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The Month of Mercy Forgiveness and deliverance

It was narrated by Salman, may Allah be pleased with him, that the Messenger of Allah ﷺ delivered a sermon on the last day of Sha'ban:

"O People! There comes upon you now a great and most blessed month, wherein lies a night greater in worth than a thousand months. The fasting during this month is made compulsory and the extra prayers by night are optional. Whosoever tries drawing near to Allah by performing any virtuous deed in this month, for him shall be such reward as if he had performed any obligatory duty in any other time of the year. And whosoever performs any obligatory duty, for him shall be the reward of 70 such duty in any other time of the year."

Ramadan is indeed the month of patience and the reward for true patience is Paradise. It is the month of sympathy with one's fellow men. It is a month wherein a true believer's livelihood is increased. Whosoever feeds a fasting person in order to break the fast at Iftar, for him there will be forgiveness of his sins and emancipation from the fire of hell and he will receive the reward equal to the fasting person, without that person's reward being diminished in the least."

Some of the companions then said, "Not all of us possess the means whereby we can provide enough for a fasting person to break his fast". The Prophet ﷺ, replied: "Allah grants the same reward to him who gives a fasting person a single date or a sip of milk or drink of water to break the fast."

This is a month the first part of which brings Allah's Mercy, the middle of which brings His forgiveness and the last part of which brings freedom from the fire of hell. Whosoever lessens the burdens of his servants in this month Allah will forgive him and free him from hell. And four things you should endeavour 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 make do. The first two qualities are to bear witness that there is none worthy of worship except Allah and to ask for forgiveness. And as for the two you cannot do without: ask Allah for Paradise and seek refuge from hell fire. And whosoever gives a fasting Muslim water to drink at Iftar, Allah will grant him a drink during the Day of Judgement from the fountain of Muhammed ﷺ after which he shall never again feel thirsty until he enters Paradise". (Ibn-e-Huzimah)

There are many more ahadith which mention vividly the benefits and virtues of fasting in Ramadan. We will pick a few more of these fragrant flowers from the Prophet's ﷺ colourful meadow here. The beloved

Mustafa ﷺ said: "On the Day of Judgement the Glorious Quran and the fast will intercede (on your behalf). The fast will say 'O Lord! I stopped him from eating, drink and sexual activity throughout the day', then the Quran will say 'O Mighty Lord! I stopped him from rest and sleep at night so I intercede for him,". (Muslim)

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