

## Start of I'tikaaf

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In the Name of Allaah the most Kind the most Merciful

Shaykh Ibn Uthaymeen (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ)<sup>1</sup> was asked when I'tikaaf starts so he replied, "The majority of the people of knowledge are of the opinion that it starts from the night of the twenty-first and not from fajr of the twenty-first, even though some scholars held the view that it starts from fajr of the twenty-first using the hadeeth of Aaishah (رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهَا)<sup>2</sup> as proof, 'So when he prayed the morning prayer he entered his place of I'tikaaf,' but the majority [of the people of knowledge] answered that by saying that the Prophet (عليه الصلاة والسلام)<sup>3</sup> withdrew himself from the people in the morning but that the intention for I'tikaaf was from the start of the night."<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah the Most High have mercy on him

<sup>2</sup> (رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهَا) (rad iyallaahu `anhaa) May Allaah the Most High be pleased with her

<sup>3</sup> (عليه الصلاة والسلام) (Alayhi 'I-salat wa'I-Salam) Upon him prayer and peace

<sup>4</sup> Fataawaz-Zakaati was-Siyaam, p. 855.