

**With the name of Allah,**

### **The Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful.**

It is fascinating to know that throughout the year Allah Almighty has created blessed times for the benefit of the people so that they may have a chance to return to Him, through His infinite mercy, from transgression. Some clear examples of these special occasions are the month of Ramadan and Laylatul Qadr. In the same manner, the fifteenth night of Sha'ban also contains many blessings and mercies of Allah Almighty.

Despite the denial of some in regards to the fifteenth night of Sha'ban there are numerous narrations which clearly indicate its importance.

A few narrations are being presented with scholarly critique in order to point out the special virtues of this night to ensure that people are not deprived from a great opportunity of worship through which they can attain the proximity and closeness to Allah Almighty.

#### **Hadith 1**

Sayyiduna 'Abdullah bin 'Amr رضي الله عنه has narrated that Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم has said, "On the fifteenth night of Sha'ban Allah Almighty turns to the people and forgives His slaves save for two types of people; the one who holds a grudge against others and the murderer of an innocent life.

Imam Mundhiri رحمه الله has narrated this Hadith in his al-Tarhib wal-Tarhib and Imam Ahmad رحمه الله in his Musnad. Shaykh Albani رحمه الله has narrated this Hadith in his Silsilah Sahiha and said that this Hadith is Hassan.

#### **Hadith 2**

Sayyidatuna Aisha رضي الله عنها narrated that Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم has said, "Jibril came to me and said this is the fifteenth night of Sha'ban and Allah Almighty, in this night, frees slaves from the Hell fire to the amount of hair on the back of the flock of Banu Kalb. And Allah Almighty does not look towards the polytheist in this night or towards the grudge bearer or towards the one who breaks ties or the one who lowers his clothing below the ankles or the one who disobeys his parents and neither towards the alcoholic.

Imam Baihaqi رحمه الله narrates this Hadith in his Sahih and Imam Mundhiri رحمه الله has narrated it in al-Tarhib wal-Tarhib.

#### **Hadith 3**

Sayyiduna Abu Tha'laba رحمه الله narrates that Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم has said, "On the fifteenth night of Sha'ban, Allah Almighty looks at his creation and forgives all the believers except for those people who bear grudges and the people of enmity; He leaves them in their enmity.

Imam Baihaqi رحمه الله narrated this Hadith in Shu'bal Iman and Shaykh Albani رحمه الله confirms its authenticity by narrating it in his Silsilah Sahiha.

#### **Hadith 4**

Sayyiduna Makhul رحمه الله narrates from Kathir bin Murrar رضي الله عنه that Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم said, "On the fifteenth night of Sha'ban, Allah Almighty forgives all the inhabitants of the earth except an idolater and the one who harbours hatred for others."

Imam Baihaqi رحمه الله has narrated this Hadith and states that it is an acceptable Hadith (Mursal). Imam Mundhiri رحمه الله has narrated it in al-Tarhib wal-Tarhib (pg 461, vol 3)

#### **Hadith 5**

Sayyiduna Uthman ibn Abil'aas رضي الله عنه narrates that Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم said, "On the fifteenth night of Sha'ban Allah Almighty descends to the nearest Heaven. Thereafter, a proclaimer proclaims; is there anyone who seeks forgiveness so that I may forgive him? Is there anyone who desires anything so that I may grant his wishes? Allah Almighty thus fulfils the requests of all except the adulteress and the idolater."

Imam Baihaqi رحمه الله has reported this Hadith and it is also mentioned in Durre Manthur.

From the above we can deduce that this night has many virtues and observing this night as sacred is not baseless. In addition to the above, we find many great scholars who have confirmed the importance and the virtue of the fifteenth night of Sha'ban.

herefore, we should not fall prey to the deception of those ignorant who completely reject this night. Instead we should derive maximum benefit from this night.

May Allah Almighty grant us Taufique. Ameen

#### **Visiting the Graveyard**

The awakening of Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم during the night and visiting the graveyard is recorded in some Ahaadith. However, visiting of the graveyard is not a special characteristic of this night. Instead, it is proven from another authentic narration that Rasulullah would visit the graveyard during the last portion of every night.

#### **Fasting on the 15th of Sha'ban**

It is Mustahab (desired) to keep fast on fifteenth of Sha'ban. Imam Mundhiri رحمه الله in his al-Tarhib wal-Tarhib has mentioned a Hadith in which Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم has recommended this fast emphatically. Mufti Taqi حفظه الله has mentioned that although the scholars of Hadith have some doubts in the authenticity of this report there are other narrations which mention that the

fasts of the first half of Sha'ban have special merits and Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم used to fast most of the days in Sha'ban. Moreover, a large number of our elders (Aslaf) of the Ummah have observed the fast of the fifteenth of Sha'ban. This constant practice indicates that they have accepted the relevant Hadith as authentic. Therefore, it is advisable to fast on the fifteenth of Sha'ban as an optional (Nafil) fast. One can also keep a fast of Qada (expiation) on this day and it is hoped that he can benefit himself from the virtues of this fast.

May Allah Almighty grant us Taufique. Ameen

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Laylatul Bara'ah

## ***The 15th night of SHA'BAN***

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