

Last Day of the Hijrī Year:

الْيَوْمُ الْآخِرُ مِنَ الْعَامِ الْهَجْرِيِّ

29th Dhū l-Hijjah 1427 AH – Friday 19th January 2007¹

التَّاسِعُ وَالْعَشْرُ مِنْ شَهْرِ ذِي الْحِجَّةِ فِي سَنَةِ ١٤٢٧ هـ

It is mentioned in the book *The Treasure of Success and Felicity in the Supplications that Expand the Chests (Kanzun-Najāh wa 's-Surūr)* that if a person reads the following supplication three times at the end of the year, the Devil will say, 'We tired ourselves with him all year, and he ruined all that we have done in one moment.'

In the Name of Allāh, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

And may Allāh bless our Master Muḥammad and his family and companions and grant them peace.

وَصَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ
وَصَحْبِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

O Allāh, whatever actions I have committed in the past year which have not pleased You, which I may have forgotten though You do not forget, while You are forbearing with me though fully capable of punishing me, while You called me to repent even after my insolence before You.

اللَّهُمَّ مَا عَمِلْتُ مِنْ عَمَلٍ فِي السَّنَةِ
الْمَاضِيَةِ وَلَمْ تَرْضَهُ وَنَسِيتُهُ وَلَمْ تَنْسَهُ
وَحَلَمْتَ عَنِّي مَعَ قُدْرَتِكَ عَلَى عِقُوبَتِي
وَدَعَوْتَنِي إِلَى التَّوْبَةِ بَعْدَ جِرَائِعِي عَلَيْكَ

O Allāh, I surely seek Your forgiveness from that, so forgive me.

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْتَغْفِرُكَ مِنْهُ فَاعْفُرْ لِي

O Allāh, and as for my actions that have pleased You and for which reward and forgiveness have been promised, please accept them from me.

اللَّهُمَّ وَمَا عَمِلْتُ مِنْ عَمَلٍ تَرْضَاهُ
وَوَعَدْتَنِي عَلَيْهِ الثَّوَابَ وَالْغُفْرَانَ فَتَقَبَّلْهُ
مِنِّي

And do not cut my hope in You, O Generous One, O Most Merciful of the Merciful.

وَلَا تَقْطَعْ رَجَائِي مِنْكَ يَا كَرِيمُ يَا أَرْحَمَ
الرَّاحِمِينَ

And may Allāh, the Exalted, bless our Master Muḥammad and his family and companions and grant them peace. (3 times)

وَصَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ
وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. (ثَلَاثًا)

¹ Depending upon the sighting of the moon.

Al Muḥarram – The Sacred Month of Allāh

شَهْرُ اللَّهِ الْمُحَرَّمِ

20th January – 18th February 2007

Al Muḥarram is one of the sacred months in Islām. It is recommended to fast any time during this month and fasting in it is second only to the fasts in *Ramadhān*.

✿ **The First Day of the New Hijrī Year (1428 AH)**

1st *Al Muḥarram* – Saturday, 20th January

It is narrated that the Prophet ﷺ said, “Whoever fasts the last day of the year and the first day of the year, Allāh makes it an expiation [i.e. forgiveness of sins] of fifty years for him, and fasting one day of *Al Muḥarram* is equal to thirty days of fasting.”

✿ **عَاشُورَاءُ ‘Āshūrā’**

10th *Al Muḥarram* – Monday, 29th January

On this day, Allāh ﷻ saved Moses (Mūsā ؑ) from the Pharaoh. It is recommended to perform prayers, supplications and remember Allāh ﷻ on the night of ‘Āshūrā’. It is also highly recommended to fast on this day and to show extra generosity to children by giving them food they like and other gifts.

And on the authority of Abū Qatādah (may Allāh be pleased with him) that the Messenger of Allāh (may All bless and grant him peace) was asked about fasting on the day of ‘Āshūrā’, and he [ﷺ] said,

“It expiates [wipes out the sins of] the past year.” Narrated by Imām Muslim [RH].

And on the authority of Ibn ‘Abbās (may Allāh be pleased with both of them) who said that the Messenger of Allāh (may Allāh bless and grant him peace) said,

“If I remain [alive] till the following year, I will most certainly fast the ninth.” Narrated by Imām Muslim [RH].

From this we know that it is not only recommended to fast the tenth but also the ninth تَاسُوعَاءُ of this month (Sunday, 28th January) in order to show our difference from the Jews who also observe the fast on the 10th of *Al Muḥarram*.

This day also coincides with the martyrdom of Imām Ḥusain ؑ at Karbalā’ [city in central ‘Irāq: كَرْبَلَاءُ] in the year 60 AH.

وَعَنْ أَبِي قَتَادَةَ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ أَنَّ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ ﷺ سئلَ عَنْ صِيَامِ يَوْمِ عَاشُورَاءَ فَقَالَ:

« يُكَفِّرُ السَّنَةَ الْمَاضِيَةَ » رَوَاهُ مُسْلِمٌ

وَعَنْ ابْنِ عَبَّاسٍ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمَا قَالَ: قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ:

« لَنْ بَقِيْتُ إِلَى قَابِلٍ لِأَصُومَنَّ التَّاسِعَ » رَوَاهُ مُسْلِمٌ