

ASHOURA AND THE MONTH OF MUHARREM

As-Salāmu ʻalaykum wa raḥmatu Llāhi. Aʻūdhu biLlāhi mina sh-shaytāni r-rajīm.

Waṣ-ṣalātu wa s-Salāmu ʻalá Rasūlinā Muḥammadin Sayyidi l-awwalīn wa l-ākhirīn.
Madad yā Rasūla Llāh, madad yā Sādāti Aṣḥābi Rasūli Llāh, madad yā Mashāyikhinā, dastūr yā
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Ṭarīqatunā ṣ-ṣuḥbah wa l-khayru fi l-jam'iyyah.

This month is Muharram, *Muharram ul-haram*. The last day of the sacred (*haram*) months, a blessed month. Most prophets received Prophethood in this month. Also, most Friends of Allah received their blessed state in this month. In this month it is [especially] accepted to fast, to worship, to pray, insha'Allah, especially on the day of Ashoura.

The day of Ashoura is the day when prophets received salvation. Also Ashoura is the day when Husayn (RA) was martyred and reached higher states. Martyrdom is a high state. Those who respect Husayn and honor him, love him, have a place next to him, insha'Allah. Honoring them is reading Quran for their souls, giving charity. In Islam this is the only way of giving them a gift; there is no other way. For other ways, Allah 'azza wa jalla will hold people to account. The things we need to do is to honor the Family of the Prophet (Ahlu l-Bayt), recite salawat and offer the recitation as a gift.

There are wazifas to do that day. If shopping is done that that day, the year is full of blessing (barakah), the one who does full ablution (ghust) has a healthy year and wellbeing. If you put kohl on your eyes—it is for the health of the eye—your eyes stay strong. This is such a blessed day, on the 9th and 10th, or on the 10th and 11th days [of Muharram], it is necessary to fast as our Prophet (SAW) asked us to do. Our Prophet (SAW) knew he was leaving the world. Our Prophet (SAW) said, "I fast on the 9th and the 10th, or on the 10th and11th," not [just] for a single day. At other times it is alright to fast a single day, but for Ashoura either fast two days or at all.

Allah 'azza wa jalla rewards this; Allah Almighty rewards the fasting. May it be blessed, good ,insha'Allah. The time Mahdi (AS) will appear is also in the month of Muharram. Insha'Allah, we will reach him next year. We pray to Allah that He saves the Ummah. The only one who will save the Ummah is Mahdi (AS). Insha'Allah, we will be under his flag. May it be blessed, good, and holy for us all.

Wa min Allāhi t-tawfīq, al-Fātiḥah

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