

# 15th Sha'bān (Laylatul Barā'ah)

The Mubārak month of Ramadhān has again appeared on our doorstep, ready to bring forth its great blessings.

By granting virtue to the 15th night of Sha'bān, Allāh Ta'āla has afforded us the opportunity to ensure we enter the month of Ramadhān free of sins!

Many Ahādīth and sayings of the pious have been narrated concerning the virtue of this night. To deny its significance is thus totally incorrect.

Nabi Sallalāhu 'Alayhi wa Sallam is reported to have said: "Verily, Allāh Ta'ālā turns His special attention to His creation on the night of the 15th of Sha'bān, and He forgives all of them except a mushrik (idolator) and one who harbours hatred in his heart." (Sahīh Ibn Hibbān, 5665). In another narration, an (unjust) murderer is also included amongst those not forgiven.

Nabi Sallalāhu 'Alayhi wa Sallam is also reported to have said that the amount of sins Allāh Ta'ālā forgives on this night is greater than the extent of the amount of wool on the sheep of the Kalb tribe! (Tirmidhi, 739)

Imām Shafi'ī Rahimahullāh has said: "It has reached us that Du'ās are (especially) accepted on 5 nights: The night of Jumu'ah, the two 'Īds, the 1st night of Rajab, and the 15th of Sha'bān."

Many of the senior Tabi'īn are reported to have specially exerted themselves on this night. 'Ata ibn Yasār (rahimahullah) – the great Tabi'i of Madinah- said:

**"After Laylatul-Qadr, there is no other night in the year that is more virtuous than the middle (15th) night of Sha'bān" (Latāif al-Ma'ārif, pg.264)**

## What should we do?

- We should repent from all sins, especially the ones narrated in these Ahādīth. We should clean our hearts of any ill feelings for others. Another narration includes (amongst others) the sins of engaging in black magic, foul poetry, fortune-telling, and playing musical instruments. May Allāh Ta'ālā protect us!
- We should exert ourselves in 'Ibādah on this night. We should stand in Salāh, recite the Qur'ān Karīm, and engage in the Zikr (remembrance) of Allāh Ta'ālā.
- Recite Istighfār (seek forgiveness) in abundance. How unfortunate is the one deprived of forgiveness on such a night!
- No particular collective 'Ibādah is Sunnah on this night. Therefore, we should engage in the worship of Allāh Ta'ālā individually.

May Allāh Ta'ālā give us the ability to take the maximum benefit from this night, and may He allow us to enter Ramadhān totally forgiven, Āmīn!

**Note: The 15th night of Sha'bān, in South Africa, corresponds to Sunday night, 25 February 2024.**

