

# LAYLATUL BARA'AH (15TH SHA'BAAN)

Nabi Sallalāhu 'Alayhi wa Sallam said: "Verily, Allāh Ta'ālā turns his special attention to his creation on the night of the 15th of Sha'bān, and He forgives them all except a mushrik (idolator) and one who harbours hatred in his heart." (Sahīh Ibn Hibbān, 5665). Other narrations include the one who takes a life unjustly and he who severs family ties among those who are not forgiven.

The 15th of Sha'bān is on our doorstep. Our pious predecessors widely accepted this night as one of those wherein the mercy of Allāh Ta'ālā descends in great quantity.

Numerous sayings are narrated regarding the virtue of the night of the 15th of Sha'bān: Ibn' Umar Radhiyallāhu 'Anhu is reported to have said: "**There are 5 nights in which Du'ā' is never rejected:** the night of Jumu'ah, the 1st night of Rajab, **the night of the 15th of Sha'bān,** and the nights of the 2 'Ids." (Musannaf' Abdur Razzāq, 7927).

Allāmah Ibnul-Hājj Māliki Rahimahullāh stated in Al-Madkhal: "There's no doubt that this is a blessed night, with great standing in the sight of Allāh Ta'ālā..."

Due to this, the 'Ulamā' encourage one and all to engage in good deeds on this night.

Imām Nawawi Rahimahullāh mentions: "Imām Shafi'i and the 'Ulamā' found it desirable to enliven this night (with 'Ibādah)." Abū Shāmah Al-Maqdisi narrates from Imām Ibn Salāh Rahimahumullāh that he said: "As for the night of the 15th of Sha'bān, then it has great virtue, and enlivening it with 'Ibadah is desirable..." Ibn Nujaym Hanafi Rahimahullāh similarly mentioned that it is preferable to spend this night in 'Ibādah (Bahr, 2/93).

## How would our pious predecessors spend this night?

Imām Ibn Rajab Rahimahullāh mentions that the Tābi'in of Shām, like Khālid Ibn Ma'dān, Makhūl, and others Rahimahumullāh would sanctify this night and exert themselves in Ibaadah accordingly. Ibnul-Hājj Rahimahullāh says: "The pious predecessors would sanctify it and prepare for its arrival in advance. By the time it came, they were ready to receive it and fulfil its rights!" Imām Fākihi Rahimahullāh relates that the people of Makkah would spend the entire night in the worship of Allāh Ta'ālā! (Akhbār Makkah)

May Allāh Ta'ālā allow us to take full advantage of whatever opportunities He grants us, and may He make the coming Ramadhān one of Taqwā, Tilāwah of Qur'an, and all forms of goodness, Āmīn.

**Note: The 15th night of Sha'baan, in South Africa, corresponds to Thursday night (13 February 2025)**



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