

THE LAST TEN NIGHTS OF RAMADAAN

The Prophet, sallAllaahu 'alayhi wa sallam, said: **“Whoever stands (in night prayer) during Ramadaan with faith and seeking reward (from Allaah), all of his previous sins will be forgiven.”** [Al-Bukhaaree and Muslim]

‘Aa’isha, radyAllaah 'anhaa, clarified the number of *rak’aat* for the Night Prayer, as the Prophet, sallAllaahu 'alayhi wa sallam, used to pray it. **“The Prophet, sallAllaahu 'alayhi wa sallam, did not exceed eleven (11) rak’aat in Ramadaan or out of it.”** [Reported by Al-Bukhaaree and Muslim]

“When the last ten days of Ramadaan would come, the Prophet, would tighten his waistwrapper (*izaar*), spend the night in worship, and wake his family.” [Reported by Al-Bukhaaree and Muslim]

And **“Allaah’s Messenger, sallAllaahu 'alayhi wa sallam, would exert himself in the last ten days (of Ramadaan) more than he would at other times.”** [Reported by Muslim]

And **“The Messenger of Allaah, sallAllaahu 'alayhi wa sallam, would perform ‘Itikaaf (seclusion in the masjid) during the last ten days of Ramadaan.”** [Reported by Al-Bukhaaree and Muslim]

“When the Prophet, sallAllaahu 'alayhi wa sallam, wanted to perform ‘Itikaaf, he would pray Fajr (in the masjid) and then begin his ‘Itikaaf.” [Reported by Al-Bukhaaree and Muslim]

One of the most important reasons why the last ten nights are so honorable is because Laylat-ul-Qadr (The Night of Decree) falls in it. Allaah says: **“Laylat-ul-Qadr is better than a thousand months.”** [Surah Al-Qadr: 3]

And He says: **“Indeed, We revealed it (this Qur’aan) on a blessed night.”** [Surah Ad-Dukhaan: 3]

The Prophet, sallAllaahu 'alayhi wa sallam, said: **“Whoever stands in night prayer during Laylat-ul-Qadr with faith and seeking reward (from Allaah), his past sins will be forgiven.”** [Reported by Al-Bukhaaree and Muslim] And he, sallAllaahu 'alayhi wa sallam, said: **“On the morning following Laylat-ul-Qadr, the sun rises not having any rays.”** [Reported by Muslim]

“Verily! We have sent it (this Quran) down in the night of Al-Qadr.

And what will make you know what the night of Al-Qadr is?

The night of Al-Qadr is better than a thousand months

Therein descend the angels and the Ruh (Gabriel) by Allah's Permission with all Decrees,

Peace! until the appearance of dawn (97:1-5)

Aisha related that the Prophet said: Look for Lailat al-Qadr on an odd-numbered night during the last ten nights of Ramadan (Bukhari).

Anas ibn Malik related that Rasulullah said: When Lailat al-Qadr comes Gabriel descends with a company of angels who ask for blessings on everyone who is remembering Allah, whether they are sitting or standing (Baihaqi).

6 Itakf

6.1 The itakaf is sunna ala kifaya

6.2 One is only permitted to leave the mosque for bathing and answering to the call of nature.

6.3 Women should make a quarter in their homes their place of itakaf.

7 Sadqatul Fitr

7.1 Sadqatul fitr is wajib upon every single individual who were alive at the time of sunrise on the day of eidul fitr.

7.2 Everyone should pay his or her own sadqa.

7.3 In the case of children who are not earning then the head of the house should pay on their behalf.

7.4 The sadqatul fitr is determined by finding the value of 1.1 kg of barley, which is approximately £2.50.