

Summary

We are instructed to seek the Night of Destiny in the last ten days of Ramadan.

The Night of Destiny is conditional to national harmony and unity and is taken away from the nation who are disunited.

It is totally erroneous concept that saying Friday Salat of last Friday of Ramadan can make up for missed Salat for the whole year.

Worship of God is a commandment of God; that is for our own good. We should not seek excuses to avoid this commandment.

Palestinian Muslims should be particularly remembered in prayers. May Allah ease their situation and take them out of trouble.

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In the last ten days of Ramadan, Muslims give importance to two matters;

One is, the Lailatul Qadr or Night of Destiny and the other is Jumuatul Wida, known as the Farewell Friday.

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih gave a discourse on these two issues today partly based on a Friday sermon of Hazrat Musleh Maud (may Allah be pleased with him) for the purpose.

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Hadith recounts that the Holy Prophet
(pbuh) was given the exact timing of
this night; he left home delighted to tell
others about it.

However, he found two Muslims having
an altercation and spent sometime to
break up the fight.

During this, the Holy Prophet (pbuh)
forgot the specific date for Lailatul Qadr.

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Hazrat Musleh Maud (may Allah be pleased with him) raised a very important point as regards the Night of Destiny.

He said the hour which is called the Night of Destiny is correlated to national harmony and unity

With Divine commandment, the Holy Prophet (pbuh) was made to forget the exact timing of the night of destiny, this signifies that ...

...the Night of Destiny is conditional to national harmony and unity and is taken away from the nation who do not live with harmony and unity.

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Sadly, many Islamic countries do not have any harmony or unity; public is fighting the public or rulers or the rulers are unjust and cruel to the public.

Cruelty is being perpetrated and increased with time.

This is the reason that Israel is continuing to viciously kill innocent Palestinians

Had the Muslims been united and followed the path of God, such barbarity would not have been committed.

We can only pray that may Allah save the victims and the innocents and peace is established.

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The Night of Destiny means that night when man's fate is determined and it is decided how he will be dealt with in the coming year.

How much will he progress and advance and what benefits will he attain and what losses he will endure.

The foundation of human development take place in the dark; this is true for both spiritual as well as physical development.

The basis of physical development are established in the darkness of a mother's womb.

Therefore, Islam stresses that the expectant mother should be well looked after and should maintain a healthy environment. She should have a good diet for the development of the unborn child and not fast.

As mother's emotional upheaval can be detrimental to the unborn, to protect the mother's emotional health, matters like divorce and Nikah are also forbidden during pregnancy.

Husband and wife are taught to pray against satanic inclinations during pregnancy.

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Similarly, spiritual development also takes place in the dark of night; this may mean darkness of trial and tribulations

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The Holy Prophet (pbuh) said that the more a person is beloved of God the more trials he has to endure.

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We should reflect if the trials we face as a Jama'at in some places are Night of Destiny for us; a time when one is enabled to pray more than before.

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May we see this time of spiritual training and development successfully!

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However, without adhering to unity and harmony, we will not attain the benefits of the Night of Destiny.

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All of us should have this very important point before us that when we will pass through these trials successfully then the decisions about our development will be extraordinary.

Indeed, the decisions will be made by God, He is the One Who will listen to prayers and it is Him Who bestows the Night of Destiny.

It is important that we abide by the matters which are a source of attaining the Night of Destiny.

The dawn that breaks after this Night is also extraordinary. These are the matters we must always have in view in order to seek the beneficence of the Night of Destiny.

The Night of Destiny is the name of that moment that connects one with God and one gains acceptance; nothing is better than this.

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We should strive for sacrifices that will be accepted.

- Muslims as well as the disbelievers died in the Battle of Badr.
- However, the death of the disbelievers was not the Night of Destiny whereas martyrdom of the Muslims was the Night of Destiny because God accepted their sacrifice.

Trouble, trial, adversity that God does not put a value on is not the Night of Destiny; it is chastisement.

- However, troubles and trials which God puts a value on, that is to say calamity, torment which God decides to recompense is the Night of Decree.

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He has ordained a time for man when his sacrifice is accepted.

In order to avail the blessings of the Night of Decree we should promise to increase our unity and harmony; mend any cracks in our mutual unity promptly.

Our efforts in this Ramadan should also focus on removing personal disagreements and estrangements so that we can also enjoy the beneficence and the fruits of the Night of Destiny on a personal and Jama'at level.

With the progress of the Jama'at, hostility and jealousy will increase; however, the glad-tiding of the Night of Decree foretells us that we will avoid the bad effects of this enmity and it also tells us of progress of Jama'at.

As long as we will mould our condition according to the pleasure of God we will have the beneficence of the Night of Destiny.

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A believer tries for and wishes to see the progress of his Jama'at at its highest point which God has promised.

We should adopt the ways which the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) taught us to be part of the progress and advancement.

The objective of his advent was to take man closer to his God and to make man pay the dues of man.

These are the two tasks entrusted to us; to raise our level of worship of God and to eliminate differences.

If we try for this we will also understand the reality of the Night of Destiny.

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said at one point: 'For man the Night of Destiny is the time of his purification.' This is the kind of Night of Decree we should look for.

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The second matter is that of the Farewell
Friday!

Non-Ahmadis consider that by attending the
last Friday of the month of Ramadan even
the Salat one has missed deliberately over
the year is pardoned.

They think that all blessings of Allah are
garnered by observing the last Friday of
Ramadan, regardless of what else they have
been doing all year round!.

There is no benefit for Ramadan for such
people who miss Salat during the year!

Worship of God is a commandment of
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God's commandments are a favour on us for therein is our good and advantage.

Abiding by God's commandment (like Salat) is not a burden that we should try and find excuses to avoid them.

Sensible people do not avoid something that is advantageous

We should pay attention to God's commandments be they about worship or other matters, they are all for our good.

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This worship which is deemed as the purpose of creation is not associated with any special day or special Friday!

We were given life by God and He ordained a purpose for this life of ours, as stated: 'And I have not created the Jinn and the men but that they may worship Me.' (51:57).

It should always be remembered that our faith depends upon practicing God's commandments.

As worship is the basic purpose of our creation there is great need to pay attention to it especially as it is for our own good!

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A sincere believer has a connection of friendship with God and friendship is bilateral. Friends make each other see their point of view with sincerity.

If we abide by God's commandments with sincerity He will also listen to us.

When worldly friends do not wish ill for each other how can God, Who is Most Loyal and values loyalty more than anyone, wish ill for His servant?

Sincere friends do not wish ill for each other.

One only receives grace and blessings from God as a result of sincerity of faith.

God is Ever Merciful and Compassionate; it could be a weakness of ours that makes us unworthy of His mercy!

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We need to focus on our condition and make our faith stronger and practice God's commandments fully appreciating that these are mercy and blessings for us.

With this thinking every practice strengthens our faith and obeying God's commandments becomes part of our makeup.

Every commandment of God brings mercy and countless blessings.

Thus, it is not right to offer Salat, or go through Ramadan as some sort of imposition and quickly get rid of this.

A true believer savours the blessings of worship. If a true believer observes Salat just once with sincerity of heart, it grants him an amazing pleasure and tranquillity that motivates him to do more. The same is true for the fasting of Ramadan.

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The Holy Prophet (pbuh) said that when a man does something good a white mark is put on his heart and when he does another good act another white mark is put on his heart, he continues to do good acts and his entire heart becomes white (pure).

On the other hand each time a man who does bad deeds gets a black mark on his heart until such time that his entire heart is blackened.

Good and bad deeds are marked on hearts. They become part of our constitution that no one can steal.

Ramadan is to fill hearts with good deeds; it heralds worship and other good deeds for us.

We should pray in these blessed moments that although Ramadan will be gone in a few days but O God, safeguard in our hearts the spirit of Ramadan and the worship and good works done during it and may they never leave our heart.

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We should reflect on what Ramadan is.

Its reality is: 'The month of Ramadan is that in which the Qur'an was sent down...' (2:186).

A true believer should make the focus he has had on the Holy Qur'an during this month, a part of the rest of the year.

The Holy Qur'an should be read during the entire year and effort should be made to practice it.

We should fill our hearts with the love of the Holy Qur'an and safeguard it therein.

So that we can attain its beneficence at every step of life by following its commandments.

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May our focus ever remain on the two matters Huzoor raised today, may we understand their reality and may our Night of Destiny continue to take us to the highest point of successes, may we attain true perception of it!

May what is referred to as the Farewell Friday, which is in fact the last Friday of Ramadan not be a source of letting go of the blessings of Ramadan, rather, may its beneficence be a part of our lives and may we continue to fulfil the objective for which the Holy Qur'an was sent down.

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- Next Huzoor announced that he would later lead funeral Prayer in absentia of NaeemUllah Khan Sahib who passed away on 21 July 2014 at the age of 61.
- He lived in Kyrgyzstan and had been enabled to offer many services in Central Asian countries. He had moved to the region when Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV (may Allah be pleased with him) had motivated Ahmadis to go there.
- He had his business there but also greatly served faith. He took a lot of care of our missionaries in the area and everyone says he had an extraordinary sense of honour for the Jama'at.
- May Allah grant him forgiveness and may He be the Protector and Helper of his family.

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