

Decision Night: Laylat-ul Qadr

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(إِنَّا أَنْزَلْنَاهُ فِي لَيْلَةِ الْقَدْرِ وَمَا أَدْرَاكَ مَا لَيْلَةُ الْقَدْرِ لَيْلَةُ الْقَدْرِ خَيْرٌ مِنْ أَلْفِ شَهْرٍ تَنْزَلُ الْمَلَكَةُ وَالرُّوحُ فِيهَا بِإِذْنِ رَبِّهِمْ مِنْ كُلِّ أَمْرٍ سَلَامٌ هِيَ حَتَّى مَطْلَعِ الْفَجْرِ)

عن أبي هريرة عن النبي ﷺ قال:

« مَنْ قَامَ لَيْلَةَ الْقَدْرِ إِيمَانًا وَاحْتِسَابًا عُفِرَ لَهُ مَا تَقَدَّمَ مِنْ ذَنْبِهِ »

Dear Brothers and Sisters!

Places like Mecca, Medina and Jerusalem, with their sacred significance, have gained special meaning and importance throughout history due to the events that have occurred there and the hospitality they have provided to prophets. The months of Rajab, Sha'ban, and Ramadan are referred to as the "blessed three months" due to the blessed nights they contain. Among these nights, there is one night that is praised in the Qur'an, and it is the night when the Qur'an was revealed. Our Prophet (saw) advised his companions to seek this night in the last ten days of Ramadan. This night is the Laylat-ul Qadr, the Night of Power, which is worth more than a lifetime.

Dear Brothers and Sisters!

Undoubtedly, Allah (swt) has exalted this blessed night and bestowed upon it an unparalleled value. The fact that a Surah was revealed for this night is a clear indication that it stands apart from all other nights. Laylat-ul Qadr is better than a thousand months, which is equivalent to more than eighty-three years. Observing this night, which is better than a lifetime, is one of the greatest blessings bestowed upon this ummah by Allah. In the Surah of Al-Qadr (The Power), Allah (swt) declares the value and wisdom of this night as follows: **"Indeed, We sent the Qur'an down during the Night of Decree. And what can make you know what is the Night of Decree? The Night of Decree is better than a thousand months. The angels and the Spirit (Jabril) descend therein by permission of their Lord for every matter. Peace it is until the emergence of dawn."**¹

The fact that the mission of prophethood was bestowed upon our Prophet (saw) on this night further enhances its value. Indeed, when our Prophet was forty years old and engaged in worship on Mount Hira in Mecca, angel

Jabril brought the first revelation, proclaiming the prophethood.

On this night, angels and Jabril descend to honour the earth. That's why this night is also a night of decree and determination; every matter is ordained with wisdom on this night. The Night of Power continues until dawn, filled with peace and blessings; it is the most blessed time when prayers are accepted, rewards are multiplied and sins are forgiven. While previous nations were granted long lives, this ummah has been given the Night of Power, which is better than a thousand months. Indeed, our Prophet (saw) said, **"Whoever observes the Night of Power with faith and seeking its reward from Allah will have their past sins forgiven."**² Thus, he reminds us believers that this night is a bestowed opportunity. The daytime of the Night of Power is also more virtuous than other days. Fasting during the daytime of the Night of Power is equivalent to fasting for the entire year.

Dear Jama'ah!

During these days we spend the last days of Ramadan, each one of them is potentially the Night of Power; let's observe each one as if it were the Night of Power itself. Let's immerse ourselves with the Quran revealed to us on this night. Let's strive to understand it and implement it in our lives. Let's not forget that this night is a night of decision. Let's seek forgiveness for our mistakes and sins through repentance. Let's make good decisions for the remainder of our lives. Let's increase our worship and pray for the well-being of our families and communities. Let's not forget our brothers and sisters in Palestine and other oppressed regions; let's remember them in our prayers. May Allah (swt) make our night blessed and make us among those who comprehend its value. May this night be a means for our pains to ease and our sick ones to find healing. Let's end our khutba with the dua made by our Prophet (saw) on the Night of Power: **"O Allah! You are Most Forgiving, and You love forgiveness. So forgive me."**³ Ameen!



¹ Surah Al-Qadr, 97:1-5

² Buhârî, Fadlu Leyleti'l-Kadr, 3

³ Tirmizî, Daavât 84