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The Virtues of Sha`ban



The [E-Da`wah Committee](#) in Kuwait is pleased to present this short publication which contains a collection of 10+ authentic Prophetic hadiths on the excellence of the month of Sha`ban and the importance of increasing good deeds such as fasting and remembrance of Allah following the footsteps of the Prophet (peace be upon him).

The Excellence of Sha`ban

1. Usamah ibn Zaid (may Allah be pleased with him) narrated: "I said: 'O Messenger of Allah, I do not see you fasting during any month as much as you do in Sha`ban.' He said: 'That is a month to which people do not pay much attention, between Rajab and Ramadan. It is a month in which the deeds are taken up to the Lord of the worlds, and I like that my deeds be taken up when I am fasting.'" (An-Nasa'i)
2. `A'ishah (may Allah be pleased with her) narrated, "The month which the Messenger of Allah most liked to fast was Sha`ban; indeed he used to join it to Ramadan." (Abu Dawud)

The Excellence of 15th Night of Sha`ban

3. It was narrated from Mu`adh ibn Jabal (may Allah be pleased with him) that the Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) said: "Allah looks down on the night of the middle of Sha`ban and forgives all His creation, apart from the idolater and the one who has grudge against another." (At-Tirmidhi)

4. Abu Tha`labah Al-Khushni (may Allah be pleased with him) said, "The Prophet (peace be upon him) said, "When it is the night of the middle of Sha`ban, Allah looks down on His creation and forgives the believers, prolongs hope for the disbelievers and leaves the spiteful to their rancor until they desert it." (At-Tabarani)

The Excellence of Fasting in Sha`ban

5. `A`ishah (may Allah be pleased with her) said, "I never saw Allah's Messenger (peace be upon him) fasting for a whole month except the month of Ramadan, and did not see him fasting in any month more than in the month of Sha'ban." (Al-Bukhari and Muslim)

6. `A`ishah (may Allah be pleased with her) said, "Allah's Messenger (peace be upon him) used to fast till one would say that he would never stop fasting, and he would abandon fasting till one would say that he would never fast. I never saw Allah's Messenger (peace be upon him) fasting for a whole month except the month of Ramadan, and did not see him fasting in any month more than in the month of Sha'ban." (Al-Bukhari)

7. `A`ishah (may Allah be pleased with her) said: The Prophet (peace be upon him) did not fast in any month more than in Sha`ban, and he used to fast all of Sha`ban and he used to say: "Do as much of good deeds as you can, for Allah does not get tired (of giving reward) until you get tired." And the most beloved of prayers to the Prophet (peace be upon him) was that in which one persists even if it is little. When he offered a prayer he would persist in doing so." (Al-Bukhari and Muslim)

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Fasting in the Second Half of Sha`ban

8. Umm Salamah (may Allah be pleased with her) reported from the Prophet (peace be upon him) "That he would not fast a complete month in a year except Sha`ban and joins (fasting in) it to Ramadan." (Abu Dawud)

9. Abu Hurairah (may Allah be pleased with him) reported that the Prophet (peace be upon him) said, "When it is the middle of Sha`ban do not fast until it is Ramadan." (Ibn Khuzaymah)

Fasting the Day of Doubt

10. Abu Hurairah (may Allah be pleased with him) reported that the Prophet (peace be upon him) said, "Do not observe fasting for a day or two days preceding Ramadan. However, if a person is in the habit of observing fasting on a particular day (which may fall on these dates), he may fast on that day." (Al-Bukhari)

11. Abu Hurairah (may Allah be pleased with him) reported Allah's Messenger (peace be upon him) as saying: "Observe fast on sighting it (the new moon) and break it on sighting it. But if (due to clouds) the actual position of the month is concealed from you, you should then count thirty (days)." (Al-Bukhari)