

Virtues of

Muḥarram Al-Ḥaram

Ḥaḍrat Abu Qatada رضي الله عنه has narrated the Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم saying: “I pin up hope on Allāh the Almighty that fasting on the Day of ‘Ashura will absolve the (evil deeds of the preceding year).”

- (Tirmidhi Sharif VI, P 149, No. 27)

Ḥaḍrat Ibn Abbas رضي الله عنه has narrated the Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم saying: “He who fasts on the Day of ‘Ashura during the Month of Muḥarram will be rewarded with the (supplications of) ten thousand angels. As well as he who fasts on the Day of ‘Ashura during the Month of Muḥarram will reap the reward equivalent to ten thousand martyrs and ten thousand pilgrims of Hajj and Umra. And anyone who puts the hand of (protection and affection) on the head of an orphan will have his status in the Paradise elevated by one step as many times as the hair on his head. Whoever helps a true Muslim break his fast on the evening of ‘Ashura shall be regarded as having helped the whole of the Holy Prophet’s (صلى الله عليه وسلم) Ummah break the fast and satiate their stomachs.”

Ḥaḍrat Companions, may Allah the Almighty be pleased with them all, beseeched the Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم: “Has Allāh the Almighty conferred superiority to the Day of ‘Ashura over all days?”

The Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم said: “Yes! Allāh the Almighty created the Heavens, the Earths, the mountains, the Pen and the Preserved Tablet all on the Day of ‘Ashura. He admitted Ḥaḍrat Adam عليه السلام to Paradise, and created Ḥaḍrat Ibrahim عليه السلام on the Day of ‘Ashura. The Pharaoh was drowned, Ḥaḍrat Ayyub (Jobe عليه السلام) was rid of affliction, the Prophet Adam’s (عليه السلام) repentance was accepted, Ḥaḍrat Da’ud’s (David’s عليه السلام) omission was forgiven, Ḥaḍrat ‘Isa (Jesus عليه السلام) was born and the Doomsday will take place all on the Day of Ashura.”

- (Ghunyat al-Talibin pp 425-26/Tartib Sharif, pp756-57)

Ḥaḍrat Ibn Abbas رضي الله عنه has narrated the Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم saying: “He who fasts on the Day of Ashura will have Allāh the Almighty putting down for him sixty years’ worship comprising fasting during the day and standing in worship at night. He, who takes bath on the Day of ‘Ashura, will not suffer from any of but fatal ailments. He who applies collyrium to the eyes will not have the eye-pain throughout the year. He who visits a sick person on the Day of ‘Ashura will be regarded someone who would have visited all the descendents of Ḥaḍrat Adam عليه السلام. He, who helps to drink water once on the Day of ‘Ashura, will be considered as someone not having disobeyed Allāh the Almighty even for the blinking of an eye. He who says four units of prayer reciting in each unit *Surah Fatiha* once and *Surah Ikhlas* fifty times Allah the Almighty will forgive fifty years of his sins in the past and the same number in future. He will build for him a thousand palaces of *Nur* amongst the upper category.”

Ḥaḍrat Abu Huraira رضي الله عنه has narrated the Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم saying: “The four units of prayer must be said in two halves reciting in each unit *Surah Fatiha* once and *Surahs Zalzalal, Kafirun* and *Ikhlas* each once. When he has said it, he must send *Darud* on the Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم seventy times”

- (Ghunyat al-Talibin, pp 426-27/Tartib Sharif, pp 758-60)

Ḥaḍrat Shibli رضي الله عنه said four units of *nafl* prayer every day from 01 to 10th Muḥarram reciting *Surah Fatiha* once and *Surah Ikhlas* fifteen times in each unit followed by the finishing salute. Then he passed on its recompense to the holy spirit of Ḥaḍrat Imam Hussain رضي الله عنه. One day Ḥaḍrat Shibli رضي الله عنه dreamt of Ḥaḍrat Imam Hussain رضي الله عنه turned his face away from him. Ḥaḍrat Shibli رضي الله عنه beseeched: “Have I committed some sin? “

He رضي الله عنه replied: “No, there is no sin! My eyes are ashamedly bedeviled until I have you compensated for this on the Day of Resurrection. My eyes are unable to meet your gaze until then.”

The Prince of the Universe will on the Day of Resurrection intercede on behalf of those who perform this prayer.

- (Jawhir al-Ghaibi)