they are presented to Allaah عَزَّوَجَلَّ). The number of people equal to the hair on the sheep of Bani Kalb (Tribe of Kalb) are given freedom from Hell by Allaah عَزَّوَجَلَّ. Will you give me permission tonight (to perform worship)?" I said: "Yes." He صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ then stood for Salaat. He صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ did a brief Qiyaam (stood briefly). He صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ recited Soorah Al-Faatihah and a small Soorah and then fell into prostration for half the night. Then he صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ stood up and performed the 2<sup>nd</sup> Rakaah like the first one and fell into prostration. His صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ prostration lasted till Fajr. I kept watching and became frightened that Allaah عَزَّوَجَلَّ may have taken his صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ soul. When a long time elapsed, I went close to him and touched the sole of his صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ feet and he moved and I heard him say:

**"Allaahumma innee A'oozu bi 'Afwika min 'iqaabika wa a'oozu bi ridaaka min sakhatika wa a'oozu bika minka jalla wajhuka. Laa uhsee thanaaan 'alaika'Alaa Nafsik."**

Translation: "Our Dearest and Beloved Allaah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, I seek Your protection of Your forgiveness from Your punishment and protection of Your pleasure from Your wrath and I seek protection in Your Majestic Face. I cannot enumerate Your Praises as only You can."

I submitted: "O RasoolAllaah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ, I heard you doing Dzikir as I have never seen you do it before." He صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ said: "Have you its knowledge?" I said: "Yes." He صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ said: "Memorize (these words) and teach them (to others). Jibreel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام told me to do this Dzikir in the Sajdah (prostration)." (Ghuniyatuttabilbeen)

When 1/4<sup>th</sup> of the night had passed by, Jibreel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام came down and said, "O Muhammad صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ, please raise your blessed head" and I raised my head to find the doors of Paradise open and...

- ...an Angel speaking out from the 1<sup>st</sup> door: "(There is) good news for the person who turns tonight (to worship)."
- Another Angel calls out from the 2<sup>nd</sup> door (of Paradise): "Happy will become the person who prostrates tonight."
- Another Angel calls out from the 3<sup>rd</sup> door: "Happy will be the person who does Du'aa (Supplication) tonight."
- Another Angel calls out from the 4<sup>th</sup> door: "Happy will be those who do Dzikir tonight."
- Another Angel from the 5<sup>th</sup> door calls out: "Happy will be the person who sheds tears with the fear of Allaah عَزَّوَجَلَّ tonight."
- Another Angel calls out from the 6<sup>th</sup> door: "Happiness is for all Muslims tonight."
- From the 7<sup>th</sup> door, an Angel calls out: "Is there anyone with a need, his need will be fulfilled."
- From the 8<sup>th</sup> door, an Angel calls out: "Is there anyone who would ask for forgiveness and he will be forgiven."

I then asked Jibreel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام : "How long will these doors (of Paradise) be open?" Jibreel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام said: "From the beginning of the night to daybreak." Then he said: "O Muhammad صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ, the number of people given freedom from the Fire is equal to the hair on all the sheep of Bani Kalb (the tribe of Kalb)." (Ghuniyatutalibeen, Tarteef Shareef pg. 792)

#### Hadeeth Shareef:

In another Hadeeth, Hadrat 'Aaishah Siddeeqah رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهَا continues in addition to the above Hadeeth: Till the morning, he صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ was in Qiyaam (standing) and Qu'ood meaning he صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ was in Salaat the whole night, his صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ holy feet became swollen. I pressed his feet (with my hands) and asked: "O RasoolAllaah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ, my father and mother be sacrificed for you, has not Allaah عَزَّوَجَلَّ forgiven your sins of future and the past? Has not Allaah عَزَّوَجَلَّ done this with you, that with you (many things)?" He صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ said: "Should I not become a grateful slave? Do you know what is in this night?" I asked: "What?" He صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ said: "In this night, all the children to be born are written down and everyone who is to die, his name is removed. In this night, people's provision descends, and in this night, people's deeds go up." I asked: "People go to Jannah from only the Mercy of Allaah عَزَّوَجَلَّ?" He صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ said: "Yes, people go to Jannah from the Mercy of Allaah عَزَّوَجَلَّ." I asked: "You also?" He صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ said: "I will also not go to Jannah until and unless Allaah عَزَّوَجَلَّ will cover me in His Mercy." He صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ then rubbed his hands over his head and face.

#### Hadeeth Shareef:

Hadrat 'Ali Al-Murtada KarramAllaahu Wajh has narrated that the Beloved of Allaah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, Hadrat Sayyidina wa Maulaanaa Muhammad Mustafa صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ said: "When the 15<sup>th</sup> of Sha'baan arrives, do Qiyaamul Lail (spend the night in worship), that is, perform Nawaafil (Salaat) and fast during the day because Allaah عَزَّوَجَلَّ descends upon the skies of the world after the sunset and proclaims: "Is there anyone who desires salvation so that I forgive him, anyone who beseeches for provision I will give it to him, anyone who is a victim of misfortunes I will give him freedom from them?" He عَزَّوَجَلَّ continues to proclaim this till the daybreak. (Ibn-e-Maajah, Mishkaat Shareef, Tarteef Shareef pg. 791)

### **Virtues of Salaatul Khair**

During the 15<sup>th</sup> night of Sha'baan, perform 100 Rakaah Salaatul Khair and recite Soorah Al-Ikhlaas 1000 times, that is 10 times Soorah Al-Ikhlaas in each Rakaah. Salf Saaliheen (Pious Reformers of the past) used to assemble together and perform this Salaat in Jamaa'at. Hadrat Hasan Basri رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ narrates that 30 companions (may Allaah عَزَّوَجَلَّ be pleased with them all) of the Beloved of Allaah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, Hadrat Sayyidina wa Maulaanaa Muhammad Mustafa صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ gave me the news that anyone who performs this Salaat, Allaah عَزَّوَجَلَّ looks at him 70 times and every time He عَزَّوَجَلَّ looks, He عَزَّوَجَلَّ fulfills one of his needs, the least of his needs being salvation. (Ghuniyatutalibeen, Tarteef Shareef pg. 796)

#### Hadeeth Shareef:

Whoever performs in the month of Sha'baan, 8 Rakaah Nafil and in each Rakaah recites Soorah Al-Ikhlaas 11 times with one Salaam (at the end of the 4 Rakaah) and makes Du'aa to Allaah عَزَّوَجَلَّ to pass on the Thawaab (rewards) to the soul of Hadrat Sayyadatun Nisaa Faatima-tuzzahraa رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهَا, she رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهَا says: "I will not step into Paradise till I intercede (for the one who did this Salaat)." (Risaalah Fadailush Shuhoor)