

KHUTBAH

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English

The night of revelation or Laylat Al-Qadr

Dear Muslims,

Allah has singled out the *Ummah* of prophet Mohamed with many special merits. One of these merits is the night of revelation or Laylat Al-Qadr. Since our lives became short and we can not live long as the previous nations, this night was given to us. The rewards of worship in this night are better than the rewards of worshipping 1000 months. This Night of Al-Qadr occurs during the month of Ramadan as Allah says:

“The month of Ramadan in which was revealed the Qur'an” Al-Baqarah 185.

“Verily, We have sent it down in the Night of Al-Qadr” Al-Qadr 1.

Particularly, this night is in the last ten days of Ramadan, although some scholars say that it is the 27th. Zurr ibn Hubaysh, reported, as Narrated by Muslim: **“I heard Ubayy ibn Kab saying and it was said to him that Abd-Allah ibn Masood said: Whoever follows the *Sunnah* will catch Laylat al-Qadr! Ubayy (May Allah be pleased with him) said: May Allah have mercy on him, he did not want people to take it for granted and only stay up to pray on one night. By the One besides Whom there is no other god, it is in Ramadan he was swearing without a doubt and by Allah, I do know which night it is. It is the night in which the Messenger of Allah (PBUH) commanded us to pray (*qiyaam*). It is the night the morning of which is the twenty seventh, and the sign of it is that the sun rises on that morning white and without rays”**

So why does it called laylat Al-Qadr? Ibn Abbas and Qatadah and others have said, " Because The matters are determined during it". Others said because during it, angles with great status descend down. Another opinion is that because the worships and obeys performed during it has great value and rewards.

This night has many Merits:

- 1- Allah dedicates one whole *sura* of quran to tell about it.
- 2- Quran was sent down in it. Ibn `Abbas and others have said, "Allah sent the Qur'an down all at one time from the Preserved Tablet (Al-Lawh Al-Mahfuz) to the House of Might (Baytul-`Izzah), which is in the heaven of this world. Then it came down in parts to the Messenger of Allah based upon the incidents that occurred over a period of twenty-three years."
- 3- Allah has magnified its status by His saying; ***“And what will make you know what the Night of Al-Qadr is” Al-Qadr 2.***
- 4- Worships performed in it are better than worships of 1000 months (more than 83 years).
- 5- Angels descend during this night with good, blessings and mercies.
- 6- It is a night of peace because the one who worship during it is saved from punishment and hellfire.
- 7- Whoever pray and worship during this night, seeking their reward, Allah will forgive his previous sins. Abu Huraira reported that the Prophet said: ***(Whoever prays during the night of Qadr with faith and hoping for its reward will have all of his previous sins forgiven.) Narrated by Al-Bukhari and Muslim.*** That is why Prophet Mohamed (PBUH) used to

pray and worship during the last ten of Ramadan more than the other days. Aisha reported that: **(With the start of the last ten days of Ramadan, the Prophet used to tighten his waist belt (i.e. work hard) and used to pray all the night, and used to keep his family awake for the prayers)** Narrated by Al-Bukhari.

Signs of Laylat Al-qadr:

- 1- It is a bright night with strong light.
- 2- It is a calm night and the believer's heart is delighted and at peace with it
- 3- It is a pleasant night, neither hot nor cold
- 4- Allah may bless some people and give them the ability to see it in their sleep (*ro'yah*).
- 5- Muslims find more pleasure and joy in worship compare to the other nights.
- 6- In the following day, the sun rises red and weak with no visible rays.

Dear Muslims,

We have to use the chance of the last ten days of Ramadan. We have to perform worships good deeds and prayers in hope that we will meet this great night and get its great rewards. It is also recommended supplicate to Allah during the nights asking His forgiveness and mercy. The following supplication is recommended: "O Allah! Verily, You are the Oft-Pardoning, You love to pardon, so pardon me." This is due to what Imam Ahmad recorded from `A'ishah, that she said, "O Messenger of Allah! If I find the Night of Al-Qadr what should I say" He replied, (*Say: "O Allah! Verily, You are the Oft-Pardoning, You love to pardon, so pardon me."*) **Narrated by Al-Tirmethy**

O Allah, we ask You to accept our fasts, prayers and worships during Ramadan. We ask You to forgive all of our sins and wrong doings and make us one of those saved from the hellfire.

Amen