

15th Night of Sha'baan

VIRTUES OF THIS NIGHT

عَنْ عَائِشَةَ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهَا قَالَتْ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ هَذِهِ لَيْلَةُ التَّصْفِيفِ مِنْ شَعْبَانَ إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ يَطَّلِعُ عَلَى عِبَادِهِ فِي لَيْلَةِ التَّصْفِيفِ مِنْ شَعْبَانَ فَيَغْفِرُ لِلْمُسْتَغْفِرِينَ وَيَرْحَمُ الْمُسْتَرحِمِينَ وَيُوَخِّرُ أَهْلَ الْحَقْدِ كَمَا هُمْ (الترغيب للمندري # 1549)

Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) has said, 'This is the middle night of Sha'baan. Allah Ta'ala looks upon His slaves in this night and forgives those who seek forgiveness and bestows His mercy upon those who make dua for mercy but leaves out those who have hatred (against a Muslim) as they were before, (and does not forgive them unless they clean their hearts from malice).

عَنْ عَائِشَةَ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهَا أَنَّ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ قَالَ أَتَانِي جِبْرَائِيلُ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ فَقَالَ هَذِهِ لَيْلَةُ التَّصْفِيفِ مِنْ شَعْبَانَ وَلِلَّهِ فِيهَا عُتْقَاءُ مِنَ النَّارِ بَعْدَ شُعُورِ غَنَمِ كَلْبٍ (الترغيب للمندري # 1547)

Hadhrat Aaishah (radiyallahu anha) has reported that Rasulallah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) said, "Hadhrat Jibraeel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ came to me and said, "This is the middle night of Sha'baan. Allah Ta'ala frees a large number of people from the fire on this night, more than the number of hair growing on the sheep of the tribe of Kalb."

The tribe of Kalb was a large tribe in Madinah, who owned many sheep. Therefore, the last sentence of the Hadith indicates the large number of people forgiven on this night by Allah Ta'ala.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

عَنْ عَلِيِّ بْنِ أَبِي طَالِبٍ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ قَالَ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ إِذَا كَانَتْ لَيْلَةُ التَّصْفِيفِ مِنْ شَعْبَانَ فقوموا ليلتها وضوموا نهارها فإن الله ينزل فيها لغروب الشمس إلى سماء الدنيا فيقول ألا من مستغفر لي فأغفر له ألا مسترزق فأرزقه ألا مبتلى فأعافيه ألا كذا كذا حتى يطلع الفجر (ابن ماجه # 1388)

Hadhrat Ali Bin Abi Taalib (radiyallahu anhu) narrates that Rasulallah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) said, "When it is the night of the middle of Sha'ban, then spend the night in [Salaah/'ibaadah] and fast the [next] day. For Allah Ta'ala descends to the first sky at sunset and announces, "Is there anyone seeking my forgiveness that I may forgive him? Is there anyone seeking sustenance that I may grant it to him? Is there anyone in any difficulty that I may relieve him?" Many other similar announcements are made. These continue till the time of Fajar."

THOSE WHO ARE DEPRIVED

لَا يَنْظُرُ اللَّهُ فِيهَا (أَيَّ لَيْلَةِ التَّصْفِيفِ مِنْ شَعْبَانَ) إِلَى مُشْرِكٍ وَلَا إِلَى مُشَاحِنٍ وَلَا إِلَى قَاطِعِ رَحِمٍ وَلَا إِلَى مُسْبِلٍ وَلَا إِلَى عَاقٍ لِوَالِدَيْهِ وَلَا إِلَى مُدْمِنٍ خَمْرٍ (شعب الايمان # 3556)

(On this night) Allah Ta'ala will not even look towards the following people (with mercy), 1. Mushrik, 2. One who harbours ill feelings in his heart towards others, 3. One who cuts off ties with family members, 4. One who allows his pants to flow below the ankles, 5. One who is disobedient to his parents, 6. One who is an alcoholic.