

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

The Month of The Noble Qur'an

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May Allah bless us all in this blessed month of The Noble Qur'an.

Allah says in His Noble Book:

شَهْرُ رَمَضَانَ الَّذِي أُنزِلَ فِيهِ الْقُرْآنُ هُدًى لِّلنَّاسِ وَبَيِّنَاتٍ مِّنَ الْهُدَى وَالْفُرْقَانِ فَمَنْ شَهِدَ مِنْكُمُ الشَّهْرَ فَلْيَصُمْهُ وَمَنْ كَانَ مَرِيضًا أَوْ عَلَى سَفَرٍ فَعِدَّةٌ مِّنْ أَيَّامٍ أُخَرَ يُرِيدُ اللَّهُ بِكُمُ الْيُسْرَ وَلَا يُرِيدُ بِكُمُ الْعُسْرَ وَلِتُكْمِلُوا الْعِدَّةَ وَلِتُكَبِّرُوا اللَّهَ عَلَى مَا هَدَاكُمْ وَلَعَلَّكُمْ تَشْكُرُونَ

"The month of Ramadhaan in which was revealed the Qur'an, a guidance for mankind and clear proofs of guidance and The Criterion. So whoever sights (the new moon of this) month, let him fast it; and whoever is ill or on a journey (and thus cannot fast) then (let him make up) an equal number of other days. Allah intends for you ease and does not intend for you hardship, and (wants) for you to complete the period (the month) and to glorify Allah for that which He has guided you to. Thus, perhaps you will be grateful." (Al Baqarah: 185)

"Allah tells us that we have been obligated to fast this great month that has been distinguished from other months, the month that we have received great grace and favor from Allah (by the revealing of) The Noble Qur'an, comprising of guidance for our benefit and well-being in all of our affairs, worldly and religious. It is a clarification of the Truth in the clearest form and a Criterion

distinguishing the Truth from falsehood, guidance from misguidance, and the happy successful people from the people of misery and wretchedness. " [Tafseer As-Sa'dee]

So of great virtue is this month! From amongst its virtues is that it is a season where fasting is obligated upon the servants. This is from Allah's beneficence upon us.

So let us take full advantage of what remains of this blessed month by reading the Qur'an and the Sunnah of our Prophet Muhammad (*sall-Allaahu alaihi wa sallam*). For, surely, the best of speech is The Book of Allah, and the best guidance is the guidance of Muhammad (*sall-Allaahu alaihi wa sallam*). The following statements are from the guidance of the Messenger of Allah (*sall-Allaahu alaihi wa sallam*) concerning the Book of Allah:

"The best of you is he who learns the Qur'an and teaches it." [al-Bukhari]

"Fasting and the Qur'an will intercede for the slave on the Day of Resurrection. Fasting will say: 'O My Rabb! I prevented him from food and desires, so accept my intercession for him.' And the Qur'an will say: 'I prevented him from sleep during the night, so accept my intercession for him.' He (*sall-Allaahu alaihi wa sallam*) said: 'And they will (be allowed to) intercede.' " [Ahmad, at-Tabarani, Al-Hakim, Saheeh]

"Verily Allah raises nations by this book (the Qur'an) and puts down others by it." [Muslim]

