

**Today marks the beginning of Sha'ban, the final countdown to Ramadan**

## **1. Sha'ban Is The Month When Deeds Are Raised To Allah ﷻ**

ذَلِكَ شَهْرٌ يَغْفُلُ النَّاسُ عَنْهُ بَيْنَ رَجَبٍ وَرَمَضَانَ وَهُوَ شَهْرٌ تُرْفَعُ فِيهِ الْأَعْمَالُ إِلَى رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ

**“It is a month where people tend to neglect, between the months of Rajab and Ramadan. It is a month in which the deeds are raised to the Lord of the worlds, and I like my deeds to be raised while I am fasting.” (Nasa’i)**

## **2. Sha'ban Was When The Qiblah Was Changed**

**Imam Ibn Kathir in Al-Bidayah Wan-Nihayah, mentioned the majority of scholars are inclined to the view that the 15th of Sha'ban is also the date when the changing of the Qiblah took place. (2 Months after Hijra)**

**“We have certainly seen the turning of your face, (O Muhammad), toward the heaven, and We will surely turn you to a Qiblah with which you will be pleased. So turn your face toward al-Masjid al-Haram. And wherever you are, turn your faces toward it.” (2:144)**

## **3. Sha'ban Is The Month Of The Salawaat Verses**

**Imam Al-Qastallani states verse 56 from Surah Al-Ahzab was revealed**

**Indeed Allah and His angels bestow their prayers upon the Prophet. O you who believe, bestow prayers and peace upon him in abundance. (33:56)**

#### 4. The 15<sup>th</sup> Night Of Sha'ban Is Blessed – Being Forgiven

Multiple Ahadith narrations strengthen one another from Tirmidhi, Musnad Ahmad, Ibn Majah & Tabrani & Ibn Hibban.

“Allah gazes at His creation on the 15<sup>th</sup> night of Sha'ban and then forgives all except for two types of people: those who attribute partners to Allah (shirk) and those who have rancour in their hearts for their fellow Muslims.”

#### Laylatul Mubarakah - Takfeer Zunub - Bara'ah - and Ghufraan

Increase good deeds, such as Qiyam ul Layl, fasting, Zhikr, Du'a, Tawbah.

#### 5. Getting Our Prayers And Sincere Hopes Answered

إِذَا كَانَتْ لَيْلَةٌ النِّصْفِ مِنْ شَعْبَانَ فَقُومُوا لَيْلَهَا وَصُومُوا نَهَارَهَا فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ يَنْزِلُ فِيهَا لِغُرُوبِ الشَّمْسِ إِلَى سَمَاءِ الدُّنْيَا  
فَيَقُولُ: أَلَا مِنْ مُسْتَغْفِرٍ لِي فَأَغْفِرَ لَهُ، أَلَا مُسْتَرْزِقٌ فَأَرْزُقَهُ، أَلَا مَبْتَلَى فَأُعَافِيَهُ، أَلَا كَذَّابٌ كَذَّابٌ حَتَّى يَطْلُعَ الْفَجْرُ

“On the 15th of Sha'ban, wake up to observe the vigil-prayer in the night and fast during the day, for Allah descends to the nearest heavens from dusk to ask: Is there anyone seeking forgiveness so that I may forgive him? Is there anyone seeking provisions so that I may provide him? Is there anyone facing tribulations so that I may protect him? (and it goes on) Is there anyone this and that' until the sun rises at dawn”

(Ibn Maajah)

## 6. Strive For Closeness To Allah ﷻ And Have Faith In His Mercy

إِنَّ لِرَبِّكُمْ فِي أَيَّامٍ دَهْرِكُمْ نَفَحَاتٍ فَتَعَرَّضُوا لَهُ، لَعَلَّهُ أَنْ يُصِيبَكُمْ نَفْحَةٌ مِنْهَا فَلَا تَشْقُونَ بَعْدَهَا أَبَدًا

Indeed, your Lord bestows gifts that are preserved in your days, and so seek it. It may be that one of you will fate upon it and will, therefore, never again be in misery. (Tabrani)

These 'special times/moments' are not to be neglected or wasted.

So increase in your acts of worship, Tawbah, Istighfar, Dhikr, Salah, Forgiveness in hopes that we are able to maximise our acts of worship in the month of Ramadan.

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