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The Greatness of the Month of Rajab

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GREATNESS OF THE MONTH OF RAJAB

This month is one of the noblest of months for the following reasons:

1. It is one of the Sacred Months (there are four of these in the Islāmic calendar).
2. It is one of the months of Supplication and even during the period of Ignorance (before the coming of Islām) this was well known amongst the people and the Arabs of that time would always wait and anticipate the coming of this month so that they could supplicate and ask their needs.
3. This month is the month of Amīr Al-Mo'minin `Alī ibn Abī Ṭālib (peace be upon him) just as it has been mentioned in the aḥādīth and as we are also told that the month of Sha`bān is the month of the Messenger of Allāh (prayers be upon him and his family) and the Month of Ramadhān is the month of Allah (Glory and Greatness be to Him).
4. The first night of this month is one of the four nights in the year which it has been emphasized that we should stay awake in prayer and worship.
5. In relation to the 15th of this month, it has been mentioned that it is the most loved of days in the sight of Allah (Glory and Greatness be to Him) and it is the time when we should perform the action known as "Istiftāḥ" which shall be explained in detail later on in this discussion¹.
6. The 27th of this month is the date when the official appointment of the Noble Prophet (prayers be upon him and his family) took place and it is the day when the mercy and blessings of Allāh (Glory and Greatness be to Him) were physically manifested upon this Earth – something which this world has never seen from its inception until today.

This is a glimpse at some of the benefits of this month, as we do not possess the ability and capacity to fully understand and appreciate all of the greatness that is accompanied with this month.

¹ This shall be explained in our forth-coming articles on the Month of Rajab, Insha-Allāh.

THE CALL OF THE ANGEL NAMED “DA`EE” AND THE RESPONSE TO HIM

One of the important things which must be observed in this month is to keep in mind the ḥadīth “Malak Da’ee” which has been narrated from the Noble Prophet (prayers be upon him and his family).

The Noble Messenger of Allah (prayers be upon him and his family) has related that, *“Allāh the Most High has placed an Angel in the seventh heaven who is referred to as ‘Da’ee’. When the Month of Rajab approaches, this Angel repeats the following prayer every night until the morning time, ‘Congratulations to those who are busy in the glorification of Allāh. Congratulations to those who are obeying the commands of Allāh.’ Allah (Glory and Greatness be to Him) then replies, ‘I sit in the company of that person who sits in My Company, and I obey the commands of that person who obeys My Commands and I forgive that person who also forgives others. The month is My month and the servant is My servant and the mercy (shown) is My mercy. Whoever calls Me during this month, I will surely reply to him and whoever requests something from Me, I will surely grant that to him and whosoever requests guidance from Me, I will truly guide him. I have made this month as a link between Myself and My servants and whoever takes hold of this link will surely reach Me.”*

It is shame when we reflect on our level of obedience to Allah!

Where are the people who would sincerely thank Allah (Glory and Greatness be to Him)?

Where are the people who are sincerely striving to reach Allah (Glory and Greatness be to Him)? Do those people who possess intelligence have the ability to understand the truth that is contained within this heavenly call? Why then is there no answer given to this call?

Where are those with a deep spiritual insight into Allah (Glory and Greatness be to Him) – those people who know that not a single other person amongst all of the creation has the ability to truly thank Allāh (Glory and Greatness be to Him) for his blessings as they are able to?

Where are those people who have lapses and slips on their record that they would be able to answer this heavenly call and proclaim, ‘I have answered the call and am ready to assist You! Greetings upon you O’ beautiful caller towards Allah; O’ King of Kings; the Most Merciful of those who can show mercy; O’ Allah – the Most Patient and Generous; the Friend of those who feel contempt for their own souls; The One who possesses Great forgiveness; the one who will change our bad deeds into righteous actions!’

WHAT SHOULD BE DONE ON THIS NIGHT?

The first night of this month is one of the four nights which we should stay awake in and this has been emphatically emphasized. One of the things which should be done on this night is to look for the new moon and to recite the appropriate supplication that has been mentioned in the ḥadīth.

It is also recommended that within this duā`, when we reach to the stage when we ask for help during the months of Sha`bān and Ramadhān that we recite this part with extra attention and when the time comes for this duā`, we should continuously recite it – repeating it often and frequently so that through this prayer and supplication, we can be completely ready to enter into those next two months.

It is also recommended that after Ṣalātul `Ishā that we should recite the various supplications mentioned in the book Iqbāl.

In the book Iqbāl, there are also various Ṣalāt that have been narrated for this first night of which the easiest of them which even the weakest person such as myself can perform has been mentioned which we also discuss here.

In a ḥadīth it has been stated that the Prophet (prayers be upon him and his family) has said, *“After the person performs the Ṣalāt of Maghrib on the first night of the Month of Rajab, he should perform 20 Rak`at of Ṣalāt in which in each Rak`at, he would recite Sūrah al-Ḥamd and Sūrah Al-Ikhlāṣ one time each and then offer the Salām at the end of the Ṣalāt (just like Ṣalātul Fajr).”* At this point the Prophet (prayers be upon him and his family) then mentioned, *“Do you know the reward for this Ṣalāt?”* His companions said, *“Allāh and His Messenger know better than we!”* The Prophet (prayers be upon him and his family) replied to them, *“The Trustworthy Spirit (Jibrā`il) has taught me this Ṣalāt and – while lifting up his sleeves – said that the reward for this prayer is that a person, his family, his wealth and his children will all remain protected and will be saved from the punishments in the grave and they will also pass quickly over the Bridge without accountability of their actions.”*

An even easier Ṣalāt has been mentioned by the Prophet (prayers be upon him and his family) and it is narrated that the Prophet (prayers be upon him and his family) said, *“The person who performs a two Rak`at Ṣalāt in the first night of the month of Rajab after his Ṣalātul `Ishā and in the first Rak`at recites Sūrah al-Fātiḥa and Sūrah al-Inshirah and Surah al-Ikhlāṣ three times and then in the second Rak`at recites Sūrah al-Ḥamd and Sūrah al-Inshirah, Surah al-Ikhlāṣ and Sūrah Al-Falaq and Sūrah al-Nās one time each and then performs the rest of the Ṣalāt with the Tashahhud and Salām and then says “لا إله إلا الله” one time and then sends prayers upon the Prophet and his Family - all of his previous sins will be forgiven and he will be just as that person who was born from his mother’s womb with no sins on his record.”*

The Ṣalāt that should be performed every night during this month and which has been mentioned in the book Iqbāl and Al-Tuḥfah and has been narrated from Ḥalawānī states: *“The Messenger of Allah (prayers be upon him and his family) has said that, ‘Whoever performs 60 Rak`at of Ṣalāt in the month of Rajab such that every night he performs a two Rak`at Ṣalāt in which he recites Sūrah al-Fātiḥa once followed by Sūrah al-Kāfirūn three times and then Sūrah al-Ikhlāṣ one time and then after the Ṣalāt is finished, he lifts his hands up and says:*

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، لَهُ الْمُلْكُ وَلَهُ الْحَمْدُ يُحْيِي وَيُمِيتُ، وَهُوَ حَيٌّ لَا يَمُوتُ بِيَدِهِ
الْخَيْرُ وَهُوَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ وَإِلَيْهِ الْمَصِيرُ وَ لَا حَوْلَ وَ لَا قُوَّةَ إِلَّا بِاللَّهِ الْعَلِيِّ الْعَظِيمِ اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ
عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَ آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ النَّبِيِّ الْأُمِّيِّ

“There is no creature or entity worthy of worship except for Allāh, the One who has no partners. To Him belong the Dominion and to Him is all Praise, He gives live and He causes to die and he is the Everliving and will never die. In His hands is all goodness and He has power over all things and to Him return all things and there is no strength or power except with Allah, the High, the Grand. O’ Allah! Send your prayers upon Muḥammad and the Family of Muḥammad – the Prophet, the Unlettered.”

and after this prayer rubs his hands on his face, then Allāh the Most High will accept his prayers and give him the reward as if he performed 60 accepted Ḥajj and 60 accepted `Umrah.”

For more information on the first night of Rajab, please refer to our website www.al-mubin.org under the “Articles” link and look for the article entitled, [“The First Night of the Month of Rajab”](#)