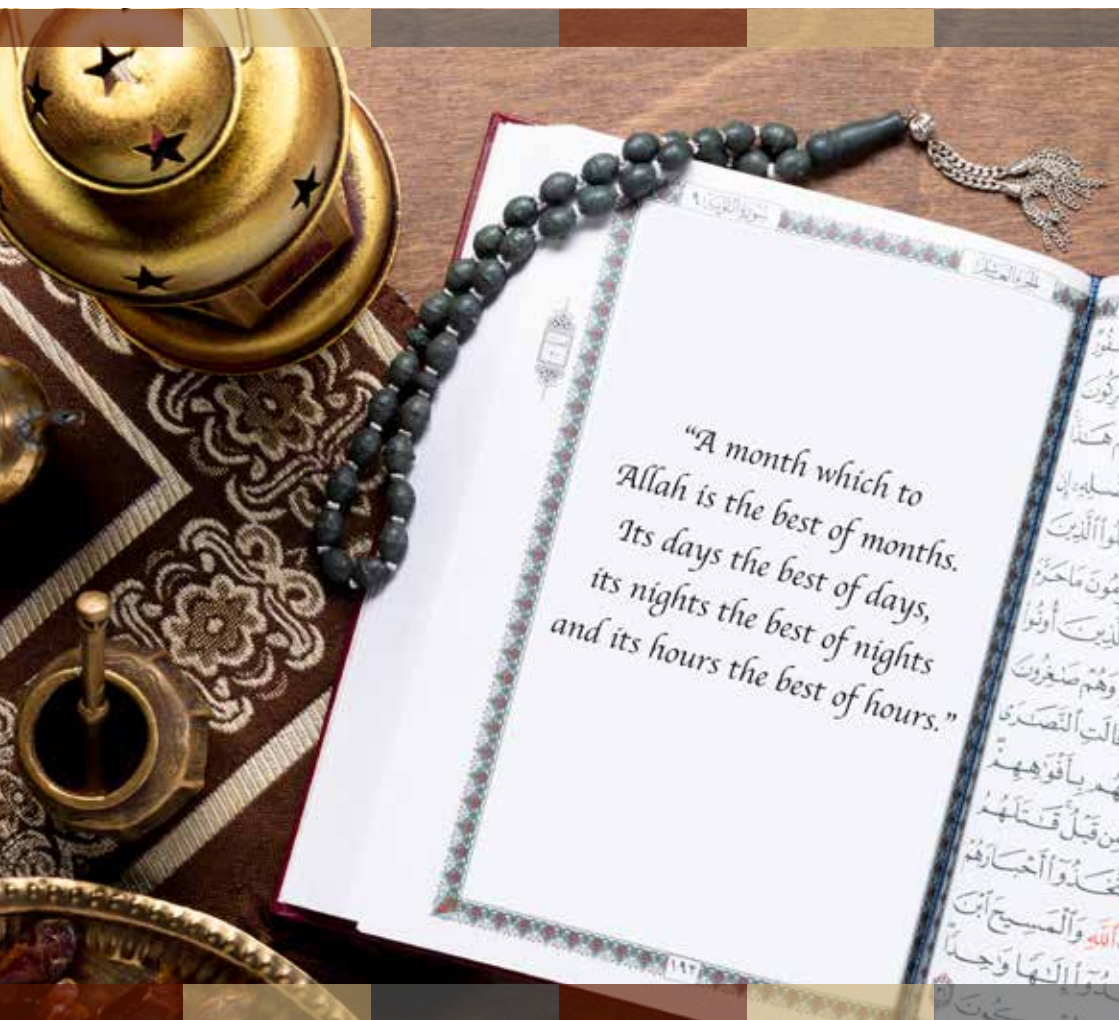


Sermon of the Prophet (pbuh)

ABOUT THE MONTH OF RAMADHAN



**SERMON GIVEN BY THE PROPHET (PBUH)
ON THE LAST NIGHT OF SHA'BAN
ABOUT THE MONTH OF RAMADHAN**

O people!

أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ!

Indeed ahead of you is
the blessed month of
Allah. A month of
blessing, mercy and
forgiveness.

إِنَّهُ قَدْ أَقْبَلَ إِلَيْكُمْ شَهْرَ اللَّهِ
بِالْبَرَكَةِ وَالرَّحْمَةِ وَالْمَغْفِرَةِ،

A month which to Allah
is the best of months

شَهْرٌ هُوَ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ أَفْضَلُ
الشُّهُورِ،

its days the best of
days, its nights the best
of nights and its hours
the best of hours.

وَأَيَّامُهُ أَفْضَلُ الْأَيَّامِ وَلَيَالِيهِ
أَفْضَلُ اللَّيَالِيِ، وَسَاعَاتُهُ
أَفْضَلُ السَّاعَاتِ،



It is the month which invites you to be the guests of Allah and invites you to be one of those near to Him.

هُوَ شَهْرٌ دُعِيْتُمْ فِيهِ إِلَى
ضِيَاةِ اللَّهِ، وَجُعِلْتُمْ فِيهِ مِنْ
أَهْلِ كَرَامَةِ اللَّهِ.

Each breath you take glorifies Him; your sleep is worship,

أَنْفَاسُكُمْ فِيهِ تَسْبِيحٌ وَنَوْمُكُمْ
فِيهِ عِبَادَةٌ،

Your deeds are accepted and your duas are answered.

وَعَمَلُكُمْ فِيهِ مَقْبُولٌ وَدُعَاؤُكُمْ
فِيهِ مُسْتَجَابٌ.

So, ask Allah, your Lord; to give you a sound body and an enlightened heart

فَاسْأَلُوا اللَّهَ رَبَّكُمْ بِنِيَّاتٍ
صَادِقَةٍ، وَقُلُوبٍ طَاهِرَةٍ،

So you may be able to fast and recite his book,

أَنْ يُؤَفِّقَكُمْ لِحَيْمِهِ، وَتِلَاوَةِ
كِتَابِهِ.



For only he is unhappy
who is devoid of Allah's
forgiveness during this
great month.

فَإِنَّ الشَّقِيَّ مَنْ حُرِمَ عَفْرَانُ
اللَّهِ فِي هَذَا الشَّهْرِ الْعَظِيمِ.

Remember the hunger
and thirst of the day of
Qiyama with your
hunger and thirst;

وَاذْكُرُوا جُوعَكُمْ وَعَطَشَكُمْ
فِيهِ، جُوعَ يَوْمِ الْقِيَامَةِ
وَعَطَشَهُ.

Give alms to the needy
and the poor, honour
your old

وَتَصَدَّقُوا عَلَى قُرَائِكُمْ
وَمَسَاكِينِكُمْ، وَوَقِّرُوا كِبَارِكُمْ،

Show kindness to the
young ones, maintain
relations with your
blood relations, guard
your tongue,

وَارْحَمُوا صِغَارَكُمْ، وَصَلُّوا
أَرْحَامَكُمْ، وَاحْفَظُوا أَلْسِنَتَكُمْ،

Close your eyes to that
which is not
permissible for your
sight,

وَعُضُّوا عَمَّا لَا يَحِلُّ النَّظْرُ
إِلَيْهِ أَبْصَارَكُمْ



Close your ears to that
which is forbidden to
hear,

وَعَمَّا لَا يَجِلُّ
الِاسْتِمَاعُ إِلَيْهِ
أَسْمَاعَكُمْ.

Show compassion to
the orphans of the
people so compassion
may be shown to your
orphans.

وَتَحَنَّنُوا عَلَى
أَيْتَامِ النَّاسِ،
يُتَحَنَّنَ عَلَى
أَيْتَامِكُمْ.

Repent to Allah for
your sins,

وَتُوبُوا إِلَى اللَّهِ
مِنْ ذُنُوبِكُمْ،

And raise your hands in
Dua during these
times, for they are the
best of times

وَارْفَعُوا إِلَيْهِ
أَيْدِيَكُمْ بِالدُّعَاءِ،
فِي أَوْقَاتِ صَلَوَاتِكُمْ
فَإِنَّهَا
أَفْضَلُ السَّاعَاتِ،

and Allah looks
towards His creatures
with kindness,

يَنْظُرُ اللَّهُ فِيهَا
بِالرَّحْمَةِ إِلَى
عِبَادِهِ،

replying to them
during these hours and
granting their needs if
He is asked....

وَيُجِيبُهُمْ إِذَا
نَاجَوْهُ، وَيُلَبِّسُهُمْ
إِذَا نَادَوْهُ وَيُعْطِيهِمْ
إِذَا سَأَلُوهُ
وَيَسْتَجِيبُ لَهُمْ
إِذَا دَعَوْهُ.



O people!

أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ!

Indeed, your souls are dependent on your deeds, free it with Istighfar (repentance);

إِنَّ أَنْفُسَكُمْ مَرْهُونَةٌ بِأَعْمَالِكُمْ،
فَفَكُّوْهَا بِاسْتِغْفَارِكُمْ.

lighten its load by long prostrations; and know that Allah swears by His might:

وَضُهُورُكُمْ ثَقِيْلَةٌ مِنْ أَوْزَارِكُمْ،
فَخَفِّفُوْا عَنْهَا بِطُورِ سُجُوْدِكُمْ
وَاعْلَمُوا أَنَّ اللَّهَ أَقْسَمَ

بِعِزَّتِهِ:

That there is no punishment for the one who prays and prostrates, and he shall have no fear of the fire on the day when man stands before the Lord of the worlds.

أَنْ لَا يُعَذِّبَ الْمُصَلِّينَ
وَالسَّاجِدِينَ وَأَنْ لَا يُرَوِّعَهُمْ
بِالنَّارِ يَوْمَ يَقُومُ النَّاسُ لِرَبِّ
الْعَالَمِينَ.

O people!

أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ!



One who gives Iftar to a fasting person during this month will be like one who has freed someone and his past sins will be forgiven.

مَنْ فَطَّرَ مِنْكُمْ صَائِمًا مُؤْمِنًا
فِي هَذَا الشَّهْرِ، كَانَ لَهُ
بِذَلِكَ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ عِنْتُ
نَسَمَةٍ وَمَغْفِرَةٌ لِمَا مَضَى مِنْ
ذُنُوبِهِ.

Some of the people who were there then asked the Prophet (pbuh):

"All of us are not able to invite those who are fasting?"

The Prophet (pbuh) replied: "Allah gives this reward even if the Iftar is a drink of water".

فَقِيلَ: يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ، فَلَيْسَ
كُلُّنَا نَقْدِرُ عَلَى ذَلِكَ!

فَقَالَ (ص): اتَّقُوا النَّارَ، وَلَوْ
بِشْرْبَةِ مِنْ مَاءٍ.

O people!

أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ!



One who has good morals (Akhlāq) during this month will be able to pass the 'Siraat'... on the day that feet will slip....

مَنْ حَسَنَ فِي هَذَا الشَّهْرِ
خُلِقَهُ، كَانَ لَهُ جَوَارًا عَلَى
لِصِّرَاطٍ، يَوْمَ تَزِلُّ فِيهِ
الْأَقْدَامُ.

One who covers the fault of others will benefit in that Allah will curb His anger on the day of Judgement.....

وَمَنْ خَفَّفَ فِي هَذَا الشَّهْرِ
عَمَّا مَلَكَتْ يَمِينُهُ خَفَّفَ اللَّهُ
عَلَيْهِ حِسَابَهُ وَمَنْ كَفَّ
فِيهِ شَرَّهُ، كَفَّ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ
غَضَبَهُ يَوْمَ يَلْقَاهُ.

As for one who honours an orphan; Allah will honour him on the day of Judgement

وَمَنْ أَكْرَمَ فِيهِ يَتِيمًا، أَكْرَمَهُ
اللَّهُ يَوْمَ يَلْقَاهُ.



And for the one who spreads his kindness, Allah will spread His mercy over him on the day of Judgement.

وَمَنْ وَصَلَ فِيهِ رَحْمَهُ، وَصَلَهُ
اللَّهُ بِرَحْمَتِهِ يَوْمَ يَلْقَاهُ.

As for the one who cuts ties of relation; Allah will cut His mercy from him....

وَمَنْ قَطَعَ رَحْمَهُ قَطَعَ اللَّهُ
عَنْهُ رَحْمَتَهُ يَوْمَ يَلْقَاهُ.

Who so ever performs a mustahab salaa in this month; Allah will keep the fire of hell away from him.

وَمَنْ تَطَوَّعَ فِيهِ بِصَلَاةٍ،
كَتَبَ اللَّهُ لَهُ بَرَاءَةً مِنَ النَّارِ.

Whoever performs a wajib prayer;

وَمَنْ أَدَّى فِيهِ فَرَضًا،

Allah will reward him with seventy prayers in this month.

كَانَ لَهُ ثَوَابَ مَنْ أَدَّى
سَبْعِينَ فَرِيضَةً فِيمَا سِوَاهُ
مِنَ الشُّهُورِ.



And who so ever prays a lot during this month will have his load lighten on the day of accounts.

وَمَنْ أَكْثَرَ فِيهِ مِنَ الصَّلَاةِ
عَلَيَّ، ثَقَّلَ اللَّهُ مِيزَانَهُ يَوْمَ
تَخْفُفُ الْمَوَازِينُ.

He who recites one aya of the holy Qur'an will be given the rewards of reciting the whole Qur'an during other months.

وَمَنْ تَلَا فِيهِ آيَةً مِنَ الْقُرْآنِ،
كَانَ لَهُ مِثْلَ أَجْرِ مَنْ حَتَمَ
الْقُرْآنَ فِي غَيْرِهِ مِنَ الشُّهُورِ.

O people!

أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ!

Indeed, in this month the doors of Janna are open, therefore, ask Allah not to close them for you;

إِنَّ أَبْوَابَ الْجَنَّةِ فِي هَذَا
الشَّهْرِ مُفْتَحَةٌ، فَاسْأَلُوا رَبَّكُمْ
أَنْ لَا يُغْلِقَهَا عَلَيْكُمْ،

The doors of Jahannam are closed, so ask Allah to keep them closed for you.

وَأَبْوَابَ النَّارِ مُغْلَقَةٌ، فَاسْأَلُوا
رَبَّكُمْ أَنْ لَا يَفْتَحَهَا عَلَيْكُمْ،



During this month Shaytan is imprisoned; so, ask your Lord not to let him have power over you.

Imam Ali (pbuh) says that I stood up and asked:

"O Prophet! What are the best deeds during this month?"

The Prophet (pbuh) replied:
"Stopping oneself from doing those deeds which are forbidden by Allah..."

وَالشَّيَاطِينُ مَغْلُوبَةٌ، فَاسْأَلُوا رَبَّكُمْ أَنْ لَا يُسَلِّطَهَا عَلَيْكُمْ.

قَالَ أَمِيرُ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ (ع) –
فَقُمْتُ وَقُلْتُ:

يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ! مَا أَفْضَلُ
الْأَعْمَالِ فِي هَذَا الشَّهْرِ؟

فَقَالَ (ص): يَا أَبَا الْحَسَنِ!
أَفْضَلُ الْأَعْمَالِ فِي هَذَا
الشَّهْرِ، الْوَرَعُ عَنْ مَحَارِمِ
اللَّهِ.



