




يوم عاشوراء

DAY OF 'ASHOORAA


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INTRODUCTION

- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is The Nurturer and whatever He prescribes then surely it will bring out the best from us. Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is The One Who chooses different seasons of worships.
- When performing any worship so that it may be accepted, it must be done:
 1. Sincerely for the sake of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى): and not to show-off, or to do it for ourselves, or to attain the praise of others.
 2. Following the Sunnah of the Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم): we must ask ourselves, “did the Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) do it”? The best guidance and way are the way of the Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) and any misguidance leads to the fire.

MISGUIDANCE LEADS TO THE FIRE

إِنَّ أَصْدَقَ الْحَدِيثِ كِتَابُ اللَّهِ وَأَحْسَنَ الْهَدْيِ هَدْيُ مُحَمَّدٍ وَشَرَّ الْأُمُورِ مُحْدَثَاتُهَا وَكُلَّ مُحْدَثَةٍ
بِدْعَةٌ وَكُلَّ بِدْعَةٍ ضَلَالَةٌ وَكُلَّ ضَلَالَةٍ فِي النَّارِ

The truest of word is the Book of Allah and best of guidance is the guidance of Muhammad. The worst of things are those that are newly invented; every newly-invented thing is an innovation and every innovation is going astray, and every going astray is in the Fire.¹

BACKGROUND OF FASTING ON THE DAY OF 'ASHOORAA

- When the Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) migrated to Medina, he found the Jews fasting on the Day of 'Ashoora (10th of Muharram). When he asked the reason for it, they said this was the day Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) saved Banu Israel from Firaoun and caused him to drown.
- The Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) said we are more worthy of fasting this day. So when we fast this day it is to follow the Sunnah of the Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) and not because of anyone else.

¹ Sunan an-Nasa'i 1578

ALLAH SAVED MUSA (PEACE BE UPON HIM)

عَنِ ابْنِ عَبَّاسٍ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمَا أَنَّ النَّبِيَّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ لَمَّا قَدِمَ الْمَدِينَةَ وَجَدَهُمْ يَصُومُونَ يَوْمًا، يَعْنِي عَاشُورَاءَ، فَقَالُوا هَذَا يَوْمٌ عَظِيمٌ، وَهُوَ يَوْمٌ نَجَّى اللَّهُ فِيهِ مُوسَى، وَأَغْرَقَ آلَ فِرْعَوْنَ، فَصَامَ مُوسَى شُكْرًا لِلَّهِ. فَقَالَ " أَنَا أَوْلَى بِمُوسَى مِنْهُمْ "

When the Prophet (ﷺ) came to Medina, he found (the Jews) fasting on the day of 'Ashura' (i.e. 10th of Muharram). They used to say: "This is a great day on which Allah saved Moses and drowned the folk of Pharaoh. Moses observed the fast on this day, as a sign of gratitude to Allah." The Prophet (ﷺ) said, "I am closer to Moses than they." So, he observed the fast (on that day) and ordered the Muslims to fast on it.²

- Before Ramadan was prescribed, the Muslims used to fast the 10th of Muharram as an obligation, but now it is a voluntary fast.

FASTING 'ASHOORAA BEFORE RAMADAN WAS OBLIGATED

عَنِ ابْنِ عُمَرَ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمَا . قَالَ كَانَ عَاشُورَاءُ يَصُومُهُ أَهْلُ الْجَاهِلِيَّةِ، فَلَمَّا نَزَلَ رَمَضَانُ قَالَ " مَنْ شَاءَ صَامَهُ، وَمَنْ شَاءَ لَمْ يَصُمْهُ "

Fasting was observed on the day of 'Ashura' (i.e. 10th of Muharram) by the people of the Pre-Islamic Period. But when (the order of compulsory

² Sahih al-Bukhari 3397

fasting) in the month of Ramadan was revealed, the Prophet (ﷺ) said,
 "It is up to one to fast on it (i.e. day of 'Ashura') or not."³

VIRUTES OF FASTING THE DAY OF 'ASHOORAA

- Fasting the 10th of Muharram is an expiation for the previous years' sins.

EXIPIATION OF THE PREVIOUS YEARS' SINS

وعن أبي قتادة رضي الله عنه أن رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم سئل عن صيام يوم عاشوراء

فقال: "يكفر السنة الماضية"

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."⁴

WHEN TO FAST

- The Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) fasted on the 10th of Muharram. He said he would fast on the 9th and 10th of Muharram the next year, but ended up passing away before then.

³ Sahih al-Bukhari 4501

⁴ Riyad as-Salihin 1252, Muslim

FASTING ON THE 9TH AND 10TH OF MUHARRAM

سَمِعْتُ عَبْدَ اللَّهِ، بِنَ عَبَّاسٍ - رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمَا - يَقُولُ حِينَ صَامَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ يَوْمَ عَاشُورَاءَ وَأَمَرَ بِصِيَامِهِ قَالُوا يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ إِنَّهُ يَوْمٌ تُعْظَمُهُ الْيَهُودُ وَالنَّصَارَى . فَقَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ " فَإِذَا كَانَ الْعَامُ الْمُقْبِلُ - إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ - صُمْنَا الْيَوْمَ التَّاسِعَ " . قَالَ فَلَمَّ يَأْتِ الْعَامُ الْمُقْبِلُ حَتَّى تُؤْفَى رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ.

Ibn 'Abbas reported that when the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) fasted on the day of 'Ashura and commanded that it should be observed as a fast, they (his Companions) said to him: Messenger of Allah (ﷺ), it is a day which the Jews and Christians hold in high esteem. Thereupon the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said: When the next year comes, God willing, we would observe fast on the 9th But the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) died before the advent of the next year.⁵

MAY ALLAH ACCEPT OUR FAST. AMEEN.

REFERENCES

1. PROPHETIC SUNNAH

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⁵ Sahih Muslim 1134