

SHORT OBSERVANCES  
FOR THE MONTH OF  
**DHUL QA'DAH**

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## بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

- **THE FIRST OF DHUL QA'DAH 173 AH**  
Birthday of Hazrat Masuma Qum (a.s.)

### **Etiquettes and Observances-Dhul Qa'dah al-Haraam**

The month of Dhul Qa'dah is the first of the Sacred Months to which Almighty Allah has referred in the Holy Qur'an. Sayyid Ibn Tawus defines this month as the month of responding to the prayers in hardships.

After resting in the month of Shawwal, the routine restarts in Dhul Qa'dah the third from the four most sacred months.

1. Moharram
2. Rajab
3. Dhul Qa'dah
4. Dhul Hijjah

The sacred months are months with particular importance. Some reports state that in these months, sins committed are multiplied just as the good is rewarded in multifold.

Wars were avoided in these months even before Islam. It is a month of observance, returning to the Almighty God. Reports state that it is a month of acceptance of Duas in all hardships.

### **The Prophet's (s.a.) gift to the sinners**

One of the best of observances in this month is to offer a vitreous prayer reported from the Prophet (s.a.) which is indeed a true remedy to all our pains.

We sometimes wish we could repent and have a fresh, enlightened start. This glorious quote of the Apostle (s.a.) is one of the best opportunities bestowed on us.

Benefits of this prayer as stated by the Prophet (s.a.)

- Forgiveness of sins
- Acceptance of tawba
- Removal of the burden of liabilities
- Death as that of a believer's
- Faith that will remain intact
- An enlightened, spacious grave
- Pleased and happy parents
- Forgiveness of one's parents
- Abundant provision of offsprings
- Kindness of Malakul Mout at the time of death

### **Salaat Tawbah - Sundays of Dhul Qa'dah**

- Perform a ghusl, wudhoo is also required
- Offer a 4 rak'at prayer 2x2 raka'at

In each rak'at after Surat al Hamd

- Surat al Ikhlas x 3
- Surat al-Naas
- Surat al-Falaq

After the salaah, repeat x 70

○ اَسْتَغْفِرُ اللهَ رَبِّي وَ اَتُوْبُ اِلَيْهِ<sup>1</sup>

Then say ...

○ لَا حَوْلَ وَلَا قُوَّةَ اِلَّا بِاللّٰهِ الْعَلِيِّ الْعَظِيْمِ<sup>2</sup>

○ يَا عَزِيْزًا غَفَّارًا غَفِرْ لِيْ ذُنُوْبِيْ وَ ذُنُوْبَ جَمِيْعِ الْمُؤْمِنِيْنَ وَ

المؤمناتِ فَإِنَّهُ لَا يَغْفِرُ الذُّنُوْبَ اِلَّا أَنْتَ<sup>3</sup>.

He (s.a.) further continued, one does not observe this but that he is addressed from the skies, 'O, servant of God, start your actions as new as your repentance has been accepted and your sins have been forgiven. Another angel felicitates him and his family. Further glad tidings are given to him by other angels that he would die as a believer.

### Fasting

One of the special observances of this sacred month is fasting for three days consecutively i.e. **Thursday, Friday and Saturday**. This applies to all the four sacred months.

The reward for this observance is ninety years of worship. Ninety years of fasting during the day and worship during the night.

#### ➤ THE ELEVENTH OF DHUL QA'DAH 148 AH

Birthday of Imam Ali ibn Musa al-Ridha (a.s.).

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<sup>1</sup> I seek the forgiveness of Allah and to Him I return.

<sup>2</sup> There is no power and no strength except with Allah, the Most High, the All-Great.

<sup>3</sup> O Magnificent! O All-Forgiving! Forgive my sins and the sins of all believing men and women, for none can forgive sins but You.

## ➤ THE FIFTEENTH NIGHT OF DHUL QA'DAH

The fifteenth night of Dhul Qa'dah is a blessed night in which the Almighty Allah observes His faithful servants with the eye of mercy. In this regard, the Holy Prophet (s.a.) has said, one who occupies in worship in this night will be rewarded one hundred years of worship of those confined in mosques, fasting during the day and who have never disobeyed the Almighty Allah.

## ➤ THE TWENTY-FIFTH DHUL QA'DAH NIGHT

This night is called *laylat dahw al-ardh*, the night in which the earth was spread on the water where the Holy Ka'bah is situated. Being distinctively honorable, in this night the mercy of Almighty Allah is showered on the mankind. A great reward is obtained by those who occupy in worship in this night.

Ali ibn al-Hasan al-Washsha' has narrated that when he was young, with his father they were a guest of Imam al-Ridha (a.s.) on the twenty-fifth night of Dhul Qa'dah . After they had their supper, Imam al-Ridha (a.s.) said, "On the twenty-fifth night of Dhul Qa'dah , Prophet Abraham (a.s.) was born, Prophet Eisa (a.s.) the son of Mary (a.s.) was born, and the earth was spread on the water where the Holy Ka'bah is situated. Hence, if one fasts on this day, he will be rewarded the reward of six months."

In another quote, Imam Ridha (a.s.) added, "Verily, on this day, al Qa'im al Mahdi will appear."

## ➤ THE TWENTY-FIFTH OF DHUL QA'DAH DAY

### The Earth Spreading Day

The twenty-fifth of Dhul Qa'dah is one of the four days on which fasting is exclusively confirmed. Fasting on this day is equal to seventy to one hundred years of worship and fasting. It also removes the sins of seventy years.

Everything between the sky and the earth will seek God's forgiveness for the one who occupies this day in worship.

### Observances:

- Prayers to offer 2 Raka'at

In both the raka'at after Surat al-Hamd

Repeat Surat number 91 al-Shams x 5

After the prayers say:

○ لَا حَوْلَ وَلَا قُوَّةَ إِلَّا بِاللَّهِ الْعَلِيِّ الْعَظِيمِ<sup>4</sup>

- Your Hajaat
- Recite

○ يَا مُقِيلَ الْعَثْرَاتِ أَقْلِنِي عَثْرَتِي يَا مُجِيبَ الدَّعَوَاتِ أَجِبْ

دَعْوَتِي يَا سَامِعَ الْأَصْوَاتِ إِسْمَعْ صَوْتِي وَارْحَمْنِي وَتَجَاوَزْ

عَنْ سَيِّئَاتِي وَمَا عِنْدِي يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ.<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>4</sup> There is no power and no strength except with Allah, the Most High, the All-Great.

<sup>5</sup> O' He, Who overlooks slips, overlook my slip. O' He, Who responds to prayers, respond to my prayer. O' He, Who hears all sounds, listen to mine, have mercy on me,

○ Recite

اللَّهُمَّ دَاجِيَ الْكَعْبَةِ وَفَالِقِ الْحَبَّةِ وَصَارِفِ اللَّزْبَةِ وَكَاشِفِ كُلِّ  
كُرْبَةٍ أَسْأَلُكَ فِي هَذَا الْيَوْمِ مِنْ أَيَّامِكَ الَّتِي أَعْظَمْتَ حَقَّهَا وَ  
أَقْدَمْتَ سَبْقَهَا وَجَعَلْتَهَا عِنْدَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَدِيْعَةً وَإِلَيْكَ ذَرِيْعَةً وَ  
بِرَحْمَتِكَ الْوَسِيْعَةِ أَنْ تُصَلِّيَ عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدٍ عَبْدِكَ الْمُنْتَجَبِ فِي  
الْمِيثَاقِ الْقَرِيبِ يَوْمَ التَّلَاقِ فَاتِقِ كُلِّ رَتْقٍ وَدَاعِ إِلَى كُلِّ حَقٍّ وَعَلَى  
أَهْلِ بَيْتِهِ الْأَطْهَارِ الْهُدَاةِ الْمَنَارِ دَعَائِمِ الْجَبَّارِ وَوُلَاةِ الْجَنَّةِ وَالنَّارِ وَ  
أَعْطِنَا فِي يَوْمِنَا هَذَا مِنْ عَطَائِكَ الْمَخْزُونِ غَيْرَ مَقْطُوعٍ وَلَا مَمْنُوعٍ  
[مَمْنُونٍ] تَجْمَعُ لَنَا بِهِ التَّوْبَةُ وَحُسْنَ الْأَوْبَةِ<sup>6</sup>. يَا خَيْرَ مَدْعُوٍّ وَأَكْرَمَ

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and excuse my wrongdoings and whatever I have committed. O Lord of majesty and honor!

<sup>6</sup> O' Allah, Who spread the Ka`bah, split the kernel, removes troubles, and relieves from all distresses! I ask You on this day, which is one of Your days whose standing You have deemed great, whom You have given preference, and whom You have put as trust with the believers and as means to approaching to You; and by Your encompassing mercy that You send salutations upon Muhammad, Your servant that You have selected in the Near Covenant on the Meeting Day, the splitter of all joined things and the caller to all truths, and upon his Household, the pure, the guides, the lanterns, the pillars of the Omnipotent (Lord), and the custodians of the Paradise and the Fire, to grant us on this day from Your stored bestowals, bestowals that are neither interrupted nor prohibited by which You unite for us both repentance and an acceptable return.

مَرْجُوًّا يَا كَفِيُّ يَا وَفِيُّ يَا مَنْ لُطْفُهُ خَفِيُّ الطُّفِّ لِي بِلُطْفِكَ وَ  
 أَسْعِدْنِي بِعَفْوِكَ وَأَيِّدْنِي بِنَصْرِكَ وَلَا تُنْسِنِي كَرِيمَ ذِكْرِكَ بِوُلاةِ  
 أَمْرِكَ وَحَفَظَةِ سِرِّكَ وَاحْفَظْنِي مِنْ شَوَائِبِ الدَّهْرِ إِلَى يَوْمِ الْحَشْرِ  
 وَالنَّشْرِ وَأَشْهَدْنِي أَوْلِيَاءَكَ عِنْدَ خُرُوجِ نَفْسِي وَحُلُولِ رَمْسِي وَ  
 انْقِطَاعِ عَمَلِي وَانْقِضَاءِ أَجَلِي اللَّهُمَّ وَادْكُرْنِي عَلَى طَوْلِ الْبَلَى إِذَا  
 حَلَلْتُ بَيْنَ أَطْبَاقِ الثَّرَى وَنَسِيَنِي النَّاسُونَ مِنَ الْوَرَى وَأَحْلِلْنِي دَارَ  
 الْمُقَامَةِ وَبَوِّئْنِي مَنْزِلَ الْكِرَامَةِ<sup>7</sup> ، وَاجْعَلْنِي مِنْ مُرَافِقِي أَوْلِيَائِكَ وَ  
 أَهْلِ اجْتِبَائِكَ وَاصْطِفَائِكَ وَبَارِكْ لِي فِي لِقَائِكَ وَارْزُقْنِي حُسْنَ  
 الْعَمَلِ قَبْلَ حُلُولِ الْأَجَلِ بَرِيئًا مِنَ الزَّلِيلِ وَسُوءِ الْخَطَلِ اللَّهُمَّ وَ  
 أُوْرِدْنِي حَوْضَ نَبِيِّكَ مُحَمَّدٍ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَاسْقِنِي مِنْهُ

<sup>7</sup> O' He, Who is the best of all supplicated and the most generous of all hoped! O' All-sufficer! O All-true! O' He, Whose grace is gentle! Treat me gracefully with Your graciousness, make me feel happy with Your pardon, aid me with Your support, never make me inattentive of Your noble mention through Your representatives and the keepers of Your secret, protect me against the vicissitudes of time up to the day of reckoning and resurrection and make Your representatives attend at the hour of the departure of my soul, the time of my entry to my grave, when my deed will be interrupted and my lifetime will come to its end. O Allah, remember me all over through the stages of trial when I will reside between the layers of the earth and the forgetful people who will forget me. Allow me to dwell in the abode of eternity.



مَشْرَبًا رَوِيًّا سَائِغًا هَنِيئًا لَا أَظْمَأُ بَعْدَهُ وَلَا أَحْلَأُ وَرْدَهُ وَلَا عَنْهُ أَدَادُ  
 وَاجْعَلْهُ لِي خَيْرَ زَادٍ وَأَوْفَى مِيعَادٍ يَوْمَ يَقُومُ الْأَشْهَادُ اللَّهُمَّ وَالْعَن  
 جَبَابِرَةَ الْأَوَّلِينَ وَالْآخِرِينَ وَبِحُقُوقِ [لِحُقُوقِ] أَوْلِيَائِكَ الْمُسْتَأْثِرِينَ  
 اللَّهُمَّ وَاقْصِمْ دَعَائِمَهُمْ وَأَهْلِكَ أَشْيَاعَهُمْ وَعَامِلَهُمْ وَعَجِّلْ  
 مَهَالِكَهُمْ وَاسْلُبْهُمْ مَمَالِكَهُمْ وَضَيِّقْ عَلَيْهِمْ مَسَالِكَهُمْ وَالْعَن  
 مُسَاهِمَهُمْ وَمُشَارِكَهُمْ<sup>8</sup>. اللَّهُمَّ وَعَجِّلْ فَرَجَ أَوْلِيَائِكَ وَارْزُدْ عَلَيْهِمْ  
 مَظَالِمَهُمْ وَأَظْهِرْ بِالْحَقِّ قَائِمَهُمْ وَاجْعَلْهُ لِدِينِكَ مُنْتَصِرًا وَبِأَمْرِكَ  
 فِي أَعْدَائِكَ مُؤْتَمِرًا اللَّهُمَّ احْفَظْهُ بِمَلَائِكَةِ النَّصْرِ وَبِمَا أَلْقَيْتَ إِلَيْهِ  
 مِنَ الْأَمْرِ فِي لَيْلَةِ الْقَدْرِ مُنْتَقِمًا لَكَ حَتَّى تَرْضَى وَيَعُودَ دِينُكَ بِهِ وَ

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<sup>8</sup> Settle me in the residence of honor, make me among the companions of Your intimate cherished servants and the people of Your choice and selection, bless me by meeting You, and grant me good-doing before the end of my lifetime, making me free from slips and foolish doing. O Allah, allow me to enter the Pool of Your Prophet, Muhammad, Allah's salutations be upon him and his Household, allow me to drink from it a quenching drink that is palatable and salubrious after which I will never be thirsty, I will never be prevented from reaching it, and I will never be disallowed to approach it. Make for me the best nourishment and the most fulfilling promise on the day when the Witnesses will rise. O Allah, banish from Your mercy the tyrants from the foremost and the last most who usurped the rights of Your representatives. O Allah, demolish their posts, annihilate their allies and their assistants, and hasten their perdition, seize their estates, make narrow their ways, and banish their helpers and aides from Your mercy.

عَلَى يَدَيْهِ جَدِيدًا غَضًا وَيَمْحَضَ الْحَقَّ مَحْضًا وَيَرْفُضَ الْبَاطِلَ  
رَفْضًا اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَيْهِ وَعَلَى جَمِيعِ آبَائِهِ وَاجْعَلْنَا مِنْ صَحْبِهِ وَ  
أُسْرَتِهِ وَابْعَثْنَا فِي كَرَّتِهِ حَتَّى نَكُونَ فِي زَمَانِهِ مِنْ أَعْوَانِهِ اللَّهُمَّ أَدْرِكْ  
بِنَا قِيَامَهُ وَ أَشْهَدْنَا أَيَّامَهُ وَ صَلِّ عَلَيْهِ [عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ] وَ ارْزُدْ إِلَيْنَا  
سَلَامَهُ وَ السَّلَامَ عَلَيْهِ [عَلَيْهِمْ] وَ رَحْمَةَ اللَّهِ وَ بَرَكَاتُهُ<sup>9</sup>.

➤ THE LAST DAY OF DHUL QA'DAH

220 AH, Imam Muhammad Taqi al Jawad (a.s.) was martyred.

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<sup>9</sup> O' Allah, hasten the relief of Your Representatives, restore their usurped rights, cause their Riser to prevail with the truth, and make him support Your religion and carry out Your commands pertaining Your enemies. O' Allah, make the angels of victory surround him and by the commands that You addressed to him in LaylatulQadr that he will punish Your enemies on Your behalf until You are pleased, Your religion will regain its freshness and bloom at his hands, he will clean the truth with thorough cleaning, and he will reject the wrong with absolute rejection. O' Allah, send salutations on him and on all of his forefathers, enlist us in his companions and group, and resurrect us during his return so that we will live in his age and be his helpers. O' Allah, make us perceive his rising, make us witness his days, bless him, and convey to us his salaam. Salaam and Allah's mercy and favors be upon him.

