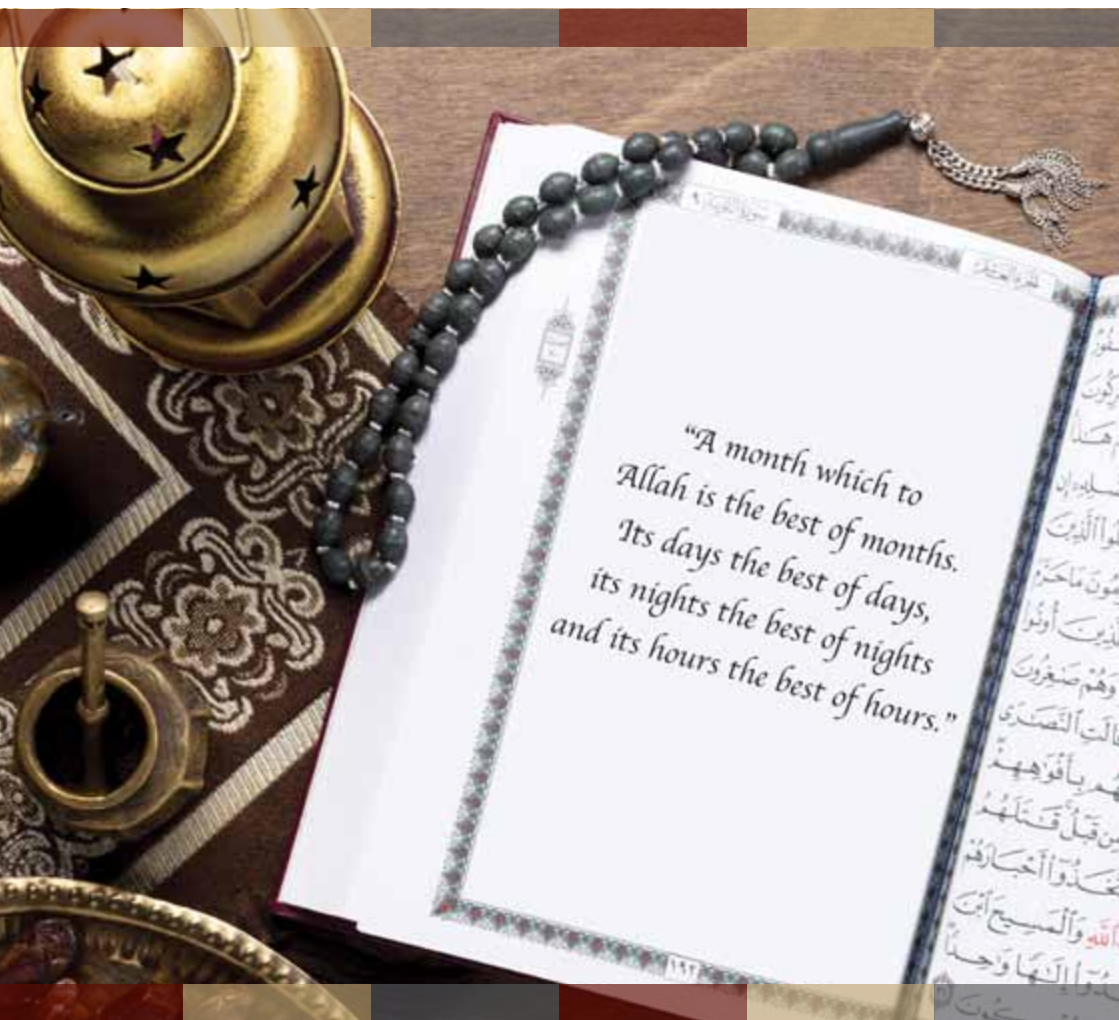


# Sermon of the Prophet (pbuh)

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 شَهْرُ اللَّهِ بِالْبَرِّ كَرَمَةٍ 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 ضَيْفَةِ 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

فَأَسْأَلُوا اللَّهَ رَبَّكُمْ بِنِيَّاتٍ صَادِقَةٍ، وَقُلُوبٍ طَاهِرَةٍ،



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

أَنْ يُؤَفِّقَكُمْ لَصِيَامِهِ، وَتِلَاوَةِ كِتَابِهِ.

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

فَإِنَّ الشَّقِيَّ مَنْ حُرِمَ عَفْوَانَ اللَّهِ فِي هَذَا الشَّهْرِ  
الْعَظِيمِ.

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

وَإِذْ كَرُّوا بِجُوعِكُمْ وَعَطَشِكُمْ فِيهِ، جُوعَ يَوْمِ  
الْقِيَامَةِ وَعَطَشِهِ.

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

وَتَصَدَّقُوا عَلَى قَرَابَتِكُمْ وَمَسَاكِينِكُمْ، وَوَقِّرُوا  
كِبَارِكُمْ،

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

وَأَرْحَمُوا صِغَارَكُمْ، وَصَلُّوا أَرْحَامَكُمْ،  
وَاحْفَظُوا أَلْسِنَتَكُمْ،

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

وَعُضُّوا عَمَّا لَا يَجِلُّ النَّظَرُ 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، يُتَحَنَّنْ 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

and Allah looks towards His creatures with kindness,

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

O people!

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

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

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.

وَارْفَعُوا إِلَيْهِ أَيْدِيَكُمْ بِالذُّعَاءِ، فِي أَوْقَاتِ صَلَاتِكُمْ فَإِنَّهَا أَفْضَلُ السَّاعَاتِ،

يَنْظُرُ اللَّهُ فِيهَا بِالرَّحْمَةِ إِلَى عِبَادِهِ،

وَيُجِيبُهُمْ إِذَا نَاجَوْهُ، وَيُلْتَمِسُ لَهُمْ إِذَا نَادَوْهُ وَيُعْطِيهِمْ

إِذَا سَأَلُوهُ وَيَسْتَجِيبُ لَهُمْ إِذَا دَعَوْهُ.

إِيَّهَا النَّاسُ!

إِنَّ أَنْفُسَكُمْ مَرْهُونَةٌ بِأَعْمَالِكُمْ، فَفَكِّهَا

بِاسْتِغْفَارِكُمْ.

وَضَهُوئِكُمْ ثَقِيلَةٌ مِنْ أَوْزَارِكُمْ، فَخَفِّقُوا عَنْهَا

بِطُولِ سُجُودِكُمْ وَاعْلَمُوا أَنَّ اللَّهَ أَقْسَمَ بِعِزَّتِهِ:

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 مَوْمِنًا فِي هَذَا الشَّهْرِ، كَانَ لَهُ بِذَلِكَ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ عِتْقٌ نَسَمَةٍ وَمَغْفِرَةٌ لِمَا مَضَى مِنْ ذُنُوبِهِ.

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

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

"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".

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

O people!

أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ!

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

مَنْ حَسَنَ فِي هَذَا الشَّهْرِ خُلُقُهُ، كَانَ لَهُ جَوَازٌ أَعْلَى لَصِرَاطٍ، يَوْمَ تَزِلُّ فِيهِ الْأَقْدَامُ.

One who eases the workload of his workers in this month, Allah will make easy his accounting

وَمَنْ خَفَّفَ فِي هَذَا الشَّهْرِ عَمَّا مَلَكَتْ يَمِينُهُ خَفَّفَ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ حِسَابَهُ



One who doesn't hurt others, Allah will keep him safe from His anger on the day of Judgement...

وَمَنْ كَفَّ فِيهِ شَرُّهُ، كَفَّ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ غَضَبَهُ يَوْمَ يَلْقَاهُ.

As for one who respects 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 رَحْمَةً، وَصَلَهُ اللَّهُ بِرَحْمَتِهِ يَوْمَ يَلْقَاهُ.

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

وَمَنْ قَطَعَ رَحْمَةً 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 فَرَصًا،

Allah will reward him with seventy prayers in this month.

كَانَ لَهُ ثَوَابٌ مِنْ أَدَى 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 أَكْتَفَرَ فِيهِ مِنَ الصَّلَاةِ عَلَيَّ، ثَقَّلَ اللَّهُ مِيزَانَهُ يَوْمَ تَحْفُفُ 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 خَتَمَ 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,

وَأَبْوَابَ النَّارِ مُمْسِكَةٌ، فَاسْأَلُوا رَبَّكُمْ أَنْ لَا يَفْتَحَهَا عَلَيْكُمْ،

so ask Allah to keep them closed for you.

During this month Shaytan is imprisoned;

وَالشَّيَاطِينُ مَغْلُوبَةٌ، فَاسْأَلُوا رَبَّكُمْ أَنْ لَا يُسَلِّطَهَا عَلَيْكُمْ.

so, ask your Lord not to let him have power over you.

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

قَالَ أَمِيرُ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ (ع) - فَقُمْتُ وَقُلْتُ:

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

يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ! مَا أَفْضَلُ الْأَعْمَالِ فِي هَذَا الشَّهْرِ؟

The Prophet (pbuh) replied:

"Stopping oneself from doing those deeds which are forbidden by Allah..."

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











