



# NIZAMIYE MOSQUE COMPLEX

*"Where heart and mind meet"*

## FRIDAY SERMON- 3: RAMADAN AND QURAN

شَهْرُ رَمَضَانَ الَّذِي أُنزِلَ فِيهِ الْقُرْآنُ هُدًى لِّلنَّاسِ  
وَبَيِّنَاتٍ مِّنَ الْهُدَىٰ وَالْفُرْقَانِ فَمَن شَهِدَ مِنْكُمُ الشَّهْرَ فَلْيَصُمْهُ

سورة البقرة

**"The month of Ramadhan [is that] in which was revealed the Qur'an, a guidance for the people and clear proofs of guidance and criterion. So whoever sights [the new moon of] the month, let him fast it."**

وعن ابن عباس رضي الله عنهما: قال: كان رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم أجود الناس، وكان أجود ما يكون في رمضان حين يلقاه جبريل وكان جبريل يلقاه في كل ليلة من رمضان فيدارسه القرآن فلرسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم حين يلقاه جبريل أجود بالخير من الريح المرسلة. ((متفق عليه))

### **Ibn 'Abbas (May Allah be pleased with them) reported:**

The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) was the most generous of the men; and he was the most generous during the month of Ramadan when Jibril visited him every night and recited the Qur'an to him. During this period, the generosity of Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) waxed faster than the rain bearing wind. [Al-Bukhari and Muslim].

The Prophet (s.a.w.) said to Abdullah bin Masud one day: **"O Abdullah, recite the Qur'an to me. I would like to hear it from you."** Abdullah responded: "O Allah's Messenger, shall I recite the Qur'an to you while it has been revealed to your heart?" Allah's Apostle said: **"I like to hear it from another person. Even more from you."** Then, Abdullah began to recite Surat An-Nisa. He recited the verses about orphans. Eventually, when he recited the verse **"How will it be, then, when We bring from every people a witness and bring you as a witness against these?"** Eyes of the Messenger of Grace were overflowing with tears. And our Prophet said, "Enough for the present!"

Ramadan is the month of the Qur'an. It is the season when the Qur'an was revealed. Ramadan takes its sanctity from the Qur'an. The verse **"The month of Ramadān, in which the Qur'ān was sent down..."** the Qur'an, Al-Baqarah (2:185) explains this truth.



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Ramadan is the anniversary of the beginning of the revelation of Allah's words. In comparison to other times, especially in this month, one occupies oneself more with Qur'an. It is read, listened to, and its meaning is thought upon. The universe and the phenomena are viewed through the window it opens.

Prophet Muhammad (PBUH), who was always familiar with the Qur'an, would occupy himself with the Qur'an more in this month. As long as he lived, the Prophet was visited by the angel of revelation, Gabriel, when Ramadan started; they would recite and understand the Qur'an together.

If we, too, occupy ourselves with the Qur'an thinking about this holy situation, our spiritual share will increase accordingly.

To live this instant as if reading the Qur'an together with Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) is to think as if the Qur'an had just been revealed and we were reading it for the first time.

It increases this share to be in such an awe as if the Prophet was reciting and we were listening to it, as if listening to Gabriel, and even as if hearing it from Allah.

Every Ramadan, in mosques and houses, muqabala (people reciting the Qur'an to each other) is performed. In this way, the style of the reciting of the Prophet and Gabriel is imitated, so a sacred ambiance is experienced.

The merits of religious acts and good deeds performed in Ramadan are a thousand to one. While at other times for each Qur'anic word that is read one merit is given, in this month merits reach up to thousands, even tens of thousands. At the night of Qadr (the night of Power), they exceed thirty thousand.

Our book the Holy Quran has taught us how to be a good servant. It has reminded us that we were not created randomly, that we were reverend creatures with responsibilities. It has taught us how to be a good son or daughter. It said, "Do not even whine at your parents." It said, "You cannot lift the wings of grace and compassion from over your parents." It has taught us to show compassion towards our wise elderlies. It has taught us how to be a good father, a good mother. It has taught us how to be a good spouse, a good friend, a good neighbor. It has taught us how to make orphans happy, how to put a smile on the faces of our handicapped brothers and sisters, and how to embrace our refugee guests with a warm welcome.



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**Jabir bin Abd Allah (may Allah be pleased with him) relates that the Noble Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) has told as follows:**

"My Ummah (community) was granted in Ramadan five things that were not given to the previous prophets' Ummah."

The first: When the first night of the month Ramadan comes, Almighty Allah gazes at them with His mercy. When Allah gazes someone with His mercy, He does not punish him, ever.

The second: The smell from the mouth of a fasting person is sweeter to Allah than the fragrance of musk.

The third: Each day and night, the angels beg forgiveness from Allah for the people who fast.

The forth: That day, Allah orders His Heaven and declares: 'O Heaven, get ready and be adorned for my servants, they are about to take rest from the toil of the world to My Abode and My Generosity.'

The fifth: When the last day of Ramadan comes, Allah forgives all His servants that have fasted.

One of the Companions asked: "O Messenger of Allah. Is it the night the Night of Power?"

The Prophet (peaces and blessings be upon him) said "No, do you not see that if laborers work, when they finish their tasks, they are given their wages" (at-Targhb ve at-Tarhib, 2:92)