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## كيف نستقبل رمضان؟

How do we Receive/Welcome Ramadan?

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### First Khutbah

إِنَّ الْحَمْدَ لِلَّهِ نَحْمَدُهُ وَنُسْتَعِينُهُ وَنَسْتَغْفِرُهُ وَنَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنْ شَرِّهِ وَأَنْفُسِنَا وَمِنْ سَيِّئَاتِ أَعْمَالِنَا مَنْ يَهْدِهِ اللَّهُ فَلَا مُضِلَّ لَهُ وَمَنْ يَضِلَّ فَلَا هَادِيَ لَهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَأَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تَقَاتِهِ وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ اتَّقُوا رَبَّكُمُ الَّذِي خَلَقَكُمْ مِنْ نَفْسٍ وَاحِدَةٍ وَخَلَقَ مِنْهَا زَوْجَهَا وَبَثَّ مِنْهُمَا رِجَالًا كَثِيرًا وَنِسَاءً وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ الَّذِي تَسَاءَلُونَ بِهِ وَالْأَرْحَامَ إِنَّ اللَّهَ كَانَ عَلَيْكُمْ رَقِيبًا

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَقُولُوا قَوْلًا سَدِيدًا يُصْلِحْ لَكُمْ أَعْمَالَكُمْ وَيَغْفِرْ لَكُمْ ذُنُوبَكُمْ وَمَنْ يُطِيعِ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ فَقَدْ فَازَ فَوْزًا عَظِيمًا

فَإِنْ أَصْدَقُ الْحَدِيثِ كِتَابُ اللَّهِ تَعَالَى وَأَحْسَنُ الْهَدْيِ هَدْيُ مُحَمَّدٍ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ وَشَرُّ الْأُمُورِ مُخَدَّنَاتُهَا وَكُلُّ مُخَدَّنَةٍ بِدْعَةٌ وَكُلُّ بِدْعَةٍ ضَلَالَةٌ وَكُلُّ ضَلَالَةٍ فِي النَّارِ

As for what follows:

## أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ

Oh People!<sup>1</sup>

Allah says in His Honorable Book:

شَهْرُ رَمَضَانَ الَّذِي أُنزِلَ فِيهِ الْقُرْآنُ هُدًى لِّلنَّاسِ وَبَيِّنَاتٍ مِّنَ الْهُدَىٰ وَالْفُرْقَانِ فَمَن شَهِدَ مِنْكُمُ الشَّهْرَ فَلْيَصُمْهُ وَمَن كَانَ مَرِيضًا أَوْ عَلَىٰ سَفَرٍ فَعِدَّةٌ مِّنْ أَيَّامٍ أُخَرَ يُرِيدُ اللَّهُ بِكُمُ الْيُسْرَ وَلَا يُرِيدُ بِكُمُ الْعُسْرَ وَلِتُكْمِلُوا الْعِدَّةَ وَلِتُكَبِّرُوا اللَّهَ عَلَىٰ مَا هَدَاكُمْ وَلَعَلَّكُمْ تَشْكُرُونَ

The month of Ramadan in which was revealed the Quran, a guidance for mankind and clear proofs for the guidance and the criterion (between right and wrong). So whoever of you sights (the crescent on the first night of) the month (of Ramadan i.e. is present at his home), he must observe Saum (fasts) that month, and whoever is ill or on a journey, the same number [of days which one did not observe Saum (fasts) must be made up] from other days. Allah intends for you ease, and He does not want to make things difficult for you. (He wants that you) must complete the same number (of days), and that you must magnify Allah [i.e. to say Takbir (Allahu-Akbar; Allah is the Most Great) on seeing the crescent of the months of Ramadan and Shawwal] for having guided you so that you may be grateful to Him [2:185]

The blessed month of Ramadan is upon us and we need to receive this month with the best of reception. For Ramadan is a time of great benefit. It is a month to obtain Taqwa. Imam Ibnul-Wardi (may Allah have mercy upon him) said:

وَاتَّقِ اللَّهَ فَتَقْوَى اللَّهِ مَا \* \* \* جاورت قلب امرئٍ إلا وصل

Fear Allah, for Taqwa of Allah is not Adjoined to the heart of a person except he will reach [all good in the worldly and life and hereafter] [Laamiyyah Ibnul-Wardi line no. 7]

<sup>1</sup> This is from the Sunnah of the Prophet (ﷺ) as found in many Ahaadith. For more, see Shaikh Yahya ibn ali al-Hajoori's excellent work *Abkaam ul-Jummaah wa bida'iba* pg. 364

## Ramadan is a blessed month:

Abu Hurairah (may Allah be pleased with him) said that the Prophet (ﷺ) said:

أَتَاكُمْ رَمَضَانُ شَهْرٌ مُبَارَكٌ فَرَضَ اللَّهُ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ عَلَيْكُمْ صِيَامَهُ تَفْتَحُ فِيهِ أَبْوَابُ السَّمَاءِ وَتُعَلَّقُ فِيهِ أَبْوَابُ الْجَحِيمِ وَتُعَلَّقُ فِيهِ مَرَدَّةُ الشَّيَاطِينِ لِلَّهِ فِيهِ لَيْلَةٌ خَيْرٌ مِنْ أَلْفِ شَهْرٍ مِنْ حُرْمِ خَيْرِهَا فَقَدْ حُرِّمَ

"There has come to you Ramadan, a blessed month, which Allah, the Mighty and Sublime, has enjoined you to fast. In it the gates of heavens are opened and the gates of Hell are closed, and every devil is chained up. In it Allah has a night which is better than a thousand months; whoever is deprived of its goodness is indeed deprived." [Saheeh Nasaai no. 2105]

## Ramadan is a month of forgiveness

Abu Hurairah (may Allah be pleased with him) said:

- أَنَّ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ رَقِيَ الْمَنْبَرَ فَقَالَ : آمِينَ ، آمِينَ ، آمِينَ ، فَقِيلَ لَهُ : يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ مَا كُنْتَ تَصْنَعُ هَذَا فَقَالَ : قَالَ لِي جِبْرِيلُ : رَغِمَ أَنْفُ عَبْدٍ دَخَلَ عَلَيْهِ رَمَضَانٌ لَمْ يُغْفَرْ لَهُ ، فَقُلْتُ : آمِينَ ، ثُمَّ قَالَ : رَغِمَ أَنْفُ عَبْدٍ أَدْرَكَ أَبُوَيْهِ أَوْ أَحَدَهُمَا لَمْ يَدْخُلْهُ الْجَنَّةَ ، فَقُلْتُ : آمِينَ ، ثُمَّ قَالَ : رَغِمَ أَنْفُ عَبْدٍ ذُكِرْتُ عِنْدَهُ فَلَمْ يُصَلِّ عَلَيْكَ ، فَقُلْتُ : آمِينَ

That the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) ascended the minbar and said: Ameen, Ameen, Ameen. It was said: oh Messenger of Allah, you did not use to do this? He said: Jibreel said to me: May he be humiliated the servant who enters Ramadan and is not forgiven So I said: Ameen. Then he said: May he be humiliated the servant who has two parents or one of them and does not enter Paradise [due to them]. I said: Ameen. He said: May he be humiliated the servant who I am mentioned and he does not send peace and blessings upon me. I said: Ameen [ Graded Hasan by al-Albani in Fadlus-Salah no. 18 and others]

## Ramadan is a month of Change and Transformation

From Abu Hurairah (may Allah be pleased with him) that the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said:

إِذَا كَانَ أَوَّلَ لَيْلَةٍ مِنْ شَهْرِ رَمَضَانَ صُفِّدَتِ الشَّيَاطِينُ وَمَرَدَةُ الْجِنِّ وَغُلِّقَتْ أَبْوَابُ النَّارِ فَلَمْ يُفْتَحْ مِنْهَا بَابٌ. وَفُتِّحَتْ أَبْوَابُ الْجَنَّةِ فَلَمْ يُغْلَقْ مِنْهَا بَابٌ وَيُنَادِي مُنَادٍ يَا بَاغِيَ الْخَيْرِ أَقْبِلْ وَيَا بَاغِيَ الشَّرِّ أَقْصِرْ وَلِلَّهِ عِتْقَاءُ مِنَ النَّارِ وَذَلِكَ كُلَّ لَيْلَةٍ

"On the first night of the month of Ramadan, the Shayateen are shackled, the powerful jinns are restrained, the gates of the Fires are shut such that no gate among them would be opened. The gates of Paradise are opened such that no gate among them would be closed, and a caller calls: 'O seeker of the good; come near!' and 'O seeker of evil; stop! For there are those whom Allah frees from the Fire.' And that is every night." [Reported by Tirmidhi and graded Saheeh by Al-Albani in Saheeh Tirmidhi no. 682]

Imam al-Mubaarakfoori (may Allah have mercy upon him) commented on the Hadith saying:

"O seeker of evil stop: that is, oh the one who wants disobedience, hold back from your disobedience and return to Allah because this is the time of the acceptance of repentance and the time to prepare for forgiveness. It is possible that the obedience of the obedient, repentance of the sinner, and the return of the deficient ones in Ramadan is from the effects of the two calls and the result of Allah turning towards those seeking. Like this we see most of the Muslims fasting even the children and the neighborhood. Rather the majority of those who abandoned prayer become then praying people. Although fasting is harder than prayer and it creates the weakness of the body which is leads to laziness in worship and a lot of sleep usually. Along with this, you see the masajid full and the revived nights flooded. And All praise is due to Allah and their is no strength or might except with Allah. This is what was mentioned in Mirqaa" [Taken from Tuhfatul Ahwaadhi (2/219)]

So we see how Ramadan helps us stop our disobedience and we are encouraged to do so during this month. It is a month to break bad habits and transform ourselves. The devils are chained. With all the good that occurs by the permission of Allah and by way of the call of the caller, it is important for Muslims not squander this great opportunity.

**Ramadan is more than just food and drink.**

Abu Hurairah (may Allah be pleased with him) said the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said:

لَيْسَ الصِّيَامُ مِنَ الْأَكْلِ وَالشَّرْبِ ، إِنَّمَا الصِّيَامُ مِنَ الْغَوْرِ وَالرَّفَثِ

Fasting is not from eating and drinking, verily fasting is from idle speech and obscene speech  
[Saheeh Targheeb no. 1082]

Imam Nawawi (may Allah have mercy upon him) said:

بَانَ الْمُرَادُ أَنَّ كَمَالَ الصَّوْمِ وَفَضِيلَتَهُ الْمَطْلُوبَةَ إِنَّمَا يَكُونُ بِصِيَانَتِهِ عَنِ اللَّغْوِ وَالْكَالِمِ الرَّدِيِّ لَا  
أَنَّ الصَّوْمَ يَنْطَلُ بِهٖ .

The intent is that complete fasting and the virtue which is desired is only by protecting oneself from idle speech and debased speech. Not that the fast is invalidated due to this [i.e. idle speech and obscenity] [Majmoo' ( 6/399)]

And it comes in another Hadith also from Abu Hurairah (may Allah be pleased with him) that the Prophet (ﷺ) said:

رَبِّ صَائِمٍ لَيْسَ لَهُ مِنْ صِيَامِهِ إِلَّا الْجُوعُ وَرَبِّ قَائِمٍ لَيْسَ لَهُ مِنْ قِيَامِهِ إِلَّا السَّهْرُ

There are people who fast and get nothing from their fast except hunger, and there are those who pray and get nothing from their prayer but a sleepless night [Saheeh Targheeb no. 1083]

Imam al-Munaawi (may Allah have mercy upon him) said commenting on the Hadith:

قال الغزالي: قيل هو الذي يفطر على حرام أو من يفطر على لحوم الناس بالغيبة أو من لا  
يحفظ جوارحه عن الآثام

"al-Ghazali said: it was said: it is the one who broke his fast with haram or the one who broke his fast by upon the flesh of the people by backbiting or it is the one who did not preserve his limbs from sins" [Fayd al-Qadeer Sharh Jami' as-Sagheer (4/16)]

**Ramadan is supposed to improve our behavior from lying, foolishness, betrayal.**

Abu Hurairah (may Allah be pleased with him) said that the Prophet said:

مَنْ لَمْ يَدَعْ قَوْلَ الزُّورِ وَالْعَمَلَ بِهِ، وَالْجَهْلَ، فَلَيْسَ لِلَّهِ حَاجَةٌ فِي أَنْ يَدَعَ طَعَامَهُ وَشَرَابَهُ

Whoever does not give up false statements (i.e. telling lies), and evil deeds, and speaking bad words to others, Allah is not in need of his (fasting) leaving his food and drink [Bukhari no. 6057]

Anas ibn Malik (may Allah be pleased with him) said that the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said:

من لم يدع الخنا والكذب فلا حاجة لله أن يدع طعامه وشرابه

Whoever does not give up betrayal and lying, then Allah has no need for him to leave off his food and drink [Saheeh Targheeb no. 1080]

As it comes in the Hadith Qudsi:

يَتْرُكُ طَعَامَهُ وَشَرَابَهُ وَشَهْوَتَهُ مِنْ أَجْلِي، الصَّيَامُ لِي، وَأَنَا أَجْزِي بِهِ، وَالْحَسَنَةُ بِعَشْرِ أَمْثَالِهَا

'He has left his food, drink and desires for My sake. The fast is for Me. So I will reward (the fasting person) for it and the reward of good deeds is multiplied ten times". [Bukhari no. 1894]

With that in mind, we need to receive Ramadan in the best of manners to benefit from this great opportunity

## Second Khutbah

الحمد لله رب العالمين والصلاة والسلام على نبينا محمد وعلى آله وصحبه أجمعين

As for what proceeds:

How can we prepare for Ramadan? We can do the following things:

1. **Before Ramadan, the Salaf used to ensure that they made up any fasts they missed due to an excuse from the previous Ramadan.** Aisha (may Allah be pleased with her) said:

كان يكون عليّ الصوم من رمضان فما أستطيع أن أقضيه إلا في شعبان

I had to complete some of the fasts of Ramadan, but I could not do it but during the month of Sha'ban [Saheeh Muslim no. 1146]

Imam Nawawi (may Allah have mercy upon him) said: “The school of thought of Malik, Abu Hanifa, Shafi’ee, Ahmad, and the majority of the Salaf and Khalaf is to that the one who has to make up missed fasts due to menstruation and travel can delay it and it is not required for him/her

to take initiative to complete them at the beginning of the affair. However, they say: it is not allowed to delay it from the coming Sha'baan because he/she will then delay it to a time it will not be accepted and it is the next Ramadan..." [Sharh Saheeh Muslim (4/141)]

## 2. Feeling Happy About it's Arrival

Hafidh Ibn Rajab (may Allah have mercy upon him) said quoting some the Scholars:

كيف لا يبشر المؤمن بفتح أبواب الجنان كيف لا يبشر المذنب بغلق أبواب النيران كيف لا  
يبشر العاقل بوقت يغل فيه الشياطين من أين يشبه هذا الزمان زمان

"How can a believer not be glad with the opening of the gates of Paradise? How can a sinner not be glad with closing of the gates of Hell-fire? How can an intelligent one not be glad with the time the devils are chained? How can this time be compared to any other time?" [Lataaif al-Ma'aarif (1/158)]

## 3. Reading Much Qur'an:

عَنِ ابْنِ عَبَّاسٍ - رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمَا - قَالَ كَانَ النَّبِيُّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ أَجْوَدَ النَّاسِ، وَأَجْوَدَ مَا  
يَكُونُ فِي رَمَضَانَ، حِينَ يَلْقَاهُ جِبْرِيلُ، وَكَانَ جِبْرِيلُ - عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ - يَلْقَاهُ فِي كُلِّ لَيْلَةٍ مِنْ  
رَمَضَانَ، فَيَدَارِسُهُ الْقُرْآنَ فَلَرَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ أَجْوَدُ بِالْخَيْرِ مِنَ الرِّيحِ الْمُرْسَلَةِ.

'Abdullah bin 'Abbas (may Allah be pleased with him) said:

The Prophet (ﷺ) was the most generous of all the people, and he used to become more generous in Ramadan when Gabriel met him. Gabriel used to meet him every night during Ramadan to revise the Qur'an with him. Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) then used to be more generous than the fast wind.

[Reported in al-Bukhari no. 3554]

## 4. Staying in the Masjid:

عَنْ أَبِي الْمُتَوَكِّلِ النَّاجِيِّ، قَالَ: كَانَ أَبُو هُرَيْرَةَ وَأَصْحَابُهُ إِذَا صَامُوا جَلَسُوا فِي الْمَسْجِدِ، قَالُوا  
: " نَطَهَّرُ صِيَامَنَا

On the authority of Abu al-Mutawakil an-Naaji (may Allah have mercy upon him) who said:

“If Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) and his companions were fasting, they would sit in the masjid and say: “Let us purify our fast” [Reported by Hunnad ibn as-Sari in Kitab az-Zuhd no. 1207. The chain is Saheeh]

This is because the Masaajid are the best places in the sight of Allah and are places of worship. The Salaf used to go to the Masjid whenever they had free time, as comes in the following narration from Sha’bi (may Allah be pleased with him):

**كانوا إذا فرغوا من شيء أتوا المساجد**

“When they (the Companions and the Salaf) were unoccupied, they came to the Masaajid” [Reported by Bayhaqi in Shu’ab al-Imaan no. 2690 and the Muhaqiq Mukhtaar an-Nadawi said: Its narrators are reliable”]

**نسأل الله للجميع التوفيق والهداية وصلاح النية والعمل**

We ask Allah for Tawfeeq and guidance for us all and good intentions and righteous action

**قُومُوا إِلَى صَلَاتِكُمْ يَرْحَمُكُمُ اللَّهُ**

Stand for you Prayer, may Allah have mercy upon you<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> This is how Abu Bakr as-Sideeq radiallahu anahu ended his first Khutbah as found in *Seerah Ibn Hisham* with a **Saheeh** chain.