

HOLY NIGHTS: 15th OF SHA'BAN

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.

A'ūdhu bi-Llāhi mina sh-shayṭāni r-rajīm. Bismi Llāhi r-Raḥmāni r-Raḥīm:

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(Qur'ān 51:55). Allah ²⁸ states in the Holy Quran: 'And remind, for indeed, the reminder benefits the believers.' Allah ²⁸ says to remind the Mu'mins (believers) as reminding people of Allah ²⁸ is of benefit for Mu'mins. Dhikr again means remembrance. To remember Allah ²⁸ and to never forget Him is what it means.

Now in our time and even in other times, the common people were going about their own businesses. Now and in the past, they've had little idea of what's going on in the world and they've had no idea of the hereafter. And to remind them, sometimes there aren't that many opportunities and sometimes there are some holy times as the Three Holy Months now. All the people of the past would know of this but people of today have no idea about it.

There are certain holy nights and days. Now people in this country remember these nights but in other Muslim countries they don't remember them at all. At least here, they mention them in the news and on TV, make Mawlid Sharif and such things. They make certain foods on these nights and people remember the holy nights and remember Allah [®]. When this is the case, shaytan comes in a different form this time so people would forget Allah [®]. He says: "This is not right. What you're doing is a sin, it's Bid'ah (innovation), the Prophet [@] didn't do this." Whereas this is the order of Allah [®], 'And remind', Allah [®] says (Qur'ān 51:55). At least people on these nights remember a little bit about Religion, Iman (faith) and Islam. Even if in the lowest station, a little bit comes to their hearts on this holy night when they say Allah [®] and remember Allah [®]. It is of great benefit but of course shaytan doesn't want this. He says that it is Bid'ah and it's not acceptable. Why is it not acceptable? That night, they're neither stealing anything nor drinking alcohol. At least people who do these kinds of things withdraw from it a little bit on that night. For the honor of this night, they get a little bit afraid so they say: "We're

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not going to do it on this night." However, shaytan has such a way of doing things that today those who claim to be Muslims are causing more harm than non-Muslims. They do the harm that Kafirs (infidels) cannot do. Those who claim to be Muslims, these mindless ones are either Munafiq (hypocrite) or traitors, or they're just mindless and foolish people who don't know themselves; those who do this are as such.

Any kind of glorification towards Allah ¹⁸ is our duty. To honor things that remind us of Allah ¹⁸ is a duty upon us. Allah ¹⁸ states in the Holy Quran, Bismillahir Rahmanir Rahim: ²وَمَن يُعَظِّمُ شَعَائِرَ اللَّهِ فَإِنَّهَا مِن تَقُوّى الْقُلُوبِ², 'And whoever honors the symbols of Allah indeed, it is from the piety of hearts.' (Qur'ān 22:32). Honoring the things and people that Allah ¹⁸ has honored softens the hearts and who does this becomes a person of Taqwa (piety).

Therefore, tomorrow night insha'Allah is the Night of Barā'ah, the 15th of Sha'bān. It is both mentioned in the Quran and honored by our Holy Prophet seven if he didn't do it in a gathering. Because when our Holy Prophet did something in a gathering it was considered Fard (obligatory) therefore he enlivened this night by himself. There are many Hadiths and things that remind us of Dhikr and other things that are the worships of our Holy Prophet . He did a lot of I'bada (worshipping). He did more on that night than any other night because it's a holy night and there are signs to this that our Holy Prophet pointed to. When it fits them, they accept the Hadiths and when it doesn't, they do not accept the Hadiths. These people are nothing but harm, may Allah guide them. May our night be Mubarak (blessed). Do not listen to them. May Allah give their foolish minds some intellect. May Allah give them all Hidāyah (guidance).

Wa Minallah at-Tawfeeq. Al-Fatiha.

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