

THE 10TH OF MUHARRAM AND ITS ADVANTAGES
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الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ مُحَمَّدُهُ 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
عَبْدَهُ وَرَسُولَهُ اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ
وَصَحْبِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ.

أَمَّا بَعْدُ، فَيَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ، أُوصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ، فَقَدْ فَازَ
الْمُتَّقُونَ.

Let us all increase our devotion towards Allah the Almighty by performing all that He has decreed and abstaining from all that He has prohibited. Hopefully, we will be blessed in this world and in the Hereafter.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We are in the month of *Muharram* (the first month in the Islamic calendar), one of the *haram*(sacred)months mentioned by Allah the Almighty in the Quran in Chapter 9 (*Surah At-Tawbah*), verse (*ayat*) 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

Which means: “God decrees that there are twelve months-ordained in God’s Book on the Day when He created the heavens and earth- four months of which are sacred: this is the correct calculation. Do not wrong your souls in these months-...”

Haram (sacred) months are the months in which wars, disputes and quarrels are forbidden, especially between Muslims. Let us take advantage of this day to unite the members of our community such as preparing *Ashura* porridge together or even better, to provide food for the needy.

Dear Brothers and Sisters

The Day of *Ashura* or the 10th of *Muharram* is special because it is a day that symbolizes the victory of truth over falsehood. On this day Allah the Almighty saved Prophet Musa (peace be upon him) and his followers while Pharaoh and his followers were drowned. It is also a symbol of repentance because Allah accepted the repentance of Prophet

Adam (peace be upon him) and sent him down to the Earth on the Day of *Ashura* as narrated by Imam al-Shuyuti.

Dear Brothers and Sisters

There are many benefits of the 10th of *Muharram*; among them is that we are highly encouraged to fast. The Prophet (peace be upon him [PBUH]) said in a *Hadith* narrated by Imam Muslim:

صِيَامُ يَوْمِ عَاشُورَاءَ أَحْتَسِبُ عَلَى اللَّهِ أَنْ يُكَفِّرَ السَّنَةَ الَّتِي قَبْلَهُ

Which means: “Fast the Day of *Ashura*, for indeed I anticipate that Allah will forgive (the sins of) the year before it.”

In short, Muslims are encouraged to do good deeds at all times as mentioned by Allah the Almighty in the Quran in Chapter 29 (*Surah Al-Ankabut*), verse (*ayat*) 7 especially on a blessed day like the Day of *Ashura*:

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

وَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ لَنُكَفِّرَنَّ عَنْهُمْ سَيِّئَاتِهِمْ وَلَنَجْزِيَنَّهُمْ

أَحْسَنَ الَّذِي كَانُوا يَعْمَلُونَ ﴿٧﴾

Which means: “We shall certainly blot out the misdeeds of those who believe and do good deeds, and We shall reward them according to the best of their actions.”

بَارَكَ اللهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ، وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ
وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ، وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتَهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ ، أَقُولُ
قَوْلِي هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللهَ الْعَظِيمَ لِي وَلَكُمْ، وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ،
وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ، فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ فَيَا فَوْزَ الْمُسْتَغْفِرِينَ وَيَا نَجَاةَ التَّائِبِينَ.