

Some Hadiths About The Value Of Sacred Nights



The following hadiths [1] are written in various books:

1 — The gates of [Allah's] Compassion are opened on four nights. Prayers or istighfars [2] done on these nights will not be refused. The first nights of the 'iyd of Fitr and Qurban [3], the fifteenth night of Sha'ban [Barat] and Arafa Night. [Qadr Night having been mentioned in many hadiths, it must have been deemed unnecessary to mention it here.]

2 — Among acts of worship, Allahu ta'ala likes better the ones done within the first ten days of Zil-hijja. A day's fast during these days will be given the thawab [4] of a year's [supererogatory] fast. The salat performed during their nights is like the salat performed on Qadr Night. Perform very much tasbih (saying Subhanallah) , tahlil (saying Al-hamdu lillah) and takbir (saying Allahu akbar) on these days!

3 — If a Muslim fasts on Tarwiya Day and does not say anything sinful, Allahu ta'ala will put him into Paradise certainly. [Tarwiya is the eighth of Zil-hijja, previous to Arafa Day].

4 — Respect Arafa Day! For, Arafa is a day esteemed by Allahu ta'ala.

5 — Those who worship on Arafa Night will be set free from Hell.

6 — Two years' sins of those who fast on Arafa Day will be forgiven. The past one year's sins and the next one year's sins. [Arafa is the ninth day of Zil-hijja, other days are not called Arafa.]

7 — He who says the Ikhlas a thousand times on Arafa Day will be forgiven all his sins and his every prayer will be accepted. He must say all of them with the Basmala [5].

8 — Rajab is the month of Allahu ta'ala. He who shows honour to the month of Rajab and who respects it will be blessed by Allahu ta'ala in this world and the next.

GLOSSARY

[1] hadith (sharif): i) a saying of the Prophet ('alaihi 's-salam).; al-Hadith ash-sharif: all the hadiths as a whole; ii) 'ilm al-hadith; iii) Books of the hadith ash-sharif. iv) Al-hadith al-qudsi, as-sahih, al-hasan: kinds of hadiths (for which, see Endless Bliss, II).

[2] istighfar: prayer for repentance; prescribed prayer recited in order to entreat Allahu ta'ala for forgiveness.

[3] iyd: one of the two Islamic festivals.

[4] thawab: Muslims will be rewarded in the Hereafter for all their pious actions which they have done in the world. The rewards which Muslims will be given in the Hereafter are called thawab. The word is used as an adjective as well as a noun. For example, when we say that an action is very thawab we mean that Allahu ta'ala will give many rewards for the action. Rewards which Muslims will be given in the Hereafter.

[5] basmala: the phrase "Bismi'llahirrahmani'rahim" (In the Name of Allahu ta'ala the Compassionate, the Merciful).