

بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم

رمضان ،، الإستعداد لرمضان

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أحبتي في الله ،،

رمضان بعد أسبوع ،، سيدخل علينا شهر عظيم ،، إصطفاه الله تعالى من بين شهور السنة لأداء فريضة عظيمة فيه. وهي ركن من أركان الإسلام. يقول اللع جلّ وعلا: {يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا كُتِبَ عَلَيْكُمُ الصِّيَامُ كَمَا كُتِبَ عَلَى الَّذِينَ مِنْ قَبْلِكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَتَّقُونَ (183-2)}. لقد ورد في هذه الآية نداءً خاص من الله عزّ وجلّ، لمن؟ لأهل الإيمان. وهي من قوله يا أيها الذين آمنوا. يقول ابن مسعود رضي الله عنه: إذا سمعت الله يقول: {يا أيها الذين آمنوا}،، فارعها سمعك، فإنه خيرٌ يأمر به،، أو شرٌّ ينهى عنه. أي يا أيها المؤمنون بالله ورسوله من هذه الأمة، أوجب الله عليكم الصيام،، وهو الإمساك عن الطعام والشراب والجماع (أي الوقاع) بنيّة خالصة لله عزّ وجلّ من الفجر وحتى الغروب. الصّوم تركيّة للنفوس ولأبدان. وتنقيتها من الأخلاط الرديئة والأخلاق الرذيلة. وتضييق لمسالك الشيطان. ثم ذكر أنّه

كما أوجب علينا الصَّيام، فقد أوجبه على من كان قبلنا. وهي الأمم السابقة. ثم ختم الله بهذه الآية حين قال: {لَعَلَّكُمْ تَتَّقُونَ}. لماذا نصوم؟ من أجل الإمتثال لأمر الله جلَّ وعلا، ومن أجل الوصول بصيامكم إلى مرتبة التقوى.

أحبي ،، في رمضان نحتاج إلى الإستعداد، وأوّل خطوة عملية لإستقبال رمضان هي أن نفرح بقدومه كما يفرح النّبي صلى الله عليه وسلم. والخطوة الثانية لإستقبال رمضان هي التوبة. تُب إلى الله جلَّ وعلا توبةً نصوحاً. يقول الله جلَّ وعلا: {يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا تُوبُوا إِلَى اللَّهِ تَوْبَةً نَّصُوحًا} (8-66) يعني توبةً نصوحاً: توبةٌ صادقةٌ جازمةٌ، تمحو ما قبلها من السيئات، وتُلْمُ شُعَثَ التَّائِبِ، وتجمعه وتكفُّه عمّا كان يتعاطاه من الدّناءات. والتَّوبَةُ تَجُبُّ ما قبلها.

الخطوة الثالثة لإستقبال رمضان هي المحافظة على صلاة الجماعة في المسجد. فتلك هي أفضل القُرَبات وأفضل الطّاعات وأعظم شعائر الدّين بعد التوحيد.

يقول النّبي صلى الله عليه وسلم كما في البخاري ومسلم من حديث عبيد الله بن عمر رضي الله عنه: {صلاة الجماعة تفضل صلاة الفديّ بسبع وعشرين

درجة}. وصلاة الجماعة تجعلك تحت ظلّ عرش الرحمن جلّ وعلا يوم القيامة. ففي البخاري ومسلم من حديث أبو هريرة رضي الله عنه عن النبي صلى الله عليه وسلم: {سبعة يظلهم الله في ظله يوم لا ظلّ إلا ظله} وذكر منهم {ورجل قلبه معلق في المساجد}.

والخطوة الرابعة لإستقبال رمضان: هي الأكتار من الدّعاء. فأكثر من الدّعاء، وألحّ في المسألة. وكرّر الطّلب أن يُوفّقك الله ويعينك ويُسهّل لك طاعته ويُجيبها إلى نفسك. قال الله جلّ وعلا: {وَقَالَ رَبُّكُمْ ادْعُونِي أَسْتَجِبْ لَكُمْ (40-60)}. وقال عليه الصلاة والسلام: {الدّعاء هو

العبادة}. ومدار الدّعاء في إستقبال رمضان ثلاثة أنواع:

أحدها: دعاء العبد ربّه أن يُبلّغه شهر رمضان فيدعو الله عزّ وجلّ: "اللّهم بلّغنا رمضان".

وثانيها: دعاء العبد ربّه أن يُوفّقه فيها لصالح الأعمال. فيدعو ربّه: "اللّهم أعنا فيه على الصّيام والقيام وما تُحب من سائر الأعمال".

وثالثها: دعاء العبد ربّه أن يجعله فيه من المُتقبّلين، وأن يختم له بالعتق من النّيران. فيدعو ربّه قائلاً: "اللّهم إجعلنا في رمضان من المُتقبّلين، واختم لنا بالعتق من النّيران".

Ramadan, welcoming Ramadan

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Dearly beloved in Allah,

Ramadan is in one week. This great month will soon approach us. Allah Has selected this month out of all the months in the year during which this great worship of fasting is to be performed. This worship of fasting is one of the pillars of Islam. Allah says: **{O You who have faith, fasting is decreed or dictated onto you just as it was decreed upon those before you, in order that you may become God aware and God fearing (2-183)}**. In this verse, a very special call from the Almighty was made. And who is the call for? The call is aimed at those who have faith. Ebn Masood may God be pleased with him said: If you hear Allah says: **{O you who have faith}** then pay attention and listen carefully. It is either something good you are commanded to do, or something evil you are ordered to refrain from. It means, you out of this nation, who have faith into Allah and His messenger. Allah Has made fasting compulsory for you. Fasting is to refrain from food, drink and intercourse with your

husband or wife with the pure intention of fasting for the sake of Allah the Almighty from dawn until sundown.

Fasting is cleansing to the souls and bodies. It is purification from all impurities and bad actions. Fasting is limitations to routes and ways of Satan and evil. Allah, then mentioned in the verse, that fasting is decreed upon us just as it was decreed upon those before us. That means the people and nations who lived before our times. Allah then terminated the verse with saying: **{in order that you may become God aware and God fearing}**. This answers the question Why? Why we do fasting? First, fast in order to obey Allah's command, then it is in order that you should reach or achieve the God fearing and God awareness status.

Dearly beloved,, in order to welcome Ramadan we need to be ready and prepared for it. This requires four steps of preparations.

The first step in welcoming Ramadan is for us to be happy and delighted with it approaching, just as our prophet ppbu used to be.

The second step in welcoming Ramadan is repentance. Repent to Allah the Almighty. Make a pure and clear repentance. Allah says in His book: **{O You who have faith, Repent to Allah a clear and pure repentance. (66-8)}**. A clear and pure repentance means: a true repentance, a firm repentance, a repentance that wipes out all sins that preceded it. Repentance cleanses many impurities for this who repents. It re-focuses the person and stops him from his/her addictive sins. Repentance supersedes what came before it.

The third step in welcoming Ramadan is to ensure prayers are done in congregations with other worshippers (Jamaa) in a mosque. That is the best way to get closer to Allah. A prayer is the best of all deeds of obedience, and the greatest ritual of this faith of monotheism (one God).

The prophet ppnu said: **{Prayers in congregation (Jamaa) exceeds the a single person prayer by twenty seven degrees or levels}**. Prayers in a congregation or a group will place you in the shade of the throne of the Most Gracious, the Almighty on the day of resurrection. The prophet ppbu said: **{Seven types of people, Allah will shade them in His shade or shadow on a day where there is no**

shade except His shade}. And one of the seven types of people he mentioned is: **{and a man whose heart is attached to mosques}**.

The forth step in welcoming Ramadan: is making plenty of supplications (Duaa). Make a lot of Duaa. Be repetitive and be insistent in what you ask of Allah. Repeat requesting Allah that He would make you successful, and that He would help you to be obedient to Him, and that He makes deeds of obedience be easy for you to do, and makes you love doing those deeds of obedience.

Allah says: **{Your God says: Ask me (or make Duaa) and I will answer (40-60)}**. The messenger ppbu said: **{Asking Allah is a worship}**.

When considering Asking Allah (or making Duaa to Allah) and with relation to the month of Ramadan, there are three types of dua:

First type: For a slave to ask Allah to allow him or her to live (or extend his life) in order that they shall witness the month of Ramadan. Where they say: “O Allah, make us witness Ramadan or Extend our life so we make it to Ramadan”.

Second type: A slave calls his or her God to make them successful and guide them to doing good deeds. They may ask Allah: “O Allah help us during the month of Ramadan to do fasting and night prayers and help us do deeds that are loved to You”.

Third type: A slave calls and asks his or her God to make them one of those whose deeds are accepted, and be spared from hellfire. They may say: “O Allah, make us during Ramadan amongst those whom You accepted, and by the end of Ramadan grant us pardon from Hellfire”.