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<u>Iranslation</u>

O Allah اعَنَّتَهَا Open the door of knowledge and wisdom for us, and have mercy on us! O the One Who is the Most Honourable and Glorious!

(Al-Mustatraf, vol. 1, pp. 40)

Note: Recite Ṣalāt-'Alan-Nabī bonce before and after the Du'ā.

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With the Blessings of Rajab-ul-Murajjab

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ٹ	Ť/ŧ	ص	Ş/ş	ه/ه/ة	Ĥ/ĥ
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ج	J/j	ط	Ţ/ţ	۷	Y/y
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خ	Kh/kh	غ	Gh/gh	ò	I/i
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2	Ď/đ	ق	Q/q	ی مدّہ	Ī/ī
3	Ż/ż	ای	K/k	ا مدّه	Ā/ā
ر	R/r	گ	G/g	امده	A/a

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Return of the Shroud

No matter how lazy satan makes you feel, read this booklet completely. You will see the benefits for yourself.

Excellence of Salāt-'Alan-Nabī

The Prophet of Rahmah, the Intercessor of Ummah, the Owner of Jannaĥ صَلَى اللهُ تَعَالى عَلَيْهِ وَاللهِ وَسَلَّم has stated, 'Whoever writes Salat upon me in a book, angels will continue to make Istighfar (seek forgiveness) for him as long as my name remains in it.'

(Al-Mu'jam-ul-Awsat, vol. 1, pp. 497, Ḥadīš 1835)



At the time of her death, a pious lady in the city of Basra made a will to her son to shroud her in the clothes she used to wear whilst worshipping in the holy month of Rajab. After her demise, her son buried her, shrouding in a different piece of cloth. When he returned home from the graveyard, he was astonished to witness that the cloth in which he had shrouded his mother was at home. After anxiously searching for the clothes

which she had instructed him to shroud her with, he found that those clothes had disappeared from their place. Suddenly, a voice was heard from the unknown, 'Take back your shroud. We have shrouded her (in the cloth which she had willed); we do not leave the people who fast in Rajab to be stricken with grief in their graves.' (*Nuzĥa-tul-Majālis, vol. 1, pp. 208*)

May Allah عَزَّتَهَلَّ have mercy on them and may He forgive us without holding us accountable for their sake!

It is Sunnaĥ to recite this supplication in Rajab

When the month of Rajab came, the Greatest and Holiest Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَاللهِ وَسَلَّم used to recite this supplication:

O Lord, bestow blessings upon us in Rajab and Sha'bān and make us reach Ramadan.

(Al-Mu'jam-ul-Awsaṭ, vol. 3 pp. 85, Ḥadīš 3939)

The month of Allah عَرِّفِجاً

The Revered and Renowned Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَ اللَّهِ وَسَلَّم said:

Rajab is the month of Allah عَزْمَعَلَ, Sha'bān is my month, and Ramadan is the month of my Ummaĥ.

(Al-Firdaus bimā Šaur-ul-Khaţtāb, vol. 2, pp. 275, Ḥadīš 3276)

Various names of Rajab and their meanings

In essence, the name of رَجِي [Rajab] has been derived from the word تَرْجِيْب [Tarjīb], which means to pay respect. It is also known as الْأَصَبُ [Al-Aṣab], which means 'fast flowing', as the downpour of mercy is increased upon those who repent in this month, and those who worship in this month are showered with the light of blessings. It is also called ٱلْأَصَة [Al-Aṣam], which means 'the deaf' because, in this month, the sound of war and dispute is not heard at all. (Mukāshafa-tul-Qulūb, pp. 301) This month is also called شَهْر رَجَم (the month of stoning), because the devils are stoned in it so that they cannot cause harm to the Muslims.

(Ghunya-tuṭ-Ṭālibīn, vol. 1, pp. 319-320)

[Rajab] رَجُب The three letters of

Dear Islamic brothers! شُبُحٰنَ اللّٰه عَدَّوَجَلٌ, what can be said about the wonderful virtues of the month of Rajab?! It is mentioned in Mukāshafa-tul-Qulūb that our pious saints مِحَهُمُ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى have stated, 'There are three letters in the word Rajab; \([Ra], \) [Jim] and \cup [Bā]. The first letter \cup [Rā] stands for the Rahmaĥ (Mercy) of Allah جَوْدَجَلَّ , ج [Jīm] stands for Jurm (the crime) of the person and \cup [Bā] stands for Birr (Kindness). In other words, Allah عَدْوَجَلَ says, 'Place my servant's crime between My Mercy and My Kindness'. (*Mukāshafa-tul-Qulūb*, pp. 301)

'Iṣyān say kabĥī ĥam nay kanārā na kiyā Per Tū nay dil āzurdaĥ ĥamārā na kiyā Ĥam nay to Jaĥannam kī baĥut kī tajwīz Laykin Tayrī raḥmat nay gawārā na kiyā

We have never parted away from sins, But You did not afflict our heart with sorrow We did everything for entry into the Fire, But this was unacceptable to Your Mercy



The month for sowing the seeds of worship

Shaykh Sayyidunā 'Allāmaĥ Ṣaffūrī مَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهُ has stated, 'Rajab is the month for sowing the seeds, Sha'bān is the month for watering, and Ramadan is the month for harvesting the crop. Therefore, if someone does not sow the seeds of worship in Rajab and does not water them with tears in Sha'bān, then how will he be able to harvest mercy in Ramadan?' The Shaykh مُحَمُّ اللمِتَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ has further added, 'Rajab purifies the body, Sha'bān purifies the heart and Ramadan purifies the soul.'

(Nuzĥa-tul-Majālis, vol. 1, pp. 209)

Dear Islamic brothers! Affiliate yourself with the Madanī environment of Dawat-e-Islami to develop the mindset of performing voluntary fasts and other acts of worship in the month of Rajab-ul-Murajjab. Travel in the Madanī Qāfilaĥs in order to learn the Sunnaĥ and take part in the Ijtimā'ī I'tikāf (collective I'tikāf) organized by Dawat-e-Islami in Ramadan-ul-Mubārak. النه صَالِية الله عَلَمُ اللهُ عَلَيْهِ اللهُ عَلَمُ اللهُ عَلَيْهِ اللهُ ا

One day in Rajab-ul-Murajjab, when I went to place my bicycle in the shop like usual, the Islamic brother invited me to the Ijtimā' of Żikr-o-Na'at on the occasion of Shab-e-Mi'rāj (the Night of Ascension). After building up the courage to attend, on that night I left my village (which was some distance away) for the Ijtimā' of Żikr-o-Na'at and stayed there for the whole night.

I felt great peace in the Ijtimā' of Żikr-o-Na'at and for that reason, I started attending the weekly Ijtimā' regularly. Meanwhile, the blessed month of Ramadan-ul-Mubārak had begun. The Islamic brothers had persuaded me, through their individual

efforts, to perform I'tikāf during the ten days of Ramadan. I learnt a great amount during the I'tikāf and الْكَمُدُلِلْهُ عَنْوَجَلَّ I began to have hatred for sins. During the I'tikāf, I adorned my face with the blessed beard and crowned my head with the 'Imāmaĥ.

At the time of writing, I am responsible for Madanī In'āmāt at division level. May Allah عَدَّوَجُلَّ grant me steadfastness in the Madanī environment!

Rajab is the name of a river in Paradise

Sayyidunā Anas Bin Mālik مَشِى اللّٰهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ has narrated that the Beloved and Blessed Rasūl صَلَّى اللّٰهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَاللّٰهِ وَسَلَّم has stated, 'In Paradise, there is a river called Rajab, whose water is whiter than milk and sweeter than honey. Whoever performs one fast of Rajab, Allah عَدَّوَجَلُّ will make him drink from the water of this river.' (Shu'ab-ul-Īmān, vol. 3, pp. 367, Ḥadīš 3800)

A palace in Paradise

A Tabi'ī saint, Sayyidunā Abū Qilābaĥ معنى الله تكالى عنه has stated, 'There is a palace in Paradise for those who fast in Rajab.'

 $(Shu'ab‐ul‐\bar{I}m\bar{a}n,\,vol.\,3,\,pp.\,368,\, \rlap{\rlap/}{H}ad\bar{\imath}\check{s}\,3802)$

Five blessed nights

Sayyidunā Abū Umāmaĥ مِثِى اللهُ تَعَالى عَنْهُ has narrated that the Beloved and Blessed Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالى عَلَيْهِ وَاللهِ وَسَلَّم has said, 'There are five

nights in which Du'ā [supplication] is not rejected: (1) the first night of Rajab, (2) the 15th night of Sha'bān (Shab-e-Barā'at), (3) the night between Thursday and Friday, (4) the night of Eid-ul-Fiṭr, and (5) the night of Eid-ul-Aḍḥā (the 10th of Żul-Ḥijja-til-Ḥarām).'

(Tārīkh Damishq li-Ibn 'Asākir, vol. 10, pp. 408)

Five important nights

Sayyidunā Khālid Bin Ma'dān مَحْمُهُ الْمُوتَعَالَى عَلَيْهُ has stated, 'There are 5 such nights in a year, that whoever, whilst affirming them, spends them in worship with the intention of gaining reward, Allah عَرَّوْجَلَّ will make him enter Paradise:

- 1. the first night of Rajab; i.e. worship during this night and fast during the day.
- 2. the 15th night of Sha'bān (i.e. Shab-e-Barā'at); i.e. worship during this night and fast during the day.
- 3-4. the night of Eid-ul-Fiṭr & the night of Eid-ul-Aḍḥā (the night between the 9th and 10th Żul-Ḥijja-til-Ḥarām); worship during these nights but do not fast during the days (as it is impermissible to fast on the days of Eid).
- 5. the night of 'Āshūrā (10th night of Muḥarram); worship during the night and fast during the day. (*Al-Badr-ul-Munīr li Ibn-il-Mulagqin*, vol. 5, pp. 40; Ghunya-tuṭ-Ṭālibīn, vol. 1, pp. 327)

The fast of the first of Rajab is atonement for 3 years of sins

The Noblest Prophet صَلَّى الله تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَالْهِ وَسَلَّم has said, 'The fast of the first day of Rajab is atonement for three years, the fast of the second day is atonement for two years, the fast of the third day is atonement for one year and then the fast of each remaining day is atonement for one month.' (Al-Jāmi'-uṣ-Ṣaghīr lis-Suyūṭī, pp. 311, Ḥadīš 5051; Faḍāil Shaĥr-e-Rajab lil-Khallāl, pp. 64)

Here, what is meant by 'atonement for sins' is that these fasts are the means of minor sins being forgiven.

The blessings of fasting in Rajab in the ark of Nuḥ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام

Sayyidunā Anas مَعْنَى الله تَعَالَى عَلْهُ الله تعالى عَلْهُ الله الله تعالى عَلْهِ الله الله تعالى عَلْهِ الله الله تعالى عليه والله والله والله الله تعالى عليه والله والل

fast too. His Ark travelled for six months until the 10th of Muḥarram-ul-Ḥarām.' (Shu'ab-ul-Īmān, vol. 3, pp. 368, Ḥadīš 3801)



Excellence of one fast

Dear Islamic brothers! We have learnt that remaining hungry and thirsty is not the sole purpose of observing fast; rather it is important that we prevent every part of our body from sins. If one continues to commit sins despite fasting, then he is severely deprived.

The reward of 60 months

Sayyidunā Abū Ĥurayraĥ منوى الله تتالى عنه has stated, 'Whosoever fasts on the 27th of Rajab, Allah عَرِّوجَالً will record the reward of 60 months of fasting for him.'

(Faḍāil Shaĥr-e-Rajab lil-Khallāl, pp. 76)



The reward of 100 years of fasting

How amazing is the greatness of the 27th of Rajab?! It was on this date that the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَاللهِ وَسَلَّم was granted the incredible miracle of Mi'rāj (the Night Ascension).

(Sharḥ-uz-Zarqānī ʻala Mawāĥib-ul-Ladunniyaĥ, vol. 8, pp. 18)

Subsequently, there is great virtue in the fast of the 27th of Rajab. Sayyidunā Salmān Fārsī مشى الله تقالى عنه has narrated that the Noble Prophet مسلّى الله تقالى عليه والله تعالى منه said, 'There is a day and a night in the month of Rajab that if a person fasts during that day and stands (for worship) during that night, it is as if he has fasted for one hundred years and worshipped at night for one hundred years; and this is the 27th of Rajab.'

(Shu'ab-ul-Īmān, vol. 3, pp. 374, Ḥadīš 3811)



Excellence of removing a difficulty in Rajab

Sayyidunā 'Abdullāĥ Ibn Zubayr معنى الله تعالى عنه has reported, 'Whoever removes the difficulty of any Muslim in the month of Rajab, Allah عَدْمَالُ will grant him a palace in Paradise which will be as vast as the limit of one's vision. Honour Rajab, Allah عَدْمَالُ will honour you with a thousand nobilities.' (Ghunya-tuṭ-Ṭālibīn, vol. 1, pp. 324; Mu'jam-us-Safar lis-Salafī, pp. 419, Ḥadīš 1421)

Excellence of 12 Nawāfil during 27th night of Rajab

There is a night in Rajab in which the one doing a good deed is granted the reward of good deeds of 100 years and that night is the 27th of Rajab. Whoever offers 12 Rak'āt in this night reciting Sūraĥ Al-Fātiḥaĥ followed by any other Sūraĥ in each Rak'at, and sitting for Attaḥiyyāt after every two Rak'āt, and then after performing Salām after 12 Rak'āt, invokes: مُنْبَحْنَ اللّهِ وَالْحُمْدُ لِللّهِ وَلاّ اللهُ وَاللهُ وَاللهُ وَاللهُ وَاللهُ اللهُ وَاللهُ وَالللهُ وَاللهُ وَالل

The four months of sacredness

Dear Islamic brothers! There are four months which have special Ḥurmaĥ (sacredness) in the court of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ has said in Sūraĥ At-Taubaĥ:

إِنَّ عِدَّةَ الشُّهُوْدِ عِنْدَ اللهِ اثْنَا عَشَرَ شَهُوًا فِي كِتْبِ اللهِ يَوْمَ خَلَقَ السَّمُوْتِ وَالْأَرْضَ مِنْهَا اَرْبَعَةٌ حُرُمٌ لَٰ ذَلِكَ الدِّيْنُ الْقَيِّمُ لَا فَلَا السَّمُوتِ وَالْأَرْضَ مِنْهَا اَرْبَعَةٌ حُرُمٌ لَٰ ذَلِكَ الدِّيْنُ الْقَيِّمُ لَا فَلَا تَطْلِمُوْا فِيهُونَ انْفُسَكُمْ وَقَاتِلُوا الْمُشْرِكِيْنَ كَآفَةً كَمَا يُقَاتِلُونَكُمْ كَآفَةً لَمَا يُقَاتِلُونَكُمْ كَآفَةً لَا وَاعْلَمُوا اللهُ مَعَ الْمُتَّقِيْنَ عَلَى اللهَ مَعَ الْمُتَّقِيْنَ عَلَى اللهُ اللهُ مَعْ الْمُتَّقِيْنَ عَلَى اللهَ مَعْ الْمُتَّقِيْنَ عَلَى اللهُ اللّهُ اللهُ اللّهُ اللهُ اللهُ اللّهُ اللهُ اللّهُ اللهُ اللهُ اللهُ اللّهُ اللّهُ اللهُ اللّهُ اللّهُ اللهُ اللّهُ اللّهُ اللهُ اللّهُ اللهُ اللهُ اللهُ اللهُ اللهُ اللهُ اللهُ اللهُ اللّهُ اللهُ اللهُ اللهُ اللّهُ اللهُ اللّهُ اللّهُ اللّهُ اللهُ اللّهُ اللّهُ اللّهُ اللّهُ اللهُ اللهُ اللهُ اللّهُ اللهُ اللهُ اللهُ اللهُ اللهُ اللهُ اللهُ اللهُ ال

Indeed the number of months with Allah is twelve in the Book of Allah, since the day He created the Heavens and the earth, of which four are sacred; this is the right religion; so do not wrong yourselves in those months and at all times fight against the polytheists as they always fight against you and know well that Allah is with the pious ones.

[Kanz-ul-Īmān (Translation of Quran)] (Part 10, Sūraĥ At-Taubaĥ, verse 36)

Commenting on the aforementioned verse, Sayyidunā Shaykh Na'īmuddīn Murādābādī عَلَيْهِ مَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ الْهَاوِى has stated in Khazāin-ul-'Irfān, 'From the four months of Ḥurmaĥ, three are consecutive months i.e. Żul-Qa'daĥ, Żul-Ḥijjaĥ, Muḥarram, and the fourth one is the month of Rajab. Even in the times of ignorance, the Arabs considered war to be Ḥarām in these months. In Islam, the Ḥurmaĥ and sanctity of these months has been further emphasized.' (Khazāin-ul-'Irfān, pp. 362)

Dear Islamic brothers! In the aforementioned blessed verse, the lunar months (i.e. the 12 months of the Ĥijrī year) are

mentioned, and the calculation of these months is based on the moon. Many rulings of Islamic law are based upon the lunar months, for example, the fasts of Ramadan, rulings of Zakāĥ, and the rites of Hajj. Furthermore, Islamic holy days such as Eid-e-Mīlād-un-Nabī مَلَى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَاللهِ وَسَلَّم , Eid-ul-Fiṭr, Eid-ul-Aḍḥā, Shab-e-Mi'rāj, Shab-e-Barā`at, Giyārĥwīn Sharīf, the 'Urs of saints of Islam, etc. are all celebrated according to the lunar calendar.

Sadly, nowadays, just as Muslims are drifting far away from countless Sunnaĥs, they are also unaware of the Islamic calendar. If the question 'What is the Islamic date, month and year today?' was asked to a gathering of one thousand Muslims, probably only one hundred would be able to give a correct reply. Remember that it is obligatory to consider the lunar months in many matters such as the obligation of Zakāĥ, etc.

A faith enlightening parable of respecting Rajab

During the time of Sayyidunā 'Īsā عَلْ مَتِهَا وَعَلَيْهِ الشَّلَّوُ وَالسَّلَامِ there was a man who had fallen in love with a woman for quite some time. One day he managed to take hold of her, when he realised from the gathering of the people that they were sighting the moon. He asked the woman, 'Which month's crescent are the people looking at?' She replied, 'The month of Rajab.' Although that person was a Kāfir [non-believer], upon hearing the sacred name of Rajab, he immediately moved away from the woman out of respect and refrained from committing that shameful act.

Sayyidunā 'Īsā عَلْوَيَّا وَعَلَيْهِ الصَّلَّاهُ وَالسَّلَام was commanded by Allah عَلَّوَيَّا وَعَلَيْهِ الصَّلَّاهُ المَّلَّالُهُ vas commanded by Allah عَلَيْمِيًّا وَعَلَيْهِ الصَّلَّهُ وَالسَّلَام went to visit that person and informed him of the commandment of Allah عَلَيْمِيًّا وَعَلَيْهِ الصَّلَّالِ and the reason for his visit. Upon hearing this, that person's heart became enlightened with the Nūr (light) of Islam and he embraced Islam immediately. (Anīs-ul-Wā'izīn, pp. 177)



Dear Islamic brothers! Did you see the blessings of Rajab? When an unbeliever can be blessed with the treasure of Īmān due to respecting Rajab, then who knows what incredible rewards would be given to the Muslim who respects Rajab. The Holy Quran prohibits people from oppressing their own souls in the months of Ḥurmaĥ.

Commenting on the verse فَلَا تَظْلِمُوْا فِيهِنَّ ٱنْفُسَكُمُ (so do not wrong yourselves in those months) it is stated in Nūr-ul-ʿIrfān, ʿAbstain from sins especially in these four months.' (Nūr-ul-ʿIrfān, pp. 306)

Reward of two years of worship

Sayyidunā Anas مِثِى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ has reported that the Noble Prophet مِثْنَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَاللهِ وَسَلَّم said, 'Whoever fasts for three days (Thursday, Friday and Saturday) in the months of Ḥurmaĥ, the reward of two years of worship will be recorded for him.'

(Al-Mu'jam-ul-Awsat lit-Ṭabarānī, vol. 1, pp. 485, Ḥadīš 1789)

Dear Islamic brothers! The months of Ḥurmaĥ mentioned in the aforementioned Ḥadīš are these very four i.e. Żul-Qa'daĥ, Żul-Ḥijjaĥ, Muḥarram, and Rajab. If you fast for the specified three days in any of these four months, النَّهُ عَالَلُهُ عَلَيْهِ وَلَا you will gain the reward of worship of two years.

Tayray karam say ay Karīm Jĥaulī ĥī mayrī tang ĥay Mujĥay kaun sī shay milī naĥīn Taray yaĥān kamī naĥīn

Due to Your Generosity O Generous One, What thing is it that I haven't got! It is my capacity that is limited, There is no limit in your blessed court!



Enlightened mountain

Once, Sayyidunā 'Īsā عَلَيْهِانَعَلَيْهِالصَّلَّهُ passed by an enlightened mountain, and he عَلَيْهِانَعَلَيْهِالسَّلَامُ requested in the court of Allah عَلَيْهِالسَّلَامُ 'Yā Allah عَنَّوَجَلَّ ! Grant this mountain the ability to speak.' The mountain then spoke, 'O Rūḥullāĥ (عَلَيْمِيَّا وَعَلَيْهِ الصَّلَامُ)! What do you want?' The Prophet عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ replied, 'Tell me about your state.' The mountain said, 'A person lives inside me.' Sayyidunā 'Īsā عَلَيْهِ الصَّلَامُ وَالسَّلَامُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَيْهِا الصَّلَامُ عَلَيْهِا الصَّلَامُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَيْهِا الصَّلَامُ عَلَيْهِا الصَّلَامُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَيْهِا الصَّلَامُ وَالسَّلَامُ وَالسَّلَامُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَيْهِا الصَّلَامُ وَالسَّلَامُ وَالسَلَّامُ وَالسَّلَامُ وَالسَّلَامُ وَالسَّلَامُ وَالسَّلَامُ وَالسَلَّامُ وَالسَّلَامُ وَالسَلَّامُ وَالسَّلَامُ وَالسَّلَامُ وَالسَّلَامُ وَالسَّلَامُ وَالسَلَّامُ وَالسَّلَامُ وَالسَلَّامُ وَالسَلَّامُ وَالسَالِمُ وَالسَلَّامُ وَالسَّلَامُ وَالسَلَامُ وَالسَّلَامُ وَالسَّلَامُ وَالسَّلَامُ وَالسَّلَامُ وَالسَلَّامُ وَالسَّلَامُ وَالسَّلَامُ وَالسَّلَامُ وَالْمُعَالَمُ وَالْمُعَالَمُ وَالسَّلَامُ وَالسَلَّامُ وَالسَّلَامُ وَالْمُعَالَم

All of a sudden, the mountain split up and a saint with a face shining like the moon emerged from it. The man said, 'I am

follower of Sayyidunā Mūsā (عَلْ يَبِيِّا دَعَلَيْهِ الصَّلَّهُ وَالسَّلَام). I made Du'ā to Allah عَزَّدَجَلَّ to keep me alive until the advent of the Last Prophet Muhammad صَلَّ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَاللهِ وَسَلَّم, so that I can gain the honour of seeing him and so I can attain the privilege of being his Ummatī. الْكَمُدُ لِللهُ عَزَّدَجَلَّ, I have been worshipping Allah عَزَّدَجَلَّ in this mountain for 600 years.'

Sayyidunā 'Īsā عَلْ يَهِيّا وَعَلَيْهِ الصَّلَّاهُ وَالسَّلَامُ وَالسَّلَامُ أَوَالسَّلَامُ وَالسَّلَامُ (Yā Allah عَرِّوَبَهُ (Yā Allah عَرِّوَبَهُ (Yā Allah عَرِّوَبَهُ (Yā Allah عَرِّوَبَهُ (اللهُ اللهُ اللهُ اللهُ اللهُ اللهُ إلى اللهُ اللهُ

May Allah عَوْدَجَلَّ have mercy on them and may He forgive us without holding accountable for their sake!



Kūnday in the month of Rajab

Ṣadr-ush-Sharī'aĥ, Badr-uṭ-Ṭarīqaĥ, 'Allāmaĥ Maulānā Muftī Muhammad Amjad 'Alī A'ẓamī عَلَيُهِ تَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ الْقَوِى states, 'During the month of Rajab in some places, Muslims cook a certain

type of food and serve it in trays ('Kūnday') to convey Šawāb to Sayyidunā Imām Ja'far Ṣādiq من الله تعالى عنه. This is permissible, but some people place a restriction that the food must be eaten in a certain place, and this restriction is improper. There is a book regarding 'Kūnday' called Dāstān-e-'Ajīb, which is read out on this occasion. There is no proof for that which is written in that book, so it should not be read; rather offer Fātiḥaĥ and convey Šawāb.' (Baĥār-e-Sharī'at, vol. 3 pp. 643)

Similarly, 'the story of 10 ladies', 'the story of a wood-cutter', and 'the story of Janāb-e-Sayyidaĥ' are baseless and fabricated, so avoid reading these stories. Instead, recite Suraĥ Yāsīn as you will gain the Šawāb of reciting the Holy Quran ten times.

Remember that it is not necessary that the food be eaten or served only in 'Kūnday' (trays); rather, it may be eaten or served in any other utensil. Īṣāl-e-Šawāb (conveying reward) is proven from the Holy Quran and Ḥadīš. Īṣāl-e-Šawāb may be performed by means of supplications and also by offering Fātiḥaĥ on cooked food. The Niyāz of Kūnday is also a form of Īṣāl-e-Šawāb, and declaring it impermissible is a false accusation against the Sharī'aĥ (sacred law). The people who declare it impermissible should take a warning from the order of Allah ﷺ which is stated in the Holy Quran, part 7, Sūraĥ Al-Māidaĥ:

يَّا يُّهُا الَّذِيْنَ أَمَنُوا لَا تُحَرِّمُوا طَيِّبْتِ مَّا اَحَلَّ اللهُ نَكُمْ وَلَا تَعْتَدُوا أَلاَ اللهَ لَا يُحِبُّ الْمُعْتَدِيْنَ ﴿

O believers! Do not make unlawful the pure things, which Allah has made lawful for you, and do not trespass the limits (of Allah); indeed Allah dislikes the transgressors.

[Kanz-ul-Īmān (Translation of Quran)] (Part 7, Sūraĥ Al-Māidaĥ, verse 87)

On which date should the Kūnday of Rajab be prepared?

The Niyāz of Kūnday can be performed at any time throughout the whole month of Rajab, in fact at any time of the whole year, whenever one wants. However, it is appropriate to perform Niyāz of Kūnday on 15th of Rajab because this is the day of the 'Urs of Imām Ja'far Ṣādiq مُنْيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ, as it is stated in Fatāwā Faqīĥ-e-Millat, volume 2, page 265: Perform the Niyāz for the Īṣāl-e-Šawāb of Imām Ja'far Ṣādiq مَنْيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ on 15th of Rajab as he مَنْيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ passed away on the 15th.

It is stated on page 59 of *Sharḥ-e-Shajaraĥ Qādiriyyaĥ* (published by Maktaba-tul-Madīnaĥ), 'A cruel and heartless person poisoned Imām Ja'far Ṣādiq مونى الله تعالى عنه on 15th Rajab, 148 Ĥijrī, when he مونى الله تعالى عنه was 68 years old which was the cause of his martyrdom. The blessed shrine of Imām Ja'far مونى الله تعالى عنه is situated in graveyard of Jannat-ul-Baqī' (in

Madīna-tul-Munawwaraĥ) next to the shrine of his father Sayyidunā Imām Muhammad Bāqir مرضى الله تقتال عنه.

May Allah عَدَّوَءَكَّ have mercy upon them and forgive us without accountability for their sake!

The Şaḥābaĥ would convey Šawāb for seven days

Shaykh 'Allāmaĥ Jalāluddīn Suyūṭī Shāfi'ī علَيْهِ مَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ الْقَوِى نَا Shaykh 'Allāmaĥ Jalāluddīn Suyūṭī Shāfi'ī would feed others on weathers of deceased Muslims for up to seven days.

(Al-Ḥāwī lil-Fatāwā lis-Suyūṭī, vol. 2, pp. 223)

Doing Īṣāl-e-Šawāb by feeding food is the Sunnaĥ of the Ṣaḥābaĥ and in the Kūnday of Rajab it is also food that is served for Īsāl-e-Šawāb.

A companion donated a garden on behalf of his mother

It is stated in Ṣaḥīḥ Bukhārī, 'When the mother of Sayyidunā Sa'd Bin 'Ubādaĥ passed away, he مُنْ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَاللهِ وَسَلَّم presented himself in the court of the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَاللهِ وَسَلَّم and inquired, 'My mother has passed away in my absence. If I donate something to charity on her behalf, will it benefit her?' The Noble Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَاللهِ وَسَلَّم replied, 'Yes.' The

companion مَثِيَّ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ said, 'Then, I make you a witness that I donate my garden to charity on her behalf.'

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(Ṣaḥīḥ Bukhārī, vol. 2, pp. 241, Ḥadīš 2762)
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Hence, it is evident that as well as conveying Šawāb by feeding people food, donating a garden, i.e. donating wealth, is permissible, and in essence, the practice of 'Kūnday' is also included in this monetary form of Īṣāl-e-Šawāb.

My master A'lā Ḥaḍrat Imām Aḥmad Razā Khān عَلَيْهِ مَحْتُهُ الرَّحْسُ has stated, 'Cooking food and donating it as charity on behalf of deceased Muslims is undoubtedly permissible and commendable, and doing Fātiḥaĥ on such meals for the purpose of conveying Šawāb is a second commendable act. Combining the two (good) things is nothing but an increase in the goodness.

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(Fat\bar{a}w\bar{a}\ Razawiyya\hat{h}-referenced,\ vol.\ 9,\ pp.\ 595)
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It is a virtuous act for every Muslim to convey the Šawāb of every righteous deed that he does to all preceding and succeeding, dead and alive, male and female believers (i.e. from Sayyidunā Ādam عَلْ نَبِيِّهَا وَعَلَيْهِ الصَّلَاهُ وَالسَّلَام until the Day of Judgment). The Šawāb will reach them all and the one conveying the Šawāb will be rewarded with the Šawāb equivalent to all of them.

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(Fatāwā Razawiyyaĥ – referenced, vol. 9, pp. 617)
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The act of conveying the Šawāb should be done with good intentions rather than to show off or for the sake of earning a wage; otherwise neither will there be any Šawāb nor any

conveying of Šawāb i.e. when Šawāb is not gained then how can it be conveyed? (Baĥār-e Sharī'at, vol. 1, pp. 1201, vol. 3 pp. 643)

Fixing a day

Evil whisper: Why have certain days, such as the 3rd and 40th day after death, the 11th of Rabī'-ul-Ghauš, the 12th of Rabī'-un-Nūr, the Kūnday of Rajab etc. been fixed for Īṣāl-e-Šawāb?

Answer to the evil whisper: There is no specific time or duration restriction for <code>Iṣāl-e-Šawāb</code> in the Sharī'aĥ, nor there is any harm in fixing the time for conveying <code>Šawāb</code>. There are two types of fixing a time for something:

- 1. **Shar'ī:** Where Sharī'aĥ has specified the time for doing something such as animal sacrifice, Hajj, etc.
- 2. 'Urfī (customary): Where Sharī'aĥ has not specified the time but people fix a time for their own ease and the ease of others, and so that it is easier to be reminded, or for some other benefit. For example, in these times, the fixing of time for congregational Ṣalāĥ in the Masājid is customary whereas in previous times, there was no such fixing of time. Congregational Ṣalāĥ was offered whenever people would gather. In fact, the Blessed Prophet مَصَّلُ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَاللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ وَاللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَاللَّهُ وَاللْهُ وَاللَّهُ وَلَّهُ وَاللَّهُ وَالل

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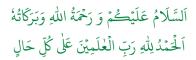
- i. The Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَاللهِ وَسَلَّم specified the time of visiting the graves of the martyrs of Uḥud every year.
- ii. The Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِوَ الهِوَسَلَّم used to visit Masjid-e-Qubā on Saturdays.
- iii. The morning and evening time was fixed for religious discussions with Sayyidunā Ṣiddīq-e-Akbar موضى المشاقتال عنه عنه المشاقتال عنه المشاقتال عنه المشاقتال عنه المشاقتال عنه المشاقتال عنه المشاقتال عنه المساقتال عنه المس
- iv. Sayyidunā 'Abdullāĥ Bin Mas'ūd مرضى الله تعالى عنه fixed Thursday for delivering speeches and reminders.
- v. The scholars of Islam fixed Wednesday for beginning new lessons.

(Fatāwā Razawiyyaĥ Mukharrajah, vol. 9, pp. 585-586)

A LETTER FROM 'ATTAR



Having circled around the Holy Ka'baĥ, having kissed the blessed Green Dome, enriched with the blessings of those who fast in Rajab, Sha'bān and Ramadan, Salām from Sag-e-Madīnaĥ Muhammad Ilyas Attar Qadiri Razavi to all Islamic brothers, Islamic sisters, teachers and students of Madrasa-tul-Madīnaĥ and Jāmi'a-tul-Madīnaĥ:



Ĥo na ĥo āj kucĥ mayrā zikr Ḥuzūr mayn ĥuwā Warnaĥ mayrī ṭaraf khushī daykĥ kay muskurāyī kyūn

Whatever the case, I was definitely mentioned in the blessed court today,

Otherwise why would happiness itself have turned to me and smiled!

(Ḥadāiq-e-Bakhshish, pp. 97)

الْتَعَمُّدُلِلْهَ عَزَّمَتُ ! The days of happiness are coming once again. The month of Rajab-ul-Murajjab is about to start. The seed of worship is sowed in this month, watered with the tears of repentance in Sha'bān-ul-Mu'azzam and the harvest of mercy is gathered in the month of Ramadan-ul-Muhārak

Three months of fasting

O those who value Rajab-ul-Murajjab! If studying, teaching, or earning Ḥalāl are not affected, your parents do not prevent you, and nobody's rights are violated, get ready as soon as possible to keep as many voluntary fasts along with the obligatory fasts of Ramadan. Apply Qufl-e-Madīnaĥ by eating less at the time of Saḥarī and Ifṭār. May the blossoms of fasting appear in every home and in all my Jāmi'āt-ul-Madīnaĥ and Madāris-ul-

Madīnaĥ! So begin fasting from the very first day of Rajab-ul-Murajjab.

Excellence of the first three fasts in Rajab

How great is the excellence of fasting on the first three days of Rajab-ul-Murajjab?! Sayyidunā 'Abdullāh Ibn 'Abbās مَثَى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ عَلَيْهِ وَاللّهِ وَسَلّم has narrated that the Noble Prophet مَثَى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَاللّهِ وَسَلّم has said, 'The fast of the first day of Rajab is atonement for three years, the fast of the second day is atonement for two years, the fast of the third day is atonement for one year and then the fast of each remaining day is atonement for one month.' (Al-Jāmi'-uṣ-Ṣaghīr lis-Suyūṭī, pp. 311, Ḥadīš 5051; Faḍāil Shaĥr-e-Rajab lil-Khallāl, pp. 64)

Mayn gunāĥgār gunāĥaun kay siwā kyā lātā Naykiyān ĥotī ĥayn Sarkār nikokār kay pās

Me, a sinner, what would I bring other than sins!

O Master! Good deeds are found with the pious and righteous



The virtues of Naflī (voluntary) fasts are incredible. Here are two Aḥādīš with regards to this:

1. Angels make Du'ā for forgiveness

Sayyidatunā Umm-e-'Ummāraĥ مَرْضِ اللهُ تَعَالى عَنْهَا has reported, 'The Beloved and Blessed Prophet صَلِّ اللهُ تَعَالى عَلَيْهِ وَاللهِ وَسَلَّم visited my home

and I served some food in the blessed court of the Holy Prophet مَلَى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَاللهِ وَسَلَّم He صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَاللهِ وَسَلَّم said to me, 'You eat too.' I replied that I am fasting. The Prophet of Raḥmaĥ مَثَلَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَاللهِ وَسَلَّم said, 'As long as food is eaten in front of a fasting person, the angels continue to supplicate for his forgiveness.' (Sunan-ut-Tirmiżi, vol. 2, pp. 205, Ḥadīš 785)

2. When do the bones of a fasting person glorify Allah ***?

Once Sayyidunā Bilāl مَشِى الله تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَاللهِ وَسَلَّم when the Holy Prophet صَلَّى الله تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَاللهِ وَسَلَّم when the Holy Prophet صَلَّى الله تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَاللهِ وَسَلَّم was having breakfast. The Noble Prophet مَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَاللهِ وَسَلَّم said, 'O Bilāl! Have breakfast.' Sayyidunā Bilāl عَلَيْهِ وَاللهِ وَسَلَّم said, 'Yā Rasūlallāĥ (صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَاللهِ وَسَلَّم replied, 'We are eating.' The Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَاللهِ وَسَلَّم replied, 'We are eating our sustenance while Bilāl's sustenance is increasing in Paradise. O Bilāl! Are you aware that as long as food is eaten in front of a person who is fasting, his bones continue to glorify Allah عَدِّوَجَلُ and the angels supplicate for him.'

(Shu'abul Īmān, vol. 3, pp. 297, Ḥadīš 3586)

The renowned commentator of the Holy Quran, Muftī Aḥmad Yār Khān عَلَيْتِ has stated, 'It is evident from this that if a guest arrives whilst you are eating, asking him to eat is a Sunnaĥ. However, this offer should be from the heart and not due to fake humbleness.

The guest should not tell a lie saying that he has no desire to eat. Instead, if the guest sees that there is less food or if he does not feel the desire to eat, then he should say مَــارَكُ الله (May Allah عَزَّتِكَ grant you blessings). It has also been revealed that one need not conceal his good deeds from the Beloved Prophet rather these should be made apparent so that, صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالى عَلَيْهِ وَاللهِ وَسَلَّم the Noble Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَاللهِ وَسَلَّم may bear witness for these deeds. This revelation does not fall in the category of showing off.' The explanation of that which was said after being informed of Sayyidunā Bilāl's fasting is as follows, 'We are eating our sustenance of today here, whereas Sayyidunā Bilāl مَشِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ Bilāl will be given sustenance to eat in exchange for this in Paradise, and that reward will be better in quality and more in quantity. This Ḥadīš is upon its apparent meaning. Every bone and every joint and even every vein of the body of the fasting person glorifies Allah عَدَّوْجَلَّ at that time in actual fact, of which that person is unaware, but the Beloved and Blessed Prophet hears it. (Mirāt vol. 3, pp. 202) صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَالِهِ وَسَلَّم

Even if you have studied them before, re-read both the following booklets: (1) Return of the Shroud with the Blessings of Rajab-ul-Murajjab and (2) the Month of My Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَاللهِ وَسَلَّم Also, go through the chapter Blessings of Ramadan from Faizān-e-Sunnat every year in the month of Sha'bān-ul-Mu'azẓam. If possible, distribute 127 or 27 booklets with the connection of Eid-e-Mi'rāj-un-Nabī صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَاللهِ وَسَلَّم (which

falls on the 27th of Rajab), or distribute *Blessings of Ramadan* according to your capacity to earn immense Šawāb.

I request all Islamic brothers in general, and more specifically I request the teachers, Nāẓimīn, and students of Jāmi'āt-ul-Madīnaĥ and Madāris-ul-Madīnaĥ (whilst I am alive and after my passing) to please take an active part in collecting Zakāĥ, Fiṭraĥ, skins of sacrificed animals and collecting other Madanī donations. (Islamic sisters should encourage other Islamic sisters and their Maḥārim to donate). I swear by Allah عَرَّوْمَا اللهُ ا

Special Madanī pearl: It is Farḍ for those Islamic brothers or sisters who want to collect donations to learn the necessary Islamic rulings of donations. Even if you have read it before, I emphasise that you must read the book '*Chanday kay bāray mayn Suwāl Jawāb* (Questions and Answers about Donations)' consisting of 96 pages, published by Maktaba-tul-Madīnaĥ, the publishing department of Dawat-e-Islami.

Yā Allah عَدْوَعَكُ ! Those devotees of Rasūl who bring happiness to my heart by making efforts to collect donations in Ramadanul-Mubārak and to collect the skins of sacrificed animals on Eid-ul-Aḍḥā, You (عَدُوعَكُ) remain happy with them forever and for their sake, be pleased with me forever!

Those Islamic brothers and sisters (when there is no valid exemption) who fast for three months every year, and read or listen to the books 'Return of the Shroud' in Jumādal Ukhrā, 'the Month of My Prophet' in Rajab-ul-Murajjab and 'Blessings of Ramadan' (completely) in Sha'bān-ul-Mu'azzam, O Allah العَوْمَةُ اللهُ Bestow Your blessings upon them and upon me in this worldly life as well as in the afterlife, forgive us without any accountability, and keep us together in the neighbourhood of Your Beloved Prophet



Occasion of Mi'rāj-un-Nabī

All Islamic brothers should take part from beginning to end in the Ijtimā' e Żikr-o-Na'at organized by Dawat-e-Islami on the 27th Rajab-ul-Murajjab to celebrate the occasion of Mi'rāj-un-Nabī صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالى عَلَيْهِ وَاللهِ وَسَلَّم. In addition, fast on the 27th Rajab-ul-

Murajjab and become deserving of the reward of sixty months of fasting.

Rajab kī baĥāraun kā ṣadaqaĥ banā day Ĥamayn 'āshiq-e-Mustafa Yā Ilāĥī عَزْمَعَلَ

For the sake of blessings of Rajab Make us the true devotee of Rasūl, Yā Rab عُوْدِيْكُ

A Madanī pearl for protecting the eyes

Madani request

Please read out this letter every year on the last Thursday of Jumādal Ukhrā in the weekly Sunnaĥ-Inspiring Ijtimā/Jāmi'a-tul-Madīnaĥ/Madrasa-tul-Madīnaĥ. (Islamic sisters may make amendments necessarily.)



The Blossoming of Sunnah

By the Grace of Allah المراحلة Sunnahs of the Holy Prophet المراحلة are extensively learnt and taught in the congenial Madani Environment of Dawat-e-Islami, a global non-political movement for the propagation of Qur'an and Sunnah.

It is a Madanī request to spend the whole night in the weekly Sunnah Inspiring Ijtimā' commencing after Ṣalāt-ul-Maghrib every Thursday in your city. (In Bāb-ul-Madīnah [Karachi], the Ijtimā' is held at Faizān-e-Madīnah, Maḥallah Saudagrān, Old Sabzī Mandī). Habitualize yourself to a punctual travel in the Madanī Qāfilah with the devotees of the Holy Prophet in order to learn the Sunnah and fill out the Madanī In'āmāt booklet daily practicing Fikr-e-Madīnah (Madanī Contemplation) and submit it to the Zimmadār (relevant representative of Dawat-e-Islami) of your locality. By the blessing of this, المعالمة على المعالمة والمعالمة المعالمة المعالم

Every Islamic brother should develop the Madani Mindset that "I must strive to reform myself and people of the entire world المراجعة".

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In order to reform ourselves, we must act upon the Madanī In'āmāt and to reform people of the entire world we must travel in the Madanī Qāfilah الرابطة علامة المالية المالية



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