

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

Take Account Before the Days Slip Away

🗨️ Saalih al-Fawzan (حفظه الله) said:

“So let us take account of ourselves regarding these ten days that have passed and how they were spent.

Did we have concern and give importance to performing acts of obedience to Allâh ﷻ and benefit from them?

Whoever has done good in them and showed care and attention — then what is upon him is to increase in good deeds and complete what remains of the month.

And whoever was heedless in the ten days that have passed and was lazy — then it is upon him to repent and rectify what remains of this month before all of it passes away, and he has not attained anything.”

 Majālis Shahr Ramaḍān al-Mubārak (p. 46)

Reflection

Ramaḍān is not merely a month that passes — it is a trust placed in our hands.

The Shaykh (حفظه الله) directs us to something powerful: self-accountability. Not comparison with others. Not regret without action. But sincere muḥāsabah (taking oneself to account).

Ask yourself gently but honestly:

- Did I guard my prayers?
- Did I recite the Qur'ān with reflection?
- Did I restrain my tongue?
- Did I seek forgiveness?
- Did my heart soften?

If the answer is yes, then do not slow down. The believer does not feel secure with past deeds. He increases. He completes. He perfects what remains.

If the answer is no, then this is not a door of despair — it is a door of hope.

Allâh ﷻ says:

قُلْ يَا عِبَادِيَ الَّذِينَ أَسْرَفُوا عَلَىٰ أَنفُسِهِمْ لَا تَقْنَطُوا مِن رَّحْمَةِ اللَّهِ

“Say: O My slaves who have transgressed against themselves! Despair not of the Mercy of Allâh...”

~ (Az-Zumar 39:53)

As long as the month remains, the opportunity remains.

The true loss is not past heedlessness.

The true loss is continuing in it.

Ramaḍān is slipping away day by day. Each sunset closes a page that will never reopen.

So pause tonight.

☆Renew your intention.

☆Repent sincerely.

☆Increase in good.

☆Guard what remains.

Perhaps what you do in the final days will outweigh what you neglected in the first.

May Allâh ﷻ allow us to complete this month in His obedience, forgive our shortcomings, and write us among those freed from the Fire, آمين

