

Ramadan is a blessed month. There is no other other month which gives us the motivation to do good and discourages us from doing bad than the month of Ramadan. The last ten nights are the cream of this month and the top of this is *Laylatul Qadr*. (the night of Decree). May Allah make us to do ihsaan on Laylatul Qadr. May Allah increase us in faith and action. Ameen.

Let us refresh our faith about this night through Surah Al Qadr. A surah named after this night shows us the importance of this night. The sequence of the surahs in the Qur'an is divine Jibreel عليه السلام told the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم about the sequence of the surahs and ayat. Surah Al Qadr comes after Surah Al Alaq and before Surah Al Bayyinah. Surah Al Alaq is the first surah revealed at it was revealed on Laylatul Qadr. The Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم used to seclude himself in the Cave of Hira.

You will not find the feelings and sweetness of faith and closeness to Allah on any other night like you find it on Laylatul Qadr. Laylatul Qadr is the real jump for you- it is the peak. After this peak, you keep it up with Surah Al Bayyinah which is about the Qur'an- there are so many good things in this Qur'an. That night is over but the Qur'an remains with you to feel that sweetness of faith and closeness to Allah.

Allah described that great night as القدر (Al Qadr). The word القدر has two meanings:

1. High status & position
2. Decree all what happens the next year.

In Surah Al Dukhan, Allah tells us-

إِنَّا أَنْزَلْنَاهُ فِي لَيْلَةٍ مُبَارَكَةٍ إِنَّا كُنَّا مُنذِرِينَ ﴿٢﴾ فِيهَا يُفْرَقُ كُلُّ أَمْرٍ حَكِيمٍ ﴿٤﴾

Indeed, We sent it down during a blessed night.

Indeed, We were to warn [mankind]. On that night is made distinct every precise matter -

On that night, it will be decreed all that will happen in the next year. Though Allah knows what will happen and it is written in the Preserved Tablet, on that it will be revealed to the Angels. That is why you increase in dua on that blessed night- اللهم انك عفو تحب العفو فاعف عنا. What a loss to witness Ramadan, the last ten nights and Laylatul Qadr yet to have not done anything and lost that opportunity. May Allah guide us. Ameen.

إِنَّا أَنْزَلْنَاهُ فِي لَيْلَةِ الْقَدْرِ ﴿١﴾

Indeed, We sent the Qur'an down during the Night of Decree.

Allah magnified Himself by saying **إِنَّا**. He is the Most Greatest and there is nobody who is greater than Him. He magnified Himself because He sent down the Qur'an. The Qur'an was revealed in the month of Ramadan so both the Qur'an and Ramadan is great. Allah revealed the Qur'an to Prophet Muhammed صلى الله عليه وسلم on this night. Allah choses whatever He wills.

From magrib till fajr is the night of Laylatul Qadr. What is decreed on this night? Life, death, provision, guidance- every detail of what will happen the next year. Increase in making dua on this night, as dua is so powerful and you don't know what is written for you the coming year. Ask Allah to pardon you- اللهم إنيك عفو تحب العفو فاعف عنا. If you are pardoned, then you will get all the goodness. If you are not pardoned, then how can you expect any goodness?

وَمَا أَدْرَاكَ مَا لَيْلَةُ الْقَدْرِ ٢

And what can make you know what is the Night of Decree?

What makes you know what Laylatul Qadr is?

عَنْ عَائِشَةَ - رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهَا - قَالَتْ كَانَ النَّبِيُّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ إِذَا دَخَلَ الْعَشْرُ شَدَّ مِئْزَرَهُ، وَأَحْيَا لَيْلَهُ، وَأَيَّقَطَ أَهْلَهُ.

Narrated Aisha: With the start of the last ten days of Ramadan, the Prophet (ﷺ) used to tighten his waist belt (i.e. work hard) and used to pray all the night, and used to keep his family awake for the prayers. (Sahih al-Bukhari 2024)

You don't know which night it is so make an effort and do your best every night. This is the test of truthfulness. If you really want it, then you will do. If not, you will give excuses.

لَيْلَةُ الْقَدْرِ خَيْرٌ مِنْ أَلْفِ شَهْرٍ ٣

The Night of Decree is better than a thousand months.

What is the خير (goodness) in this night?

1. The reward in it is better than a thousand months.
2. What Allah sends down on that night from goodness and blessings.

This night is better than a thousand months, which is around 83 years. Any worship you do on that night, it is as if you did it for a thousand months. This applies for any good deed- prayer, Qur'an, dhikr, dua, helping others, advice. This is a big favor and blessing from Allah upon us. Our whole life span may not be 83 years but Allah gave us one night that is equivalent to it- what a great blessing and favor! This is a big motivation for us to do good. What makes this night have a high position and status? The Angels.

نَزَّلُ الْمَلَائِكَةَ وَالرُّوحَ فِيهَا بِإِذْنِ رَبِّهِمْ مِنْ كُلِّ أَمْرٍ ٤

The angels and the Spirit descend therein by permission of their Lord for every matter.

On this night, Allah allowed the Angels to come down on earth. They all come down together until the whole earth is filled with Angels and there is not a space left except that it is filled by Angels. The word تنزل shows that they come down altogether. Whereas the word تنزل in Surah Fussilat, it shows the Angels come down in batches to the believer when he is dying- they don't leave him alone.

This is a night of celebration. Allah is encouraging us to do good- the Angels will come down. And He allowed the Angels to come down on this special night to see the people worshipping and doing their best. Those Angels are so pure and so huge. In general, Angels comes in places where Allah is remembered, in the time of Fajr and Asr. On that night, it is as if you have a big place and it is being filled. If people come and fill up a place they make so much noise but these Angels come down with so much of peace and tranquility. All of this makes you feel- you don't want to lose this opportunity! This night is an honor for the worshipper.

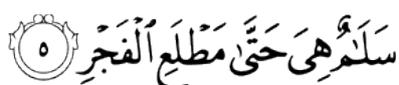
After all the Angels come, then the head of the Angels, Jibreel عليه السلام will come. The sahaba cried when the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم died because it meant Jibreel عليه السلام would not come down with revelation anymore. Jibreel عليه السلام is the Angel who brought down the Qur'an and he will come on that night. They don't come by their desire, but because Allah gave them permission to come down, see the people and make peace on that night. They come down with peace and with every command of Allah. We don't know what it is. Allah disclosed the date of Laylatul Qadr to Prophet Muhammed صلى الله عليه وسلم but he saw two people fighting and then he forgot. Angels don't sit with those who are arguing and fighting. If someone is arguing on that night, how does he expect to be forgiven?

When the Angels come down, they want to see people worshipping and not fighting and arguing. For example, if you have guests coming home, you tell the children to not make a mess. On this night, Allah is telling us that the Angels will come so we need to be on our best behavior. Angels get disturbed with anything and like problems, fighting, arguing, sinning, loud noises, music.

" مَنْ قَامَ لَيْلَةَ الْقَدْرِ إِيمَانًا وَاحْتِسَابًا غُفِرَ لَهُ مَا تَقَدَّمَ مِنْ ذَنْبِهِ، .

Whoever established prayers on the night of Qadr out of sincere faith and hoping for a reward from Allah, then all his previous sins will be forgiven;- Sahih al-Bukhari 1901

May Allah never make my nafs spoil this beautiful meeting. Ameen. Shaithan is not there on these nights and they don't have the power if we don't listen to them. Allah loves us- He gave us this special night event. Be a slave this night and be in His worship.



Peace it is until the emergence of dawn.

This night is peaceful from all the bad things. This night is the peak because so many are free from sins on this night. Allah will pardon them, save them from sins and punishment- there is so much of goodness on this night Through there is evil also- but the goodness overcomes it. There is peace till the appearance of dawn, then the Angels leave. This is the beautiful night event.

Have a good heart, love to be like the Angels who don't fight or shout, they come in rows, without commotion. You feel calm on that night. May Allah increase us in good deeds and forgive our sins. I don't want to be the odd one in the universe on that beautiful night. The deprived one is the one who is invited every year to this beautiful event but does not benefit. Wherever you are, you are invited- even if you are in your home, in your room. Our pious predecessors used to wear their best clothes on these nights and fill their homes with the fragrance of worship. They did their best on these nights.