

Chapter – 28

Special Prayers in Ramazan

(ليلة القدر، اعتكاف، تراويح)

[إِنَّا أَنْزَلْنَاهُ فِي لَيْلَةِ الْقَدْرِ - وَمَا أَدْرَاكَ مَا لَيْلَةُ الْقَدْرِ - لَيْلَةُ الْقَدْرِ خَيْرٌ مِّنْ أَلْفِ شَهْرٍ -

تَنْزِيلُ الْمَلَائِكَةِ وَالرُّوحِ فِيهَا بِإِذْنِ رَبِّهِمْ مِّنْ كُلِّ أَمْرٍ - سَلَامٌ هِيَ حَتَّىٰ مَطْلَعِ الْفَجْرِ، (92: 01to05)]

[وَلَا تَبَاشِرُوهُنَّ وَأَنْتُمْ عَاكِفُونَ فِي الْمَسَاجِدِ تِلْكَ حُدُودُ اللَّهِ

فَلَا تَقْرُبُوهَا كَذَلِكَ يُبَيِّنُ اللَّهُ آيَاتِهِ لِلنَّاسِ لَعَلَّهُمْ يَتَّقُونَ، (02:187)]

[من قام رمضان إيماناً واحتساباً غفر له ما تقدم من ذنبه، (رواه البخاري)]

No.**Hadith**

- 1884 Allah's Prophet said, "Whoever prayed at night in the month of Ramazan with sincere faith and with an aim for a reward from Allah, then all his previous sins will be forgiven." *Narrated: Abu Hurairah.* (See Hadith - 36).
- 1885 Allah's Prophet said, "Whoever prayed at night in the whole month of Ramazan with earnest belief and seeking for a reward from Allah, then all his previous sins will be forgiven. ---- 'Abdur Rahman bin 'Abdul Qari narrates that, "One night, in Ramazan, I went out with 'Umar bin Al-Khattab to the mosque and found the people praying in different groups. A man praying alone or a man praying with a little group behind him. So, 'Umar said, 'In my opinion I would better collect these people under the leadership of one Qari. So, he made up his mind to congregate them behind Ubai bin Ka'ab. Then on another night I went again in his company and the people were -----

No.**Hadith**

praying behind their Reciter Ubai bin Ka'ab. On seeing that, 'Umar remarked, '(This Tarawih!) What an excellent بدعة (innovation) it is! *Narrated: Abu Hurairah, Humaid Bin Abdur Rahman.*

1886

Allah's Prophet went out in the middle of the night and prayed in the mosque and some men prayed behind him. In the morning, the people spoke about it and then on the second night a large number gathered and prayed behind him. In the next morning the people again talked about it and on the third night the mosque was full with a large number of people. On the fourth night the Mosque was overwhelmed with people and could not accommodate them, but the Prophet did not come out. He came out only for the morning prayer. When the morning prayer was finished he addressed the people and said, "Your presence was not hidden from me but I was afraid lest the night prayer may be enjoined on you and you might not be able to carry it on. ---- However, the situation remained like that, and people prayed individually till the Prophet's life. *Narrated: 'Aisha.* (See Hadith - 1061).

(Compiler's Note: This hadith indicates that the Tarawih Prayers were initiated by the Noble Prophet himself.)

1887

Allah's Prophet, in Ramazan or in any other month, did not offer night prayers more than eleven Rakat (8 Rakat Tahajjud and 3 Rakat Witr). He used to pray first four Rakat with longer time span. *Narrated: 'Aisha.*

1888

The Noble Prophet said, "Whoever observed fast in the month of Ramazan with sincere belief and with an aim for a reward from Allah, and whoever stood for the prayers in the night of Qadr, with sincere faith, then all his past sins will be forgiven. *Narrated: Abu Hurairah.*

(See Hadith - 34, 36 and 1783).

1889to1891

The Noble Prophet said, "Whoever wants to look for the Night of Qadr, he should search it in the last seven nights of Ramazan." (*Hadith 1890 and 1891 says*): Search for the Night of Qadr in the odd dates of last ten nights of Ramazan. *Narrated: Abu Hurairah, Ibn 'Umar, Abu Salama & 'Aisha .*

No.**Hadith**

(See Hadith - 48 and Hadith 1088).

- 1892 Allah's Prophet used to practice Itikaf (*Seclusion for worship in the mosque*) in the middle ten days of Ramazan. But later he shifted it in the last ten days of the month. For this, he addressed the people and said, "I ordered you whatever Allah wished to order. Now it is said to me to worship in the last tenth of Ramazan. So, now I intend to stay in Itikaf for the last ten days of the month. Moreover, I have indeed been shown the Night of Qadr for the odd nights of the last ten days of this month. *Narrated: Abu Said Al-Khudri.*
- (See Hadith - 744).
- 1893to1896 The Prophet said, "Look for the "Night of Qadr" in the odd nights of the last ten days of Ramazan." *Narrated: 'Aisha and Ibn 'Abbas.*
- 1897 The Prophet said, "Look for the "Night of Qadr" in the nights of 25th, 27th and 29th of Ramazan." In this you will find your own good. *Narrated: 'Ubada bin As-Samit.*
- (See Hadith - 48 and hadith 1088).
- 1898 With the start of the last ten days of Ramazan, the Prophet used to be more organized and used to pray all the night, and keep his family awake for the prayers. *Narrated: 'Aisha.*
- 1899/1900 Allah's Prophet used to practice Itikaf in the last ten days of the month of Ramazan. (*Hadith 1900 says that*): All the wives of the Prophet maintained this routine even after the Prophet's life. *Narrated: Abdullah bin Umar and 'Aisha.*
- 1901 In the beginning, Allah's Prophet used to sit in Itikaf in the middle ten days of Ramazan. Later, he said that, "I saw a dream in which I am prostrating in mud and water and I was instructed to now search Nights of Qadr in the odd nights of the last ten days of Ramazan." Then he ordered to all Muslims that, "Whoever was in Itikaf with me should stay in Itikaf for the last ten days of Ramazan." *Narrated: Abu Said Al-Khudri.* (See Hadith - 774).
- 1902to1904 The Prophet used to bend out his head to me, while he was in Itikaf in the mosque, and I would comb and oil his hair. During such activities, sometimes, I used to face my monthly periods. When in Itikaf, the Prophet would never --

No.**Hadith**

come out of the mosque, except for a need.

Narrated: 'Aisha.

- 1905 'Umar asked the Prophet "I vowed in the Pre-Islamic period of ignorance to stay in Itikaf for one night in Masjid-al-Haram." The Prophet said to him, "Fulfil your vow."
Narrated: Ibn 'Umer.
- 1906/1907 The Prophet used to sit in Itikaf in the last ten days of Ramazan. Once I arranged a tent for him. After offering the Fajr prayer, he used to enter in to the tent." Later, Hafsa had also arranged a tent for the Prophet. When Zainab saw it, she also added another tent from her behalf. In the morning the Prophet noticed these tents. ---- Then the Prophet said, "Do you think that they intended to do righteousness by doing this?" (*Since he did not like it*), therefore he abandoned the Itikaf in that month and practiced Itikaf for ten days in the next month (*Shawwal*). *Narrated: Aisha.*
- 1908 I went to Allah's Prophet to visit the Prophet in the mosque while he was in Itikaf. I had a talk with him for a while, then I got up in order to return home. Suddenly, two Ansari men were entered in the mosque. They greeted Allah's Prophet. He received their greetings then told them, "She is (*my wife*) Safiya bint Hayai." Both of them were very much upset (*for how dare we can think of any evil?*). The Prophet said to them, "Shaytan reaches everywhere in the human body like the blood reaches in it, so I was afraid lest Shaytan might insert an evil thought in your minds." *Narrated: Safiya.*
- 1909 (*Seclusion for worship and the Night of Qadr*): This is repeated hadith. See hadith- 1901 above. *Narrated: Abu Salama Bin Abdur Rahman.*
- 1910 One of the wives of Allah's Prophet practiced Itikaf, although she had monthly periods. *Narrated: Aisha.*
- 1911/1912 (*Clarification is preferable before the creations of doubts*): This is repeated hadith. See hadith- 1908 above. *Narrated: Safiya.*
- 1913 (*Seclusion for worship and the Night of Destiny*): This is repeated hadith. See hadith- 1901 above. *Narrated: Abu Saeed Khudri.*

No.**Hadith**

- 1914 (Prophet's seclusion for worship and erection of tents from his wives): This is repeated hadith. See hadith- 1906 to 1907 above. *Narrated: 'Umer.*
- 1915/1916 (The swearing in before Islam): This is repeated hadith. See hadith- 1905 above. *Narrated: 'Umer and Ibn 'Umer.*
- 1917 The Prophet used to perform Itikaf every year in the month of Ramazan for ten days, but when it was the year of his departure from this world, he stayed in Itikaf for twenty days. *Narrated: Abu Hurairah*
- 1918 (Prophet's seclusion for worship and erection of tents from his wives): This is repeated hadith. See hadith- 1906 to 1907 above. *Narrated: 'Aisha.*
- 1919 (Prophet's seclusion for worship and 'Aisha): This is repeated hadith. See hadith- 1902 to 1904 above. *Narrated: 'Aisha.*