



THE LAST DAY OF SHABA'AN

Salman reports:

On the last day of Shaba'an the Messenger of Allaah addressed us and said:

"O people! There comes over you now a great month, a most blessed month in which lies a night more greater in virtue than one thousand months. It is a month in which Allaah has made compulsory that the days should be observed by fasting. And he has made sunnah the taraweeh by night. Whoever intends drawing nearer to Allaah by performing any virtuous deed, for him shall be the reward like him who had performed a fardh in any other time. And whoever performs a fardh, for him shall be the reward of seventy fardh in any other time. This is indeed the month of patience, and the reward for true patience is jannah (paradise). It is the month of sympathy with one's fellow men. It is the month wherein a true believer's rizq is increased. Whoever feeds another who fasted in order to break the fast (at sunset), for him there shall be forgiveness for his sins and emancipation from the fire of Jahannam (Hell), and for him shall be the same reward as him (whom he fed) without that person's reward being decreased in the least."

"Thereupon we said:

'O Messenger of Allaah, not all of us possess the means whereby we can give a fasting person to break the fast.'

"The Messenger of Allaah replied:

'Allaah grants this same reward to him who gives a fasting person to break the fast a mere date or a drink of water or a sip of milk.

'This is the month, the first of which brings Allaah's Mercy, the middle of which brings His Forgiveness and the last of which brings emancipation from the fire of jahannam.

"Whosoever lessens the burden of his servants (bondsmen) in this month, Allaah will forgive him and free him from the fire of jahannam.

'And in this month four things you should continue to perform in great number, two of which shall be to please your lord while the other two shall be those without which you cannot do. Those which shall be to please your Lord are that you should in great quantity bear witness that there is no deity to worship except Allaah (that is, recite the Kalimah Tayyibah - Laa ilaaha il-lal laah) and make much istighaar (beg Allaah's forgiveness with Astaghfirullaah). And as for those without which you cannot do, you should beg of Allaah entrance into paradise and seek refuge in him from jahannam.

'And whoever gave a person who fasted water to drink, Allaah shall grant him to drink from my fountain such a drink where after he shall never again feel thirsty until he enters jannah."

(The End)

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