

# RAMADAAN - THE TIME IS NOW

Oh you who believe, fasting has been ordained for you like it was ordained for those before you so that you may becoming mindful (of Allah) Al Baqarah

It is a time to replenish our reserves of Taqwa. Ramadaan creates consciousness of Allah Ta'ala. It's a sweltering hot day, your throat is parched. You are in the privacy of your home and the refreshingly cool water is within reach. You desire to drink it, but you do not. Only because Allah is watching! Ramadhaan is an easy opportunity to build on our reserves of Taqwa.

## TILAAWAH OF THE QUR'ĀN KAREEM

There a special connection between the month of Ramadaan and the Qur'ān Kareem. We should set aside as much time as possible to Read the Noble Qur'ān. Recitation of Qur'ān enhances our relationship with Allah Ta'ala and we experience Closeness with our Rabb. We should adjust our routines for the month of Ramadaan, leave out all unnecessary activities and dedicate as much time as possible for the Qur'ān.

**Note:** With the advent of technology more people are reading Qur'ān from electronic devices. This is disliked and should be avoided. We should read as much Qur'ān as possible from the Mushaf – the physical printed Qur'ān. **The reverence that the words of Allah demands, cannot adequately be displayed by us on the Qur'ān App. The Sahaba used to kiss the Qur'ān Kareem and say, "These are the words of my Rabb!" The device which is used for mundane and sometimes forbidden activities should not be our source to recite the Qurān Kareem.**

## TARAWEEH

There are two distinct Sunan as far as Taraweeh is concerned:

1. To perform twenty Rakaats of Taraweeh EVERY night.
2. The recitation of the Full Qur'ān in Taraweeh.

The recitation of Qur'ān should be from memory. **According to the Hanafi madhhab recitation from the Mushaf will invalidate the salaah.**

In this climate where shortening of Taraweeh is being advocated and the Sunnah is relegated to

being "only Sunnah" we should hold firmly onto the Sunnah. **Our Salvation lies only in following the Sunnah.**

## SAFETY FROM JAHANNUM

In the Ahaadith we find a simple prescription for Protection from the fire.

- a. By reducing the burden of staff and assistants. This is an easy prescription for gaining salvation from the Fire of Jahannam. Simply shorten the working hours of a fasting person, reduce his work load or even hire an extra person for this month.
- b. By feeding a fasting person or providing him with something to break his fast. A sip of water or milk secures safety from the fire of Jahannam. Allahu-Akbar!

## PATIENCE

Let fasting not be an excuse for venting anger. It is a time to learn to control ourselves. The reward of an entire days hunger and thirst can be lost by venting our anger. This is indeed a month of patience and the reward for true patience is Jannah.

## DON'T WASTE EVEN A SINGLE MOMENT

Mobile devices contribute to a lot of wasted time. Resolve to restrict their use to a bare minimum. Engage abundantly in the recitation of Kalimah Tayyibah, seeking Allah's forgiveness, asking for entry into Jannah and freedom from Jahannam.

## DUA

This is a month wherein Duas are readily accepted. A fasting person's dua is not rejected. Sehri time. Iftaar time. After every Ibadat. Make a special time for dua. **Take pleasure in conversing with your Rabb.**

May Allah Ta'ala grant us the ability to value the great blessing of Ramadaan. Aameen.

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