

RAMADHĀN AND THE GLORIOUS QUR'ĀN

“The month of Ramadhaan is the month in which the Qur'an was revealed as a guidance for mankind, whose verses of guidance are absolutely clear, and which distinguish (between truth and falsehood)” (Qur'an Karīm, 2/185)

The sacred books of Allāh Ta'ālā enjoy a special relationship with the Month of Ramadhān. In particular, the final Book of Allāh Ta'ālā, the greatest miracle of our Nabi Sallāluhu 'Alayhi wa Sallam, the Qur'an Karīm, is very closely linked to this month. Ibn 'Abbās Radhiyallāhu 'Anhu explains that the Qur'an Karīm was revealed all at once on the night of Qadr to the sky of the dunyā, and after that, it was gradually revealed to Nabi Sallāluhu 'Alayhi wa Sallam.

Wahy (revelation) upon Nabi Sallāluhu 'Alayhi wa Sallam began in this Mubārak month. Jibrīl 'Alayhis-Salām would revise the Qur'an Karīm with Nabi Sallāluhu 'Alayhi wa Sallam every night of Ramadhan. (Bukhārī, 6)

The Mubārak Month of Ramadhān has dawned upon us, and we are presented with the most excellent opportunity to build our connection with this most glorious of speeches.

Allāh Ta'ālā has made the recitation of the Qur'an Karīm easy in Ramadhān. Many can attest that through the Barakah of this month, they can recite more of the Qur'an Karīm than they can throughout the year!

The Qur'an Karīm is a book of guidance and love from Allah Ta'ālā. One will find his heart illuminated and his relationship with his Creator strengthened through reciting it. He will automatically find himself letting go of all his worries and finding peace amongst all his adversities. Allāh Ta'ālā announces that the Qur'an Karīm is “An advice from Your Rabb, a cure for whatever is within the chests, and a guidance and mercy for the Mu'minīn.” (Qur'an Karīm, 10/57)

Our pious predecessors would exert themselves in the recitation of the Qur'an Karīm during this month. It is famous regarding Imām Shāfi'ī Rahimahullāh that he would recite 60 khatams in Ramadhān. Aswad and Ibrāhīm Nakha'i Rahimahumullāh would complete the Qur'an Karīm every two nights in Ramadhān. Imām Zuhri Rahimahullāh used to say upon the commencement of Ramadhān: “Now, there is only time for the recitation of the Qur'an Karīm and for the feeding of people.”

A beautiful Hadīth of Nabi Sallāluhu 'Alayhi wa Sallam should be of immense encouragement for us: “Fasting and the Qur'an will intercede for a slave (of Allah) on the Day of Qiyāmah. Fasting will say: “O my Rabb! I prevented him from food and carnal desires by day, so accept my intercession for him.” The Qur'an will say: “O my Rabb! I prevented him from his sleep at night, so accept my intercession for him.” Their intercession will then be accepted. (Musnad Ahmad, 2/174)

Let us decide that we will recite more of the Qur'an Karīm this Ramadhān than we did in the last. The easiest way to do so is to have a plan set out. Everyone knows when he will be most able to recite; whether it be a few pages before and after every Salāh or after the Fajr or Tarāwīh Salāhs. All we require is 30 mins to an hour per day. Let us ensure that we set times and stick to them!

Completing one Khatam of the Qur'an Karīm over the entire month is the minimum we can achieve. Imām Abu Hanīfah Rahimahullah used to say: “It is the right of the Qur'an Karīm upon us that we complete its recitation twice a year at least; once during Ramadhān, and once throughout the rest of the year.

May Allāh Ta'ālā allow us to increase in our love and recitation of His blessed Speech and thereby gain closeness to Him, Āmīn.

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