

WHO HAVE DEPARTED, RAMADHAN OR US?"



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Assalamu Alaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuhu

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In the name of Allah, the source of all mercy we are grateful to Allah the God of all that exists. We ask Allah subhanuatallah to bless and bestow peace and blessings upon his messenger Prophet Mohammed (Salallahuallaihi wasalam), his family his companions and all those who follow his guidance.

Respected Brothers and Sisters it has been reported in the hadith that our beloved Nabi (SW) said, "My Ummah has been given five special things that were not given to anyone before them.

1. The smell from the mouth of a fasting Muslim is sweeter to Allah than the fragrance of musk.
2. The fish in the water seek forgiveness on behalf of the Muslims who are fasting and continue to do so until they break their fast.
3. Allah enhances and further beautifies His special Jannat every day and says to it the time is very near when my faithful servant is going to come to you.
4. In this month the rebellious Shaytaan are chained so as not to provoke those evils which they normally do.
5. On the last night of Ramadhan the fasting Muslims are forgiven".

The Sahabah there upon enquired, "ya Rasulallah, is that night Laylatul Qadr", Rasulallah replied, "No, but it is only right that a servant should be given his reward on having completed his duty".

Dear Brothers and Sisters today we will celebrate the first day of Eid. The sun has sadly set on the last day of the blessed month of Ramadhan, she is weeping that the month of Quran, the month of mercy and the month of forgiveness has come to an end.

The month of Ramadhan has departed and has handed its report to Allah Subhanuatallah the most high. It is testifying in favour of the truthful believers and reporting those who fell short and those who did bad, these reports will remain until the great triumph on the day of resurrection.

On reflection, who has departed? Is it Ramadhan or is it us? Is Ramadhan dead and finished or are we dead. Ramadhan does not die and will not die until the day of resurrection. What has passed and finished is an astronomic lunar cycle. The moon will continue in its orbit as decreed by Allah and Ramadhan will return in the next year, it may find us amongst the living or it may find us amongst the dead in our graves.

Farewell, Al Wida, Al Wida the month of Ramadhan, farewell the month of Quran. Al wida the month of forgiveness and grace. We farewell you with saddened hearts and overflowing tears. There are some Muslims who only worship Allah in the month of Ramadhan. These are referred to as the Ramadhanians. These people only worship one month in every year. Dear Brother and Sisters remember when the messenger of Allah Prophet Mohammed (SW) passed away the companions doubted his death and refused to believe it. Sayedna Umar (RA) stood with his sword saying, "I will kill anyone who says Mohammed is dead". However, Abu bucker Sideeq (RA) stood resolutely and recited the following verse of the Holy Quran, "Mohammad is no more than a messenger and indeed (many) messengers have passed away before him. If he dies or is killed, will you then turn back on your heels (as disbelievers)? And he who turns back on his heels, not the least harm will he do to Allah; and Allah will give reward to those who are grateful. **Surah 3 Al Imran Verse 144.** Then Sayedna Abu bucker (RA) remarked, "Whoever worshipped Mohammed, Mohammed has died, whoever worships Allah, Allah is Ever-living he never dies".

We say to the Ramadanian whoever worships Ramadhan, Ramadhan is over and whosoever worships the God of Ramadhan, the God of Ramadan is Ever-living. The God of Ramadhan is also the God of all the other months and He will remain and He will never die.

Is it fitting for you my dear Brothers and Sisters after you have joined the party of Allah in Ramadhan, is it fitting for you to resign from that party and join the party of Shayateen? Is it fitting for you Brothers and Sisters that you were pious and generous in Ramadhan to change after Ramadhan into a lost wanderer. You were frequent at the mosque in Ramadhan, will you, after transform into a frequent patron of frivolities? People are too embarrassed to go into open disobedience against Allah in Ramadhan. However, there are those who return to their sins after Ramadhan. Fear and embarrassment must be sincere to Allah the Most High.

Dear Brothers and Sisters let us assume that you are like the man who went to the grand Imam and eminent Sheikh Ibrahim ibn Adham and said to him, "I am unable to desist from sins because of my work".

Ibrahim told him that there are five obstacles to sin for you to overcome. If you can overcome them then do whatever sins, you like. All you have to do is to overcome these five obstacles

1. If you wish to disobey Allah, then do not eat from what he has provided for you. The man said how else can I eat as all creation must eat from what Allah has provided. Ibrahim said how then do you eat from what Allah provides for you and still disobey him

- 2 If you wish to disobey Allah then look to a place to disobey him where he cannot see you, the man said, “Where can I go for Allah sees every place”.
- 3 If you wish to disobey Allah then do not live within his kingdom go somewhere else to live, the man said, “where can I go then, the entire universe belongs to Allah”.
- 4 If you wish to disobey Allah then when the angel of death comes to you to take your soul, refuse, do not permit him and flee from him and run away from death, the man said, “How can I do this I cannot flee from death or from the angel of death”.
- 5 When the angels of hell come to you on the day of resurrection to put fetters and shackles on you and drag you into hell do not go with them, the man said, “How can I escape from the angels of hell”.

Ibrahim bin Adham said, “A God from whose provisions you eat and in whose kingdom you live and from whose sight you are never absent and from whose death you can never flee and from whose angels of hell you can never escape and you dare to disobey him”!

If we were to think about these five facts we would never entertain any thought of disobedience, not in Ramadan nor after Ramadhan.

Dear Brothers and Sisters I would like to remind you of the famous Hadith which was reported by Ubaidah bin Assamit. He said that, “Rasulullah once came out to inform us when Laylatul qadr was going to be, but unfortunately at that time an argument took place between two Muslims there upon Rasulullah said: “I came to inform you when Laylatul qadr was but because of this argument the knowledge was taken away, perhaps that was better for you”. Reported in Mishkat.

While this hadith is telling us about the importance of Laylatul qadr it is also telling us that arguments are always the cause of losing the blessings of Allah Subhanuatallah. If you missed out on the blessings of laylatul Qadr because of arguments, make sure that you don't waste the blessings of Eid because of arguments.

Once rasulullah, Sallallahu alayhi wassalam, inquired from the Sahabah, “shall I inform you of some action that is better than salaah, better than zakat, better than saum (fasting)”, the Sahabah replied, “most certainly Rasulullah, then the prophet said: “Peaceful and good relations among you is the most virtuous deed, for verily argument amongst you eliminates faith. (eman).

Dear Brothers, Sisters and children the Muslim nations are going through a very important period in our history and they are passing at a very critical juncture. Many Muslim countries are ruled by dictators who have turned their countries into private

properties to be inherited by their children. Not only the natural resources but also the people are being treated like resources to be inherited and used as cheap labour.

We are in this mess because a hundred years ago we bought the lie and we destroyed our Caliphate with our own hands seeking some stupid nationalism on ethnic lines, that generation is paying the price and our children are refusing to accept this humility. Back then our countries were divided and each one had a European master to serve, some were allocated to France and others to England and some others to Italy. That influence was later shared within USA, Russia and China. Today we find that with every one of the Arabic revolutions the west at first stood with the dictators and then it shifts to double speak then when they see the people are winning they stand with the people. Israel used all its influences to support the dictators. We find Israel doing its best to undermine the blessed revolutions (where the dictators had been removed, like Egypt, Tunisia and Libya) to ensure it gets some of its puppets into the government.

Let us to remember the famous ahadith of Rasulullah, Sallallahu Alayhi Wassalam, that has been reported by Thawban the servant of Nabi Mohammed (SW), he narrated that Rasulullah has said:

“You are almost in a situation that all other nations, try their level best to divide you, from every horizon, just like the predators come to divide their prey”, we asked Rasulullah: “is it because we will be few in number”, Rasulullah answered, “no you will be plenty, but you will be like froth, just like the froth on the river. Allah (SWT) will remove the awe from the hearts of your enemy and place in your heart the debility”, people asked rasulullah, “what is the debility” there upon rasulullah, sallallahu alayhi wassalam explained: “the debility is you love duniyah and you hate death.”

I would like to compare the current situation of the Muslim nations with the nation of Musa alayhissalam, look to what Allah Subhanah says in the Quran with regards to the children of Israel. *Surah 5 Al Maidah Ayat 20 – 26.*

“And (remember) when Musa said to his people: ‘O my people! Remember the Favour of Allah to you when He made Prophets among you, made you kings and gave you what He had not given to any other among the ‘, Alamin (mankind and jinn, in the past).”

“O my people! Enter the holy land (Palestine) which Allah has assigned to you and turn not back (in flight); for then you will be returned as loser.”

They said: “Musa! In it (this holy land) are a people of great strength, and we shall never enter it till they leave it; when they leave, then we will enter.”

Two men of those who feared (Allah and on) whom Allah had bestowed His Grace (they were Yusha'and Kalab) said: “enter upon them through the gate; for when you are in, victory will be yours; and put your trust in Allah if you are indeed believers.”

They said: “O Musa! We shall never enter it as long as they are there. So go you and your Lord and fight you two, we are sitting right here.”

He, Musa, said: “O my Lord! I have power only over myself and my brother so separate us from the people who are the *Fasiqun* (rebellious and disobedient to Allah).”

(Allah) said: Therefore it (this holy land) is forbidden to them for forty years; in distraction they will wander through the land. So be not sorrowful over the people who are the *Fasiqun* (rebellious and disobedient to Allah).”

Dear Brothers and Sisters the scholars say that these **Yatihoon fil ard** (wander the earth without a stable land to call home) was so that everyone from that rotten generation who opposed liberation of the holy land had perished and the new generation that feared Allah replaced them.

This is the same with our Arab brothers, that generation that betrayed our unity and was fooled by the call for nationalism had perished or became too insignificant or repented and a new generation sprung up that would fight for its liberty. Allah subhanuatallah is indeed able to give them victory against the despot's dictators and tyrants. My dear brothers, we talk about the Arabs, the same is happening in India, Pakistan and Bangladesh, ethnic divisions have brought misery and poverty to all three countries. The same is happening in Indonesia, the nationalists, supported by their Dutch colonial masters took government and spread corruption and we pray to Allah to save them. As for our beloved Malaysia, the British left it a divided nation again, giving control over business and resources to ethnic minorities like the Chinese and Indian migrants. We pray that Allah will give support all the Islamic governments and their people.

I would like to bring another ahadith that has been mentioned in Musnad Imam Ahmad, Huzaifah, radiallahu anhu, reported that rasulullah, sallallahu alayhi wassalam, has said,

“The prophet-hood will remain among you as long as Allah wills. Then Allah will remove it when he wants to remove it. Then the caliphate will be on the footsteps of the prophet-hood and that will remain as long as Allah wills for it to remain, then it will be removed when he wants it to be removed. Then will comes notorious kingship (or monarchies) and that will remain as long as He allows it to remain and that will be removed when He wills for it to be removed and then there will be forceful dictators and they will remain as long as He allows them to remain and He

will remove them when He wills and then after there will be a Caliphate on the footsteps of the prophet-hood.”

These changes are because we changed, we changed from people of the Sunna of the prophet, sallallahu alayhi wassalam, to people of dunya, so we got kings, then we became greedy and we got dictators showing us the ugliness of our greed in their actions and now, we are seeing an awakening, we pray that it is the time that we return to our faith and that Allah Subhanah will give us a righteous and just Khilafa where we can live in peace and devotion to Allah Subhanahu wata'ala.

My dear Brothers and Sisters I have taken much of your time; I will conclude with these few words:

The fasting of Ramadhan is suspended between heaven and earth until you pay your fitra, make sure you have paid your fitra for yourself and for each of your dependents. The Sunna is also to come to the Eid Gah one path and return using a different one, so that your trip will be recorded by the largest number of angels who monitor these paths. It is also sunnat to intensify Takbeer (glorification of Allah) and make your spouse and children happy. Visit your relatives, friends and sick people. And do not forget to exchange gifts among yourselves particularly to the children.

My dear Brothers and Sisters an essential aspect of Islam is to always honour your guest particularly during Eid. There will be a number of visitors and guest to your house just to convey a happy Eid Mubarak. Islamic etiquette demands that we receive our guests graciously and generously.

Remember the famous ahadith of Abu Ayoub Alansari in which our beloved Nabi, sallallahu alayhi wassalam, said: “Whoever fasted during the month of Ramadhan and then followed it with the six fasts of Shawal it would be as if he had fasted perpetually for the whole year”.

I wish you one and all and the entire Muslim Ummah a very happy Eid Mubarak.

Wa kulla aamin wa antum bi khair

Wassalum Alaikum

