

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ مَا شَاءَ اللَّهُ لَأَفْعَالِ اللَّهِ بِحَقِّهِ  
اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ وَعِتْرَتِهِ بِمَسَدٍ كُلِّ مَسَدٍ لَمْ تَسْخَرْهُ لَكَ أَنْتَ اللَّهُ الَّذِي لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ  
الْحَمْدُ الْقَبُولُ وَآتُوبُ إِلَيْهِ - ﷺ

## VIRTUES OF THE MONTH

### Shawwaal-ul-Mukarram شَوَّالُ الْمُكْرَمِ

#### Hadeeth Shareef:

Hadrat Anas رضي الله عنه has narrated that the Beloved of Allaah عز وجل, Hadrat Sayyidina wa Maulaanaa Muhammad Mustafa صلى الله عليه وسلم said: Anyone who in the month of Shawwaal either during the day or during the night offers 8 Rakaa'ah of Salaah and in each Rakaa'ah recites Soorah Al-Faatihah once and Soorah Al-Ikhlaas 15 times and after finishing the Salaah says SubhaanAllaah 70 times and offers Salaat-un-Nabee (Durood Shareef) 70 times, I take an oath by the One who sent me with the True Deen, that there is no person who offers this Salaah, for whom Allaah عز وجل does not open fountains of wisdom in his heart and makes his tongue speak through this (wisdom) and shows him the diseases of the world and its cure. I take an oath by Him who sent me with the True Deen that the one who offers this Salaah as I have shown and does not raise his head from the last Sajdah (prostration) that Allaah عز وجل does not forgive him and if he does a Sajdah, He does forgive him and if he dies a Shaheed, he dies forgiven and there is no slave who offers this Salaah during his journey that whose coming and going is not made easy till he ends his journey and any who is needy that his needs are not fulfilled. I take an oath by the One who sent me with the True Deen that anyone who offers this Salaah, for every letter of his, Allaah عز وجل gives him a Makhrifah in Paradise. When asked what is a Makhrifah, Hadrat Sayyidina wa Maulaanaa Muhammad Mustafa صلى الله عليه وسلم said: It is a garden in Paradise and if any rider on horseback were to be out for sight-seeing, it will not cover a tree even if he rode for 100 years. (Ghuniyatuttalibeen - Tarteeb Shareef pg. 846-7)

#### Hadeeth Shareef:

It is narrated in a Hadeeth that anyone who offers 4 Rakaa'ah Salaah either on the night of the 1<sup>st</sup> of Shawwaal or on the day of 'Eid in his home and in every Rakaa'ah after Soorah Al-Faatihah recites Soorah Al-Ikhlaas 21 times, Allaah عز وجل will open all the 8 doors of Paradise and will close all the 7 doors of Hellfire and this person will not die till he sees his home in Paradise. (Risalah Fadail As Shuhoor)

#### Hadeeth Shareef:

The Beloved of Allaah عز وجل, Hadrat Sayyidina wa Maulaanaa Muhammad Mustafa صلى الله عليه وسلم said: The one who offers the fasts of Ramadaan and then 6 voluntary fasts of Shawwaal, will be regarded as though he had fasted perpetually. (Muslim, Abu Da'ud)

#### Hadeeth Shareef:

The Beloved of Allaah عز وجل, Hadrat Sayyidina wa Maulaanaa Muhammad Mustafa صلى الله عليه وسلم also said: The one who fasts the month of Ramadaan and then 6 days of Shawwaal, is so purified of sins as if he was just born today. (Muslim, Abu Da'ud)

These fasts may be observed continuously soon after 'Eid or on other days of Shawwaal according to one's choice and convenience, but one may preferably start fasting from the second of Shawwaal.

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