

## GREAT ISLAMIC EVENTS OF 10 MUHARRAM

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ نَحْمَدُهُ وَنَسْتَعِينُهُ وَنَسْتَغْفِرُهُ وَنَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنْ شُرُورِ أَنْفُسِنَا وَمِنْ  
سَيِّئَاتِ أَعْمَالِنَا مَنْ يَهْدِهِ اللَّهُ فَلَا مُضِلَّ لَهُ وَمَنْ يَضِلَّ فَلَا هَادِيَ لَهُ،  
وَأَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ  
وَرَسُولُهُ اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى حَبِيبِكَ وَرَسُلِكَ سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ  
وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ وَالتَّابِعِينَ لَهُمْ بِإِحْسَانٍ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ.  
أَمَّا بَعْدُ،

فَيَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ أَوْصِيَكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ، فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ

Let us increase our righteousness to Allah the Almighty by doing all that He prescribes and leaving all that He prohibits. May we be blessed by Allah the Almighty in this life and the hereafter.

**Dear brothers and sisters,**

The month of Muharram is one of the forbidden (*haram*) months. Allah the Almighty says in chapter 9 (surah al-Taubah) verse 36:

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

إِنَّ عِدَّةَ الشُّهُورِ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ اثْنَا عَشَرَ شَهْرًا فِي كِتَابِ اللَّهِ يَوْمَ خَلَقَ  
 السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضَ مِنْهَا أَرْبَعَةٌ حُرْمٌ ذَلِكَ الدِّينُ الْقَيِّمُ فَلَا تَظْلِمُوا  
 فِيهِنَّ أَنْفُسَكُمْ وَقَاتِلُوا الْمُشْرِكِينَ كَافَّةً كَمَا يُقَاتِلُونَكُمْ  
 كَافَّةً وَاعْلَمُوا أَنَّ اللَّهَ مَعَ الْمُتَّقِينَ ﴿٣٦﴾

Which means: "Surely the number of months with Allah is twelve months in Allah's ordinance since the day when He created the heavens and the earth, of these four being sacred; that is the right reckoning; therefore be not unjust to yourselves regarding them, and fight the polytheists all together as they fight you all together; and know that Allah is with those who guard (against evil)."

This verse tells us that Allah the Almighty created the number of months in a year by 12 months after He created the heavens and the earth. During those months there are 4 months in which war is banned; one of which is the month of Muharram. Allah the Almighty forbids Muslims from doing any acts of killing and fighting in the month of Muharram.

Imam Fakhruddin ar-Razi explained that every unlawful act committed during this forbidden month would receive great retribution. Similarly, all good deeds will be rewarded manifold by Allah the Almighty . He stated:

وَمَعْنَى الْحَرَمِ: أَنَّ الْمَعْصِيَةَ فِيهَا أَشَدُّ عِقَابًا ، وَالطَّاعَةَ فِيهَا أَكْثَرُ ثَوَابًا

Which means: "The meaning of the forbidden month is that the act of disobedience in those months will receive more severe punishment and obedience during these months will be greater rewarded."

The month of Muharram is the best time to increase our good deeds and righteousness to Allah the Almighty. There is a special day in the month of Muharram which is' Ashura (10 Muharram). Muslims are encouraged to fast during Ashura. Imam An-Nawawi explained a hadith narrated by Imam Muslim:

عَنِ ابْنِ عَبَّاسٍ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمَا، قَالَ: قَدِمَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ الْمَدِينَةَ، فَوَجَدَ الْيَهُودَ يَصُومُونَ يَوْمَ عَاشُورَاءَ فَسُئِلُوا عَنْ ذَلِكَ؟ فَقَالُوا: هَذَا الْيَوْمُ الَّذِي أَظْهَرَ اللَّهُ فِيهِ مُوسَى، وَبَنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ عَلَى فِرْعَوْنَ، فَنَحْنُ نَصُومُهُ تَعْظِيمًا لَهُ، فَقَالَ النَّبِيُّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ: نَحْنُ أَوْلَى بِمُوسَى مِنْكُمْ فَأَمَرَ بِصَوْمِهِ

Ibnu Abbas RA said: “ The Prophet (pbuh) went to the city of Madinah, and he saw the Jews fasting on the tenth day of Muharram. The Jews were asked about it and they replied: Today is the day that Allah the Almighty gave victory to Musa alaihissalam and the Children of Israel over Pharaoh, so we fasted in honor of Musa.” The Prophet (pbuh) replied: We (the Muslims) honor Musa more than you. Then the Messenger ordered fasting on that day. ”

In other accounts, the companions then asked the Prophet (pbuh) that Ashura is a day honored by the Jews and Christians. Then the Prophet (pbuh) replied: Insha Allah next year we will fast on the ninth day. From this hadith, Imam As-Syafi'i opines that it is recommended to fast on the ninth and tenth day of Muharram.

**Dear brothers and sisters,**

This means that Ashura is on the tenth day of Muharram. The book of *UmdatulQari 'Syarah Sahih Bukhari* mentioned that Allah the Almighty glorifies the tenth day of Muharram because there are ten major events that occurred to the ten Prophets, namely the victory of Prophet Musa over Pharaoh, the docking of Noh's ship, Prophet Yunus came out of the belly of the fish and was saved, Allah the Almighty received the repentance of Prophet Adam and Daud, Prophet Yusuf was saved from the well, Prophet Isa and Ibrahim was born, Prophet Yaakob's eyesight was restored and that Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) was given assurance of forgiveness from past and future sins.

Islamic scholars mentioned that there were also other events that occurred to the prophets on this day; namely Prophet Idris ascended to heaven, Prophet Ayub from illness and the proclamation of Prophet Sulaiman as king. Indeed, Ashura is a very special day because of these events. Therefore, let us multiply our good deeds and abstain from committing evil deeds.

Let us strive to change for the better, especially in strengthening our brotherhood. Remember! Our struggle is for the sake of the ummah and Islam, rather than defending political interests that cause disharmony among us. When we are weak, it is easy for the enemies of Islam to insult and dominate our race, religion and sovereignty.

Allah the Almighty says in chapter 103( surah al-'Asr) verses 1-3:

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

وَالْعَصْرِ ﴿١﴾ إِنَّ الْإِنْسَانَ لَفِي خُسْرٍ ﴿٢﴾ إِلَّا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ

وَتَوَاصَوْا بِالْحَقِّ وَتَوَاصَوْا بِالصَّبْرِ ﴿٣﴾

Which means: “By time. Indeed, mankind is in loss. Except for those who have believed and done righteous deeds and advised each other to truth and advised each other to patience.”

بَارِكَ اللَّهُ لِيْ وَلِكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ، وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ  
الْحَكِيمِ، وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتَهُ، إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ. أَقُولُ قَوْلِي هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ  
الْعَظِيمَ لِيْ وَلِكُمْ، وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ، وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ، فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ إِنَّهُ  
هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ.