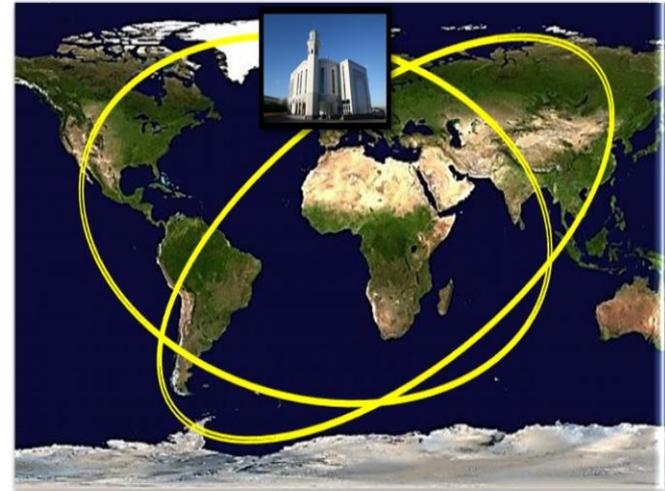


Ramadhan and our Responsibilities



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The Holy Quran says

“O ye who believe! Fasting is prescribed for you, as it was prescribed for those before you, so that you may become righteous i.e. to abstain from sin and increase in spirituality.

The prescribed fasting is for a fixed number of days, but whoso among you is sick or is on a journey shall fast the same number of other days; and for those who are able to fast only with great difficulty is an expiation — the feeding of a poor man, providing they have the capacity to do so. And whoso performs a good work with willing obedience, it is better for him.

The Holy Quran says

And fasting is good for you, if you only knew. The month of Ramadan is that in which the Qur'an was sent down as a guidance for mankind with clear proofs of guidance and discrimination. Therefore, whosoever of you is present at home in this month, let him fast therein. But whoso is sick or is on a journey, shall fast the same number of other days. Allah desires to give you facility and He desires not hardship for you, and that you may complete the number, and that you may exalt Allah for His having guided you and that you may be grateful.

And when My servants ask thee about Me, say: 'I am near. I answer the prayer of the supplicant when he prays to Me. So they should hearken to Me and believe in Me, that they may follow the right way.'"

On one occasion, the Holy Prophet (sa) said, “If you knew the excellences of Ramadan and in which ways and how much God Almighty manifests His mercy, you would have wished that Ramadan were extended to the entire year so that you can gather the blessings of Allah the Exalted all year long.”

Thus, God Almighty has prescribed fasting for our own benefit.

We can derive spiritual as well as physical benefits from fasting.

The Promised Messiah (as) has stated that through the practice of fasting, God Almighty desires for a person to decrease one form of nourishment and increase in another form of sustenance. A person observing the fast remain occupied in the remembrance of God Almighty in order to develop a state of inclination towards God and detachment from the world.

Hazrat Abu Huraira narrates that the Holy Prophet (sa) stated that God Almighty says that “every deed of a person is for his own sake, except for observing fasts. In fact, the fast is observed for My sake.”



Similarly, the Holy Prophet (sa) also stated that “fasts are a shield and if anyone of you is observing a fast, he should not utter anything which is indecent and foul.”



The Holy Prophet (sa) also said, “by God, in Whose hand lies Muhammad’s (sa) life, the smell of the mouth of an individual observing the fast is more pleasant to Allah the Exalted than musk.” That is, it is more pleasant than the fragrance of musk.



The Holy Prophet (sa) the stated, “there are two joys for an individual who observes fasts and that bring him happiness. Firstly, he rejoices when he breaks the fast in that Allah the Exalted made provisions for him to break the fast. Secondly, when he will meet his Lord, he will rejoice due to the fasts as Allah the Exalted states that I Personally become the reward for one who fasts.”

Then, in the next verse, God Almighty also describes those conditions in which one may be excused from fasting.

Hence, those afflicted with temporary illnesses can also give the Fidyah, so that they get well and can fast.

And then, at the end of one's journey and upon recovering from sickness, it is also compulsory to fast.

The need to observe both – observing missed fasts and giving the fidya

The Holy Quran and the month of Ramadan have a special connection

Therefore, alongside fasting one ought to ponder over the Quran and strive to act according to its teachings, so that one can derive true blessings from the fasts during Ramadan.

Not everyone can understand the deep intricacies of the Holy Quran, one ought to derive benefit of the Dars [lecture] of the Holy Quran in whichever mosque the Jamaat has made arrangements.

It is an important principle that in order to acquire the true comprehension of the Qur'an, one must observe the fasts, fulfil his dues of worship, offer the prayers and also excel in righteousness.

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Then in the following verse [of the Quran], God Almighty states: "In the month of Ramadan, My servants increase their endeavour and search for Me.

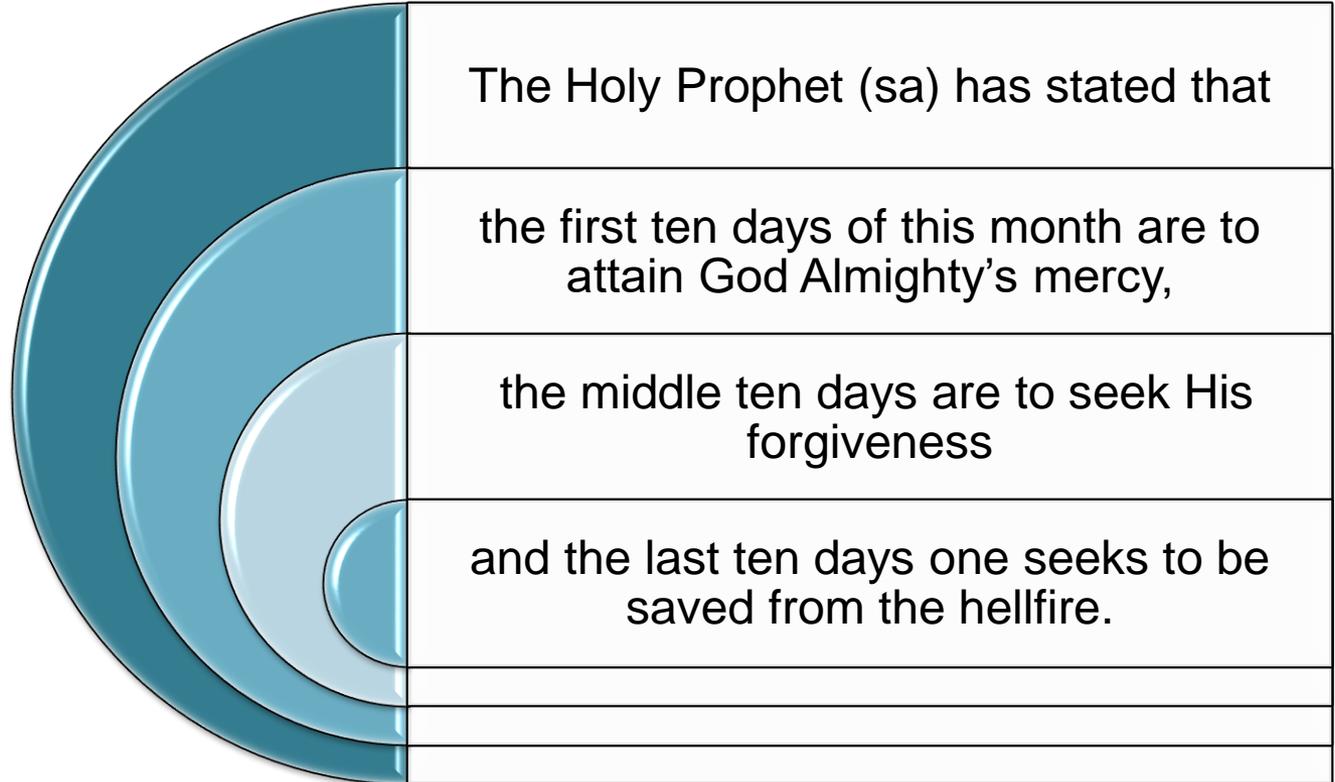
Thus, I am near, and that I listen to their supplications. If they seek from Me with sincerity, I accept their prayers.

However, in order for you to have your prayers accepted, you must first act on My commands."

God Almighty states that one ought to act on His commands and for one to increase in their belief in Him.

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May God Almighty enable us to become His true servants and cover us with His mercy and forgiveness and we may become the recipients of the blessings of this month. During these days particularly pray for the Jama'at that may God Almighty turn the evil ploys of the opponents of Ahmadiyyat back on them and wherever plans are being contrived against the Jama'at, may God Almighty turn them back on them. Pray for the Muslim Ummah that may God Almighty stop them from carrying out cruelties and from taking the lives of one another. May they become truly sincere Muslims and recognise the Imam of the Age. Pray for the world in general because they are heading towards destruction at an alarming pace. May God Almighty grant mankind wisdom so that they may recognise God Almighty and be saved from this destruction.