

Sermon given by the Prophet (S.A.W.) on the last night of Sha'ban about the month of Ramadhan



O people!

Indeed ahead of you is the blessed month of Allah.

A month of blessing, mercy and forgiveness.

A month which with Allah is the best of months, its days the best of days, its nights the best of nights and its hours the best of hours.

It is the month which invites you to be the guests of Allah and invites you to be one of those near to Him.

Each breath you take glorifies Him; your sleep is worship, your deeds are accepted and your duas are answered.

So, ask Allah, your Lord; to give you a sound body and an enlightened heart so you may be able to fast and recite his book, for only he is unhappy who is devoid of Allah's forgiveness during this great month.

Remember the hunger and thirst of the day of Qiyama with your hunger and thirst;

Give alms to the needy and the poor, honour your old, show kindness to the young ones, maintain relations with your blood relations, guard your tongue, close your eyes to that which is not permissible for your sight, close your ears to that which is forbidden to hear, show compassion to the orphans of the people so compassion may be shown to your orphans.

Repent to Allah for your sins, and raise your hands in Dua during these times, for they are the best of times and Allah looks towards His creatures with kindness, replying to them during these hours and granting their needs if He is asked...

O people! Indeed your souls are dependent on your deeds, free it with Istighfar (repentance); lighten its load by long prostrations; and know that Allah swears by His might:

That there is no punishment for the one who prays and prostrates and he shall have no fear of the fire on the day when man stands before the Lord of the worlds.

O people!

One who gives Iftar to a fasting person during this month will be like one who has freed someone and his past sins

will be forgiven.

Some of the people who were there then asked the Prophet (S.A.W.)

"All of us are not able to invite those who are fasting?"

The Prophet (S.A.W.) replied: "Allah gives this reward even if the Iftar is a drink of water".

One who has good morals (Akhlaq) during this month will be able to pass the 'Siraat'... on the day that feet will slip...

One who covers the fault of others will benefit in that Allah will curb His anger on the day of Judgement...

As for one who honours an orphan; Allah will honour him on the day of Judgement

And for the one who spreads his kindness, Allah will spread His mercy over him on the day of Judgement.

As for the one who cuts ties of relation; Allah will cut His mercy from him...

Who so ever performs a mustahab salaah in this month; Allah will keep the fire of hell away from him.

Whoever performs a wajib prayer; Allah will reward him with seventy prayers in this month.

And who so ever prays a lot during this month will have his load lighten on the day of accounts.

He who recites one aya of the holy Qur'an will be given the rewards of reciting the whole Qur'an during other months.

O people!

Indeed in this month the doors of Janna are open, therefore ask Allah not to close them for you;

The doors of Jahannam are closed, so ask Allah to keep them closed for you.

During this month Shaytan is imprisoned; so ask your Lord not to let him have power over you.

Imam Ali (A.S.) says that I stood up and asked:

"O Prophet ! What are the best deeds during this month?"

The Prophet (S.A.W.) replied: "Stopping oneself from doing those deeds which are forbidden by Allah..."

