

*In the Name of Allah, The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful  
Praise is to Allah and Peace and Mercy is upon Muhammad, Allah's Last Messenger and his Kin and Companions*

## EDITORIAL

"O you who have believed, decreed upon you is fasting as it was decreed upon those before you that you may become righteous" – The Holy Qur'an (C2,V183).

Indeed, the purpose of fasting is to enable Muslims to increase their fear of Allah by being more obedient (righteous) or, in the terminology of the Qur'an, by attaining Taqwa. The word 'Taqwa' is derived from an Arabic word meaning protection. In other words, the slave of Allah (SWT) seeks protection for himself from the punishment and anger of Allah (SWT). The attainment of Taqwa, therefore, does not happen unless the slave does what Allah (SWT) and His Messenger (SAAW) command, and keeps away from what Allah (SWT) and His Messenger (SAAW) prohibit.

Ramadhan is a great month because it is the month of fasting – which lead to the attainment of Taqwa. Thus, the fasting person should conduct his affairs within the limits set by Allah (SWT). For this reason, Imam Al-Bukhari narrated on the authority of Abu Hurayrah (RAA) that the Prophet (SAAW) said: "He who does not refrain from evil talk and acting upon it, Allah does not have any need that such a person abstains from food and drink." (Saheeh-ul-Bukhari, Hadith No.: 1903). In general, evil talk includes any form of lying, false accusation or giving false evidence or statement whether in the court of law or elsewhere. It also includes backbiting and spreading false news. Therefore, fasting is not only about abstaining from food and drink but it also involves refraining from sinful actions. Fasting is compulsory on every able-bodied, adult, sane, resident and healthy Muslim. An ill or travelling person or a pregnant or lactating woman can fast on other days when they become able in order to substitute the days that they missed in the month of Ramadhan.

Abu Hurayrah (RAA) narrated that the Prophet (SAAW) said: "When the month of Ramadhan begins, the doors of Paradise are opened and the doors of Hellfire are closed and the devils are chained." (Agreed upon, Saheeh-ul-Bukhari Hadith No.: 3277, Saheeh Muslim, Hadith No.: 1079). Likewise, both Imams reported also from Abu Hurayrah (RAA) that the Prophet (SAAW) said: "Whoever keeps up with the fasting in the month of Ramadhan with faith in Allah and longing for the reward of Allah, all his previous sins are forgiven." (Agreed upon, Saheeh-ul-Bukhari, Hadith No.: 2014, Saheeh Muslim, Hadith No.: 760). Few of the many ways you can gain the benefits are as follows: order your family to do their five daily prayers on time; the recitation of every letter of the Qur'an is a good deed, and every good deed is multiplied in, at least, ten folds – therefore, read the Qur'an in order to get these great rewards; designate a fixed amount of money that you will give in charity in this blessed month; accompany yourself in Ramadhan with your friends that are eager to obey Allah (SWT) so that you may help each other in doing good deeds and in staying away from bad deeds or a bad company; and it is important to make Du'a' in the month of Ramadhan because, as for the fasting persons, Du'a' is not rejected.

May Allah (SWT) enable us to complete the fasting of Ramadhan and to attain the best level of Taqwa (Ameen).

## LESSONS OF THE MONTH

Narrated by Sahl Bin Sa'd As-Sa'di (RAA), Allah's Messenger (SAAW) said: "The people are still in good condition as long as they hasten or speed-up Iftar" [i.e., as long as they take Iftar immediately after sun set {Meaning after Maghrib beginning time}]. (Agreed upon: Saheeh-ul-Bukhari, Hadith No.: 1975 and Saheeh-u-Muslim, Hadith No.: 1098).

Narrated by Ummu Hakeem (RAA) [A Lady Companion], Allah's Messenger (SAAW) said: "Hurry-up the Iftar and delay the Suhoor". (Reported by: Al-Albani, Saheeh-ul-Jami', No: 3989).

Narrated by Abu Hurayrah (RAA), the Messenger of Allah (SAAW) said: "Were it not that I might over-burden my Ummah or the people I would have ordered them to use Siwak [or tooth stick or toothbrush] at every time of prayer". (Agreed upon: Saheeh-ul-Bukhari, Hadith No.: 887 and Saheeh Muslim, Hadith No.: 252).



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## EDITOR'S CHOICE

### Strange is The Affair of The Believer

On the authority of Suhaib (RAA): The Messenger of Allah (SAAW) said: "Strange is the affair of the believer, all his affair is good. And this is not for anyone but the believer. If he got a pleasing matter he thanked [Allah] and this was good for him and if he got a hardship he had patience and this was good for him." (Saheeh Muslim No.: 2999).

In this world we have many things which trouble us. How can we, as human, escape from them? How can we remove grief from ourselves? How can we move closer to happiness and satisfaction? The answer is that no one can achieve all these except a true believer! That is, a believer who is on the right path and works for the sake of Allah (SWT) and desires the Hereafter.

Man is surrounded by happiness in this world in the form of blessings, bounties, good health and security. At the same time, he/she is surrounded by trials and tribulations with regard to his/her health or decrease in his/her wealth. So the person who has no connection with Allah (SWT), or has no faith in Him, will be happy when good meets him and this may even lead him to arrogance and self-conceit, or even lead him to say what Qaroon (the wealthy man of the People of Prophet Musa (AS)) said: "I was only given it (i.e. wealth) because of knowledge I have." In response, Allah says: "Did he not know that Allah had destroyed before him of generations those who were greater than him in power and greater in accumulation [of wealth]? But the criminals, about their sins, will not be asked (because Allah knows them too well)" (Qur'an, C28, V78).

Another person thinks that Allah loves him and that is why He has given him a lot in this world; as such, he may say: "And I do not think the Hour will occur. And even if I should be brought back to my Lord, I will surely find better than this as a return!" (Qur'an, C18, V36). These individuals who do not believe in Allah and when afflicted with decrease in wealth or health, they become hopeless, depressed and displeased with their situations which sometimes lead them to suicide. Allah (SWT) says:

"And if We give man a taste of mercy from Us and then We withdraw it from him, indeed, he is despairing and ungrateful. But if We give him a taste of favour after hardship has touched him, he will surely say, "Bad times have left me." Indeed, he is exultant and boastful - except for those who are patient and do righteous deeds; those will have forgiveness and great reward" (Qur'an, C11, V9-11).

As for the believer, the issue is different; his affair is surely strange and impressive as the Prophet (SAW) puts it. If he receives any good such as children, wealth or any element of success, he will thank Allah with his heart, tongue and his entire body will thank Allah through performing more good deeds. Such a believer is not miserly with what Allah has given him, because he knows that all these blessings are from Allah so he helps servants of Allah and Allah's course with his wealth. On the other hand, if adversity reaches him in the form of poverty, illness or decrease in any of the good from the world, he will exercise patience and will not become weak; his heart will not grieve for what he has lost, but rather he will try to remove these obstacles trusting only in Allah. So, for example, if it is illness that has fallen upon him, the believer will take the appropriate medicine and will ask Allah (SWT) to cure him and will have patience knowing that only Allah can cure him. This is how he will reap good deeds from Allah (SWT) like the Prophet (SAW) said in the Hadith of Abu Hurayrah and Abu Sa'eed Al-Khudriyy that: "No fatigue, nor disease, nor sorrow, nor sadness, nor hurt, nor distress befalls a Muslim, even if it were the prick he receives from a thorn, but that Allah expiates some of his sins for that" (Saheeh-ul-Bukhari, Hadith No.: 5641, 5642).

Therefore, the true believer does not get fed up or become lazy or bored. That is because he is contented with the actions of Allah (SWT) and will deal with every situation the way Allah has ordered. This is how a believer lives in this world when he truly understands Islam. May Allah grant us success (Ameen).

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BEGINNING TIME								JAMA'AH TIME				
Day	Date	Fajr	Sunrise	Dhuhr	Asr	Maghrib	Isha	Fajr	Dhuhr	Asr	Maghrib	Isha
Mon	01	03:48	05:33	1:07	5:05	8:35	9:37	4:00	1:30	5:30	8:40	10:00
Tue	02	03:46	05:31	1:06	5:06	8:36	9:39	4:00	1:30	5:30	8:41	10:00
Wed	03	03:43	05:29	1:06	5:07	8:38	9:41	4:00	1:30	5:30	8:43	10:00
Thu	04	03:41	05:27	1:06	5:08	8:40	9:43	4:00	1:30	5:30	8:45	10:00
Fri	05	03:39	05:25	1:06	5:08	8:41	9:45	4:00	1:30	5:30	8:46	10:00
Sat	06	03:37	05:23	1:06	5:09	8:43	9:47	4:00	1:30	5:30	8:48	10:00
<b>Sun</b>	<b>07</b>	<b>03:35</b>	<b>05:21</b>	<b>1:06</b>	<b>5:10</b>	<b>8:45</b>	<b>9:49</b>	<b>3:45</b>	<b>1:30</b>	<b>5:30</b>	<b>8:50</b>	<b>10:15</b>
Mon	08	03:33	05:19	1:06	5:10	8:46	9:51	3:45	1:30	5:30	8:51	10:15
Tue	09	03:31	05:18	1:06	5:11	8:48	9:53	3:45	1:30	5:30	8:53	10:15
Wed	10	03:29	05:16	1:06	5:12	8:50	9:55	3:45	1:30	5:30	8:55	10:15
Thu	11	03:27	05:14	1:06	5:12	8:51	9:56	3:45	1:30	5:30	8:56	10:15
Fri	12	03:25	05:13	1:06	5:13	8:53	9:58	3:45	1:30	5:30	8:58	10:15
Sat	13	03:23	05:11	1:06	5:14	8:55	10:00	3:45	1:30	5:30	9:00	10:15
<b>Sun</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>03:21</b>	<b>05:09</b>	<b>1:06</b>	<b>5:14</b>	<b>8:56</b>	<b>10:02</b>	<b>3:30</b>	<b>1:30</b>	<b>5:30</b>	<b>9:01</b>	<b>10:30</b>
Mon	15	03:19	05:08	1:06	5:15	8:58	10:04	3:30	1:30	5:30	9:03	10:30
Tue	16	03:17	05:06	1:06	5:15	8:59	10:06	3:30	1:30	5:30	9:04	10:30
Wed	17	03:15	05:05	1:06	5:16	9:01	10:08	3:30	1:30	5:30	9:06	10:30
Thu	18	03:13	05:03	1:06	5:17	9:02	10:10	3:30	1:30	5:30	9:07	10:30
Fri	19	03:12	05:02	1:06	5:17	9:04	10:11	3:30	1:30	5:30	9:09	10:30
Sat	20	03:10	05:00	1:06	5:18	9:05	10:13	3:30	1:30	5:30	9:10	10:30
<b>Sun</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>03:08</b>	<b>04:59</b>	<b>1:06</b>	<b>5:18</b>	<b>9:07</b>	<b>10:15</b>	<b>3:15</b>	<b>1:30</b>	<b>5:45</b>	<b>9:12</b>	<b>10:45</b>
Mon	22	03:07	04:58	1:06	5:19	9:08	10:17	3:15	1:30	5:45	9:13	10:45
Tue	23	03:05	04:56	1:06	5:20	9:10	10:18	3:15	1:30	5:45	9:15	10:45
Wed	24	03:03	04:55	1:06	5:20	9:11	10:20	3:15	1:30	5:45	9:16	10:45
Thu	25	03:02	04:54	1:06	5:21	9:13	10:22	3:15	1:30	5:45	9:18	10:45
Fri	26	03:00	04:53	1:07	5:21	9:14	10:23	3:15	1:30	5:45	9:19	10:45
Sat	27	02:59	04:52	1:07	5:22	9:15	10:25	3:15	1:30	5:45	9:20	10:45
<b>Sun</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>02:58</b>	<b>04:51</b>	<b>1:07</b>	<b>5:22</b>	<b>9:16</b>	<b>10:27</b>	<b>3:00</b>	<b>1:30</b>	<b>5:45</b>	<b>9:21</b>	<b>11:00</b>
Mon	29	02:56	04:50	1:07	5:23	9:18	10:28	3:00	1:30	5:45	9:23	11:00
Tue	30	02:55	04:49	1:07	5:23	9:19	10:30	3:00	1:30	5:45	9:24	11:00
Wed	31	02:54	04:48	1:07	5:24	9:20	10:31	3:00	1:30	5:45	9:25	11:00

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