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### THE DAY OF 'ASHOORA

#### SUPPLICATION TO BE GUIDED AND FROM THE GUIDED

اللَّهُمَّ حَبِّبْ إِلَيْنَا الْإِيمَانَ وَزَيِّنْهُ فِي قُلُوبِنَا، وَكْرِهْ إِلَيْنَا الْكُفْرَ  
وَالْفُسُوقَ وَالْعِصْيَانَ، وَاجْعَلْنَا مِنَ الرَّاشِدِينَ.

O Allah, make us love belief and adorn our hearts with it. Make us hate disbelief, deviance and rebellion. Place us among the rightly-guided.<sup>1</sup>

◦ In the way to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), there are different seasons and stations that are highlighted.

<sup>1</sup> Al Adab Al Mufrad, Book 1, Hadith 699, Authenticated by Al Albani as Sahih

- There are four lunar months that are the sacred months:
  1. Dhul Qu'da
  2. Dhul Hijjah
  3. Muharram
  4. Rajab
- In the sacred month, good deeds are magnified and sins are great in the sight of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
- We have different seasons of worship such as the month of Ramadan and the first ten days of Dhul Hijjah. In Dhul Hijjah we renew our contract with Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and the Day of 'Arafah is the Day of Identity, and fasting this day is expiations of sins for the previous and upcoming year.

- We think renewing the contract is at the start of the year, but it is in the end of the year, and then after one month, we have the 9<sup>th</sup> of Muharram and tomorrow is the 10<sup>th</sup> of Muharram which is 'Ashoora.
- These are from the days of Allah and it is important to follow the Sunnah of the Prophet (ﷺ). The day can be taken as an extreme, whether crying for the past or taking it as a day of festivities, but let us see the middle path

### SURAH IBRAHIM 5 TO 12

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وَلَقَدْ أَرْسَلْنَا مُوسَىٰ بِآيَاتِنَا أَنْ أَخْرِجْ قَوْمَكَ مِنَ الظُّلُمَاتِ إِلَى  
النُّورِ وَذَكِّرْهُمْ بِأَيَّامِ اللَّهِ ۚ إِنَّ فِي ذَلِكَ لَآيَاتٍ لِّكُلِّ صَبَّارٍ شَكُورٍ

And We certainly sent Moses with Our signs, [saying], "Bring out your people from darkneses into the light and remind them of the days of Allah." Indeed in that are signs for everyone patient and grateful.

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وَإِذْ قَالَ مُوسَىٰ لِقَوْمِهِ اذْكُرُوا نِعْمَةَ اللَّهِ عَلَيْكُمْ إِذْ أَنْجَاكُمْ مِنْ  
 آلِ فِرْعَوْنَ يَسُومُونَكُمْ سُوءَ الْعَذَابِ وَيَذُبُّونَ أَبْنَاءَكُمْ  
 وَيَسْتَحْيُونَ نِسَاءَكُمْ ۗ وَفِي ذَلِكُمْ بَلَاءٌ مِّنْ رَبِّكُمْ عَظِيمٌ

And [recall, O Children of Israel], when Moses said to His people, "Remember the favor of Allah upon you when He saved you from the people of Pharaoh, who were afflicting you with the worst torment and were slaughtering your [newborn] sons and keeping your females alive. And in that was a great trial from your Lord.

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وَإِذْ تَأَذَّنَ رَبُّكُمْ لَئِن شَكَرْتُمْ لَأَزِيدَنَّكُمْ ۖ وَلَئِن كَفَرْتُمْ إِنَّ عَذَابِي  
 لَشَدِيدٌ

And [remember] when your Lord proclaimed, 'If you are grateful, I will surely increase you [in favor]; but if you deny, indeed, My punishment is severe.' "

8

وَقَالَ مُوسَىٰ إِنَّ تَكْفُرُوا أَنْتُمْ وَمَنْ فِي الْأَرْضِ جَمِيعًا فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ لَغَنِيٌّ  
 حَمِيدٌ

And Moses said, "If you should disbelieve, you and whoever is on the earth entirely - indeed, Allah is Free of need and Praiseworthy."

9

أَلَمْ يَأْتِكُمْ نَبَأُ الَّذِينَ مِنْ قَبْلِكُمْ قَوْمِ نُوحٍ وَعَادٍ وَثَمُودَ وَالَّذِينَ  
مِنْ بَعْدِهِمْ لَا يَعْلَمُهُمْ إِلَّا اللَّهُ جَاءَتْهُمْ رُسُلُهُمْ بِالْبَيِّنَاتِ فَرْتُوا  
أَيْدِيَهُمْ فِي أَفْوَاهِهِمْ وَقَالُوا إِنَّا كَفَرْنَا بِمَا أُرْسِلْتُمْ بِهِ وَإِنَّا لَفِي  
شَكٍّ مِمَّا تَدْعُونَنَا إِلَيْهِ مُرِيبٍ

Has there not reached you the news of those before you - the people of Noah and 'Aad and Thamud and those after them? No one knows them but Allah. Their messengers brought them clear proofs, but they returned their hands to their mouths and said, "Indeed, we disbelieve in that with which you have been sent, and indeed we are, about that to which you invite us, in disquieting doubt."

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قَالَتْ رُسُلُهُمْ أَلَيْسَ لِلَّهِ شَكٌّ فَاطِرِ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ يَدْعُوكُمْ  
لِيَغْفِرَ لَكُمْ مِنْ ذُنُوبِكُمْ وَيُؤَخِّرَكُمْ إِلَى أَجَلٍ مُّسَمًّى جَاءُوا قَالُوا إِنَّا أَنْتُمْ  
إِلَّا بَشَرٌ مِثْلُنَا تُرِيدُونَ أَنْ تَصُدُّونَا عَمَّا كَانَ يَعْبُدُ آبَاؤُنَا فَأْتُونَا  
بِسُلْطَانٍ مُّبِينٍ

Their messengers said, "Can there be doubt about Allah, Creator of the heavens and earth? He invites you that He may forgive you of your sins, and He delays your death for a specified term." They said, "You are not but men like us who wish to avert us from what our fathers were worshipping. So bring us a clear authority."

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قَالَتْ لَهُمْ رُسُلُهُمْ إِنْ نَحْنُ إِلَّا بَشَرٌ مِّثْلُكُمْ وَلَكِنَّ اللَّهَ يَمُنُّ عَلَىٰ مَنْ  
يَشَاءُ مِنْ عِبَادِهِ وَمَا كَانَ لَنَا أَنْ نَأْتِيَكُمْ بِسُلْطَانٍ إِلَّا بِإِذْنِ اللَّهِ  
وَعَلَى اللَّهِ فَلْيَتَوَكَّلِ الْمُؤْمِنُونَ

Their messengers said to them, "We are only men like you, but Allah confers favor upon whom He wills of His servants. It has never been for us to bring you evidence except by permission of Allah. And upon Allah let the believers rely.

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وَمَا لَنَا أَلَّا نَتَوَكَّلَ عَلَى اللَّهِ وَقَدْ هَدَانَا سُبُلَنَا وَلَنَصْبِرَنَّ عَلَىٰ مَا  
أَذَيْتُمُونَا وَعَلَى اللَّهِ فَلْيَتَوَكَّلِ الْمُتَوَكِّلُونَ

And why should we not rely upon Allah while He has guided us to our [good] ways. And we will surely be patient against whatever harm you

should cause us. And upon Allah let those who would rely [indeed] rely."

## TAKEN OUT FROM DARKNESS TO LIGHT

- People go through great trials and oppression, and when Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) takes us out from darkness to light, from oppression to freedom, from disbelief to belief, people see it as being worthy of great openings. However, it is important to benefit from the openings and especially being saved by Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
- The Day of 'Ashoora is a day when Allah (سبحانه) saved Banu Israel from Firaoun and it is the day when Musa (عليه السلام) was inspired by Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) to strike the sea with his stick and Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) made the sea into twelve paths for the twelve tribes of Banu Israel to cross



safely. Firaoun and his people drowned and Musa (عليه السلام) and his people were saved.

- This miracle is to see the Oneness of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), that only He can save them. And this safety is not a prize for patience, but that Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) appreciates the patience.
- The Day of 'Ashoora is considered one of the "Days of Allah" (أيام الله). Musa (عليه السلام) did not just take Banu Israel from one side of the sea to another, but Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) sent Musa (عليه السلام) to take them out from darkness to light.
- They were in the darkness of servitude to Firaoun and the darkness of disbelief and were taken out to the light of freedom and to the light of tawheed.

- When taken out from darkness to light, we can end up feeling that we deserve that light and that we earned it. When we are in the “light” and enjoy that freedom, it is another day that requires gratitude from us.
- The Days of Allah are considered both days of difficulty and days of salvation, opening and blessings.
- Most people regard the past as misery and a disaster so people do not move on. However, we will not appreciate the light, if we did not see the darkness.
- And they were not only saved, but Firaoun and his people drowned. Banu Israel were given manna and salwa, they were shaded by clouds and the Tawrat was given to Musa (عليه

(السلام). All of these are from the Days of Allah. But what can happen?

- A person thinks he deserves this and earned it for what he went through in the past, so he stops himself from being grateful for what he has.
- People are either trapped in their past with sadness or what they went through, so they cannot go forward with their present or future.

EVER PATIENT AND EVER GRATEFUL ( صَبَار )

(شكور)

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And We certainly sent Moses with Our signs, [saying], "Bring out your people from darkneses into the light and remind them of the days of

Allah." Indeed in that are signs for everyone patient and grateful.

- (صبارشکور): this is the description of someone who is excessively patient and at the same time excessively grateful, and this is not an easy quality to have. May Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) grant us this quality. Ameen.
- Some people can be patient but when given blessings afterwards, they can become ungrateful seeing it as a result of what they went through.
- It is from the way of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) that when someone repents from a sin such as shirk then Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will give him tawheed. Depending on the intensity and darkness of the sin is how much light Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will give him.

- The Prophet (ﷺ) said to not curse time or to say, “this is a bad day”.

## PATIENCE

- Patience is a station and if a person is patient in times of difficulties, then he must be grateful afterwards because Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will open for him great openings.
- There are those who are patient, but they still complain and despair. But to be “sabaar” is to be truthful in one’s patience. Someone thinks to be sabaar is to be like an iron. A person has feelings, but has rest and has certainty in his heart.

## GRATITUDE

- When a person receives blessings, he does not attribute it to himself, but he attributes it to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) in his heart.

- And by tongue, he speaks of Allah's blessings and that He granted him.
- And by limbs, he appreciates the blessing of guidance and faith, so he acts on it.
- Patience and gratitude are the description of a believer.

### BELIEVER IS PATIENT AND GRATEFUL

وعن أبي يحيى صهيب بن سنان رضي الله عنه قال: قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم "عجبا لأمر المؤمن إن أمره كله له خير، وليس ذلك لأحد إلا للمؤمن: إن أصابته سراء شكر فكان خيراً له، وإن أصابته ضراء صبر فكان خيراً له"

The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said, "How wonderful is the case of a believer; there is good for him in everything and this applies only to a believer. If prosperity attends him, he expresses gratitude to Allah and that is good for him; and if adversity befalls him, he endures it patiently and that is better for him".<sup>2</sup>

<sup>2</sup> Riyadh As Saliheen, Muslijm, Introduction, Hadith 27

- Openings and blessings are not a recompense for our patience, but gratitude is a recompense for our patience.

## SURAH SABA 12 TO 13

12

وَلَسُلَيْمَانَ الرِّيحَ غُدُوُّهَا شَهْرٌ وَرَوَاحُهَا شَهْرٌ وَأَسَلْنَا لَهُ عَيْنَ  
الْقِطْرِ وَمِنَ الْجِنَّ مَنْ يَعمَلُ بَيْنَ يَدَيْهِ بِإِذْنِ رَبِّهِ وَمَنْ يَرِغْ مِنْهُمْ  
عَنْ أَمْرِنَا نَذِقْهُ مِنْ عَذَابِ السَّعِيرِ

And to Solomon [We subjected] the wind - its morning [journey was that of] a month - and its afternoon [journey was that of] a month, and We made flow for him a spring of [liquid] copper. And among the jinn were those who worked for him by the permission of his Lord. And whoever deviated among them from Our command - We will make him taste of the punishment of the Blaze.

13

يَعمَلُونَ لَهُ مَا يَشَاءُ مِنْ مَحَارِبَ وَتَمَاثِيلَ وَجِفَانٍ كَالْجَوَابِ  
وَقُدُورٍ رَاسِيَاتٍ اعْمَلُوا آلَ دَاوُودَ شُكْرًا وَقَلِيلٌ مِّنْ عِبَادِيَ  
الشَّكُورُ

They made for him what he willed of elevated chambers, statues, bowls like reservoirs, and stationary kettles. [We said], "Work, O family of David, in gratitude." And few of My servants are grateful.

- Suleiman (عليه السلام) was tested and then he was given wind to direct and the devils were under his command. Someone might think who needs these great vessels and buildings, but he knew he had to benefit from what Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) had given him to show his gratitude.
- There are two messengers whom Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) mentions in the Qur'an as being grateful and that is Nuh (عليه السلام) and Ibrahim (عليه السلام).

### SURAH AL ISRAA 3

ذُرِّيَّةَ مَنْ حَمَلْنَا مَعَ نُوحٍ إِنَّهُ كَانَ عَبْدًا شَكُورًا

O descendants of those We carried [in the ship] with Noah. Indeed, he was a grateful servant.



- Despite the people's continuous rejection, Nuh (عليه السلام) was grateful that he could call the people to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).

## SURAH AN NAHL 120 TO 121

120

إِنَّ إِبْرَاهِيمَ كَانَ أُمَّةً قَانِتًا لِلَّهِ حَنِيفًا وَلَمْ يَكُ مِنَ الْمُشْرِكِينَ

Indeed, Abraham was a [comprehensive] leader, devoutly obedient to Allah, inclining toward truth, and he was not of those who associate others with Allah.

121

شَاكِرًا لِأَنْعُمِهِ اجْتَبَاهُ وَهَدَاهُ إِلَى صِرَاطٍ مُسْتَقِيمٍ

[He was] grateful for His favors. Allah chose him and guided him to a straight path.

- We cannot be grateful if we are committing shirk or attributing blessings to other than Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). Shirk cannot go with gratitude.

## BACKGROUND OF FASTING 'ASHOORA

- The Jews used to fast the Day of 'Ashoora as gratitude for being saved from Firaoun, but what came after being saved from him?
- The calf was worshipped and Banu Israel wanted the messenger to serve them, so they became very fussy. They think they deserve the blessings due to what they went through under Firaoun.
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) gave them manna and salwa from the sky, but they became bored of it and asked for onion and garlic instead.
- Musa (عليه السلام) went to meet Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) to receive the Tawrat and he returned to find them worshipping a calf.

- They asked to see Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and were told to enter from the door, but they entered from their back.
- And Quraish used to fast 'Ashoora in the time of the Jahiliya and the Prophet (ﷺ) also used to fast it in Makkah. In Medina, he commanded the people to fast it as an obligation. But when Ramadan became obligatory, 'Ashoora no longer became an obligation, but voluntary for whomever wants to fast.

### QURAISH FASTED 'ASHOORA

ان يَوْمَ عَاشُورَاءَ تَصُومُهُ قُرَيْشٌ فِي الْجَاهِلِيَّةِ، وَكَانَ النَّبِيُّ صَلَّى  
 اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ يَصُومُهُ، فَلَمَّا قَدِمَ الْمَدِينَةَ صَامَهُ وَأَمَرَ  
 بِصِيَامِهِ، فَلَمَّا تَزَلَّ رَمَضَانُ كَانَ رَمَضَانُ الْفَرِيضَةَ، وَتُرِكَ  
 عَاشُورَاءُ، فَكَانَ مَنْ شَاءَ صَامَهُ، وَمَنْ شَاءَ لَمْ يَصُمْهُ.

During the Pre-Islamic Period of ignorance the Quraish used to observe fasting on the day of 'Ashura', and the Prophet (ﷺ) himself used to

observe fasting on it too. But when he came to Medina, he fasted on that day and ordered the Muslims to fast on it. When (the order of compulsory fasting in ) Ramadan was revealed, fasting in Ramadan became an obligation, and fasting on 'Ashura' was given up, and who ever wished to fast (on it) did so, and whoever did not wish to fast on it, did not fast.<sup>3</sup>

## VIRUTE OF FASTING THE DAY OF 'ASHOORA

○ Fasting the 10<sup>th</sup> of Muharram is expiation of sins for the past year and even if fasting 'Arafah is expiation of the past year and future year sins. However, there is still a month in between where we need that purification.

FASTING THE 10<sup>TH</sup> OF MUHARRAM IS  
EXPIATION OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR'S SINS

وعن أبي قتادة رضي الله عنه أن رسول الله صلى الله عليه  
وسلم سئل عن صيام يوم عاشوراء فقال: "يكفر السنة  
الماضية"

<sup>3</sup> Sahih al-Bukhari 4504

The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) was asked about observing As-Saum (the fast) on the tenth day of Muharram, and he replied, "It is an expiation for the sins of the preceding year<sup>4</sup>".

- In conclusion, it is not just about benefitting from good days and not hard days, but all are the Days of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). And if we are grateful, then Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will increase us.

MAY ALLAH MAKE US EVER PATIENT AND EVER GRATEFUL.  
AMEEN.

<sup>4</sup> Riyad as-Salihin 1252, Muslim

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