

## THE SACRED MONTHS

Assalamu Alaykum wa Rahmatullah wa Barakatuh, Auzu Billahi Minashaytanir Rajeem. Bismillahir Rahmanir Raheem, Wassalatu Wassalamu ala Rasulina Muhammadin Sayyidul Awwalin wal Akhirin, Madad Ya Rasulallah, Madad Ya Sadat As'habi RasuLillah, Madad Ya Mashayikhina, Dastur Mawlana Sheikh Abdullah Faiz Daghestani, Sheikh Nazim al-Haqqani. Madad. Tariqatunas sohba, wal khayru fil jamiyya.

We are now in the month of Dhu al-Qi'dah. Dhul-Qi'dah, Dhul-Hijjah and Muharram, these three months are holy and Haram, Sacred. All three of them with the month of Rajab, these four months, are Sacred months. It is a sin to wage war in them, but if they attack you, then you can fight back, says Allah Azza wa Jalla. Because people of unbelief never want Islam, they want to destroy it. That is why you can't just say that you cannot fight in the Sacred months. Self-defense can be used to keep the harm away.

Why are these months considered Haram? Because there is the issue of Ḥajj. In the past, Arab tribes used to fight. They would take a break during Ḥajj time so that they could go to and return from Ḥajj. It was three months; one month before Ḥajj and one month after Ḥajj. Because in the past there were no cars, no airplanes and no ships, it would take them a long time to go and return. It wasn't easy. You couldn't reach Ḥajj in two, three or five hours. Now, thank Allah <sup>(\*)</sup>, they got some relief in that regard, but there are other difficulties. There will still be difficulties in this matter. There is hardship in Ḥajj, and Allah Azza wa Jalla will write rewards and blessings in return for that hardship.

Most people now don't know about these months or days. Even if they knew, the teachers and scholars that newly showed up say, "There is no such thing." They do not respect the Sunnah or the Fard, and they try to do some things according to their own minds. But the religion is Allah's <sup>(1)</sup>. No one can make it according to his own mind. What we say is eternal, it is indeed eternal, and the others are also wiped away. May we be with what is permanent insha'Allah, and not with what will be wiped away. May Allah <sup>(2)</sup> help us.

Wa min Allah at-Tawfiq. Al-Fatiha.

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