

*In the Name of Allaah, ar-Rahmaan,  
ar-Rabeem*

All praise is due to Allaah, and may the peace and prayers be upon the messenger of Allaah, his companions, family and whomsoever follows his guidance

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1 – (992) – From Abu Hurairah -Radhi Allaahu anhu- from the Prophet -sallAllaahu alayhi wa sallam- who said:

"من قام ليلة القدر إيماناً واحتساباً غفر له ما تقدم من ذنبه ومن صام رمضان إيماناً واحتساباً غفر له ما تقدم من ذنبه"

‘Whoever prayed during the night of Laylatul – Qadr due to Eemaan and seeking a reward, then he is forgiven his previous sins. Whoever Fasts Ramadan due to Eemaan and seeking a reward, then he is forgiven his previous sins.’

[Collected by Bukhari, Muslim, Abu Dawood, Nisa’ee, Ibn Majah & Albaani declared it to be Saheeh]

Al-Khattabi said: ‘The meaning of the Prophet’s saying: ‘due to Eemaan and seeking a reward’ means having the intention and a strong resolve, which is to fast Ramadan with certainty and desiring a reward for it. Wanting to make oneself better due to Ramadan, without disliking it, nor with feeling it burdensome due to fasting it, nor due to its long drawn out days,

but rather taking opportunity of the many days of Ramadan for its great reward.’

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Baghawi said: ‘The saying of the Prophet: ‘seeking a reward’ means seeking Allaah’s Face and His reward.’

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2- (993) – Abu Hurairah -Radhi Allaahu anhu- said:

كان رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم يرغب في قيام رمضان من غير أن يأمرهم بعزيمة ثم يقول: "من قام رمضان إيماناً واحتساباً غفر له ما تقدم من ذنبه"

The Messenger of Allaah -sallAllaahu alayhi wa sallam- used to encourage praying in the night during Ramadan, without ordering them to do so as an obligation, then he would say:

‘Whoever prayed during the night in Ramadan due to Eemaan and seeking a reward, then he is forgiven his previous sins.’

[Collected by Muslim, Abu Dawood, Tirmidhi, Nisa’ee & Albaani declared it to be Saheeh.]

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Shaykh Albaani mentioned in the footnote: ‘This encouragement of having sins forgiven and those similar to it, are a clarification of the excellence of this type of worship, which is that if a person had sins then they are forgiven for him due to this type of worship. It is known that the means which lead to general forgiveness are many,

so when these means are gathered/combined, what can remain from those sins so that he needs to be forgiven?

So the purpose is a clarification of the excellence of this worship, that Allaah gives this worship this amount of excellence. If there was no sin upon a person, then this excellence is expressed in raising the rank of a person, the like of that which is rightful for the Prophets, who are infallible from committing sin. And Allaah knows best.’

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3 – (994) – Abu Hurairah -Radhi Allaahu anhu- from the Messenger of Allaah -sallAllaahu alayhi wa sallam- who said: "الصلوات الخمس والجمعة إلى الجمعة ورمضان إلى رمضان مكفرات ما بينهن إذا اجتنب الكبائر"

‘The five daily prayers, from one Juma till the next Juma, from Ramadan to the next Ramadan, are an expiation for what takes place between them, as long as the major sins are kept away from.’

[Collected by Muslim]

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4 – (998) – Abu Hurairah -Radhi Allaahu anhu- from the Messenger of Allaah -sallAllaahu alayhi wa sallam- who said: "إذا جاء رمضان فتحت أبواب الجنة وغلقت أبواب النار وصفدت الشياطين"

‘When Ramadan comes in, the doors of Paradise are opened, the doors of Hell-Fire are closed and the Devils are locked up.’

[Collected by Bukhari & Muslim]



# The Encouragement to Fast Ramadan Seeking a Reward

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Taken from: 'Saheeh  
Targheeb wa Tarheeb'

In the narration of Muslim:

"فتحت أبواب الرحمة وغلقت أبواب جهنم وسلسلت  
الشياطين"

'The doors of mercy are opened, the doors  
of Hell are closed, and the Devils are  
chained up.'

In the wording from Tirmidhi and Ibn Majah:

"إذا كان أول ليلة من شهر رمضان صفدت الشياطين ومردة  
الجن وغلقت أبواب النار فلم يفتح منها باب وفتحت أبواب  
الجنة فلم يغلق منها باب وينادي مناد يا باغي الخير أقبل  
ويا باغي الشر أقصر والله عتقاء من النار وذلك كل ليلة"

'When it is the first night of the month of  
Ramadan, the Devils are locked up and the  
evil Jinn, the doors of Hell-Fire are closed,  
so that no door from it is open. The doors  
of Paradise are opened, so no door from it  
is closed. A caller will call out: O seeker of  
good come forward, and O seeker of evil  
keep away from sin, and Allaah has slaves  
freed from the fire, and that is every night  
of Ramadan.'

[Albaani declared it Hasan]

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5 - (1002) - It is narrated from Abu Saeed  
al-Khudri -Radhi Allaahu anhu- who said:  
The Messenger of Allaah -sallAllaahu  
alayhi wa sallam- said:

"إن لله تبارك وتعالى عتقاء في كل يوم وليلة  
-يعني في رمضان- وإن لكل مسلم في كل يوم وليلة دعوة  
مستجابة"

'Indeed Allaah -Tabaraka wa Ta'ala- has  
freed slaves every day and night -meaning  
in Ramadan- and indeed every Muslim has

every day and night a supplication that is  
answered.'

[Collected by al- Bazzar & Albaani declared it to be  
Saheeh lighayrihi.]

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6 - 1003 - From Amr bin Murra al-Juhani  
-Radhi Allaahu anhu- who said:

'A man came to the Prophet -sallAllaahu  
alayhi wa sallam- and asked: 'O Messenger  
of Allaah! Do you see that if I testify that  
there is none worthy of worship except  
Allaah, and that you are the Messenger of  
Allaah, and I pray the five prayers, and I  
gave the Zakat, and Fast Ramadan, and  
prayed during its nights, so who will I be  
from?'

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He -sallAllaahu alayhi wa sallam- said:

"من الصديقين والشهداء"

'From the righteous and the martyrs.'

[Collected by al-Bazzar, Ibn Khuzaimah, Ibn Hibban &  
Albaani declared it Saheeh.]

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