

Laylatul Qadr:

In the Name of Allah, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful

1. Verily, We sent it down in the night of al-Qadr.
2. And what will make you know what the night of al-Qadr is?
3. The night of al-Qadr is better than a thousand months.
4. Therein descend the angels and the Spirit by their Lord's permission with all Decrees.
5. Peace! Until the appearance of dawn.

It is reported from Abu Hurairah that he said: "When the month of Ramadhaan came, the Messenger of Allah sallallahu `alayhi wa sallam said: "The month of Ramadhaan has come, a blessed month in which Allah has made it obligatory for you to fast; in it the gates of Paradise are opened and the gates of Hell are closed and the devils are chained. In it is a night better than a thousand months, whoever loses the benefit of it has lost something irreplaceable." (Narrated by Imaam Ahmad.

Notes:

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Its Story:

One day, the prophet came out to tell the companions the exact night. On the way he saw two men arguing with each other. By the will of Allah, he (pbuh) forgot and subsequently remembered it.

Afterwards the Prophet (pbuh) was instructed not to divulge this information.

“Had I been allowed,” he (pbuh) remarked once, “I would have told you (of its exact time).” [Ahmad]

The Almighty in His wisdom kept this hidden from us for many reasons. Perhaps He wants us to strive hard in our worship during the last ten days of Ramadan so that we don't become lazy, worshipping hard on just that one night and denying ourselves the benefit of doing the same on the other nights.

“Had people not left their salah except for that (one) night, I would have informed you (of its exact date).” [Al-Tabarani]

Notes:

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When is it?

Ubaadah ibn As-Saamit that the Messenger of Allah sallallahu `alayhi wa sallam said: "The night of Al-Qadr is to be found in the last ten (nights of Ramadhaan), whoever stood in prayer during these nights, wishing for the reward of them will have his sins forgiven by Allah, both the earlier and the later; and it is the night of witr. (an uneven number). Nine, seven, five, three or the last night of it." (Narrated by Imaam Ahmad).

It is reported on the authority of Jaabir ibn `Abdillaah, that the Messenger of Allah sallallahu `alayhi wa sallam said, "Verily, I saw the night of Al-Qadr and then I was made to forget it, but it is (to be looked for) in the last ten nights, the night is clear and fine, neither hot nor cold as if there were a full moon and on this night, the devils do not go forth until the light of dawn." (Narrated by Ibn Abi Haatim)

Notes:

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How to attain it?

Praying Qiyaam: Abu Hurayrah (radhiallahu `anhu) narrated that the Messenger (sallallahu `alayhi wa sallam) said:

"Whoever stands (in qiyaam) in Laylat ul-Qadr [and it is facilitated for him] out of faith and expectation (of Allah's reward), will have all of his previous sins forgiven." [Al-Bukhari and Muslim]

Making Supplication: A'ishah (radhiallahu `anha) reported that she asked Allah's Messenger (sallallahu `alayhi wa sallam), "O Messenger of Allah! If I knew which night is Laylat ul-Qadr, what should I say during it?" And he instructed her to say: "**Allahumma innaka `afuwwun tuh.ibbul `afwa fa`fu `annee - O Allah! You are forgiving, and you love forgiveness. So forgive me.**" [Recorded by Ahmad, Ibn Majah, and at-Tirmithi. Verified to be authentic by Al-Albani]

Notes:

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Abandoning Worldly Pleasures for the Sake of Allah

"When the (last) ten started, the Prophet (sallallahu `alayhi wa sallam) would tighten his izaar (i.e. he stayed away from his wives in order to have more time for worship), spend the whole night awake (in prayer), and wake up his family." [Al-Bukhari and Muslim]

And she said:

"Allah's Messenger (sallallahu `alayhi wa sallam) used to exert more (in worship) on the last ten than on other nights." [Muslim]

Notes:

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Simple Math!

“whoever stays up (in prayer and remembrance of Allah) on the Night of Qadr fully believing (in Allah’s promise of reward for that night) and hoping to seek reward (from Allah alone and not from people), he shall be forgiven for his past sins.”

[Bukhari, Muslim]

“Lailatul Qadr is better than a thousand months” [97:3]

.1 night = 1000 months = 30,000 nights

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82 years!

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A life time!

Notes:

Laylatul Qadr: Selected Supplications.

❖ *Allahumma innaka 'afuwwun tuhibbul 'afwa fa'fu 'anni' "*

- ❖ Allah You are The One Who pardons greatly, and loves to pardon, so pardon me.[at Tirmidhi]
- ❖ "Our Lord! Give us in this world that which is good and in the Hereafter that which is good, and save us from the torment of the Fire!" (2/201)
- ❖ "Our Lord! Put not on us a burden greater than we have strength to bear. Pardon us and grant us Forgiveness. Have mercy on us. You are our Maula (Patron, Supporter and Protector, etc.) and give us victory over the disbelieving people." (2/286)
- ❖ "Our Lord! Let not our hearts deviate (from the truth) after You have guided us, and grant us mercy from You. Truly, You are the Bestower." (3/8)
- ❖ "Our Lord! We have wronged ourselves. If You forgive us not, and bestow not upon us Your Mercy, we shall certainly be of the losers." (7/23)
- ❖ "Our Lord! Forgive me and my parents, and (all) the believers on the Day when the reckoning will be established." (14/41)
- ❖ "My Lord! Increase me in knowledge." (20/114)
- ❖ "My Lord! Forgive and have mercy, for You are the Best of those who show mercy!" (23/118)