

Laylatul Qadr

The Night of Power



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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

إِنَّا أَنْزَلْنَاهُ فِي لَيْلَةِ الْقَدْرِ ① وَمَا أَدْرَاكَ مَا
 لَيْلَةُ الْقَدْرِ ② لَيْلَةُ الْقَدْرِ خَيْرٌ مِّنْ أَلْفِ شَهْرٍ ③ تَنزِيلُ
 الْمَلَكَةِ وَالرُّوحِ فِيهَا بِإِذْنِ رَبِّهِمْ ④ مِنْ كُلِّ أَمْرٍ ④
 سَلَامٌ ⑤ هِيَ حَتَّىٰ مَطَلَعِ الْفَجْرِ ⑤

In the name of Allah, the Kind, the Caring

- ¹ We sent down *the Quran* on the Night of Destiny,
- ² and what can explain the Night of Destiny to you?
- ³ The Night of Destiny is better than one thousand months;
- ⁴ the angels and the Spirit, *Jibreel*, come down by the order of their Lord, bringing with them *each person's* destiny.
- ⁵ Peace *descends everywhere* until the break of the dawn.

Laylatul Qadr – The Night of Power

The word 'Qadr' has many meanings, some of which are:

- To appraise
- To esteem highly
- To cherish/treasure
- To give value/status and rank

This night is not like any other, it is a night of mighty value!

We should reflect upon the fact that Allah ﷻ is the highest of all, The Prophet Muhammad ﷺ is the highest of Prophets and his Ummah is the highest – all of these blessings have come together to bring us this uniquely blessed night. Remember, any acts of good deed, worship or charity is multiplied in this night by 1000 months (83 years)!

Laylatul Qadr is a night that is for this Ummah only, not any previous ones – why is this? Prophet Muhammad ﷺ was shown the ages of the first Ummahs and the age of his Ummah. The Noble Prophet ﷺ noticed the age of his Ummah was much less compared to the previous Ummahs. (Mutawwa Imam Malik).

This means his Ummah would not be able to pray or worship as much and gather the amount of good earlier generations. Allah ﷻ then granted Laylatul Qadr through his divine mercy as a means of us being able to make up extra years of worship to make up for our short time on this Earth – it is interesting how the 1000 months add up to 83 years, and 83 years is close to the average life expectancy of a human.

So, if our worship/charity is accepted on even one Laylatul Qadr we can add an extra whole life's worth of good actions to our account!!

Abu Bakr al-Warraq (RA), a 9th century Persian Sufi Shaykh has stated another reason for this night being called the Night of Power. He says that anyone who seeks Allah's ﷻ forgiveness and carries out acts of worship, his or her rank/status is increased to a level that he had never had before.

When will this night occur?

Our Scholars, based on Hadith have stated that Laylatul Qadr falls within the last ten days of Ramadan and will fall on an odd numbered night, for example 21st, 23rd, 25th, 27th or 29th.

Most have stated that this night most likely falls on either 25th or 27th. And the 27th is the most common night for Muslims all over the world, many mosques over the world including the Mosques in Makkah and Madinah commemorate Laylatul Qadr on night of 27th of Ramadan.

Signs of this night?

Scholars give the following description to understand the Night of Power: The weather is clear and calm on the Night of Power; it is neither hot nor cold. The next morning, the sun is red and rises without rays.

The physical body feels comfortable and feels relaxed, the heart is at peace and tranquil. That night the heart and body are more inclined to carry out worship, there is a pull towards Allah ﷻ and his Mercy on that night.

As the Angels descend on this night, they bring with them a pleasant and beautiful scent which lingers in the air.

What acts of worship are best on this night?

Mostly during the last 10 days, people sit I'tikaaf (spiritual seclusion) and the main purpose of this is to 'catch' Laylatul Qadr.

The best practices are:

- Pray extra nafl prayers
- Pray Salat-ul-Tasbih
- Recite Qur'an with understanding
- Give towards charity
- Asking Allah ﷻ for forgiveness.

Our Beloved Prophet ﷺ has told us that the best dua to make is:

اللَّهُمَّ

إِنَّكَ عَفْوٌ تُحِبُّ الْعَفْوَ فَاعْفُ عَنِّي

(Allahumma innaka 'afuwun tuhibbul-'afwa, fa'fu 'anni)

O Allah, You are Forgiving and love forgiveness, so forgive me.

In another Hadith, our Noble Prophet ﷺ has said that a person who worships in this night with Imaan (faith) and Ih'tisaab (self-accountability), meaning he is aware of his/her mistakes, weaknesses, shortcomings and wants to change this – such a person will have all their sins forgiven.

(Bukhari)

Salat-ul-Tasbeih

SUBHANALLAHI WAL HAMDULILLAHI,
WALA ILAHA ILLALLAHU,
WALLAHU AKBAR

GLORY BE TO ALLAH AND PRAISE BELONGS TO ALLAH, AND
THERE IS NO GOD EXCEPT ALLAH, AND ALLAH IS THE GREATEST

After Thana and before Fatiha	Standing	15 times
After Fatiha and Surah	Standing	10 times
During Ruku	Bowing	10 times
Standing after Ruku	Standing	10 times
1 st Sujood	Prostration	10 times
Sitting position after 1 st Sujood	Sitting	10 times
2 nd Sujood	Prostration	10 times

75 TIMES PER RAKAT x 4 RAKAT = TOTAL OF 300

