

**Believers are people who look into the signs of Allah and His creation. Among the signs of the Existence, Power and Ability of Allah is the changing of the seasons, and the night and the day.**

**“We will show them Our signs in the horizons and within themselves until it becomes clear to them that it is the truth. “(41:53)**

**الشتاء الغنيمة الباردة - “Winter is a cold treasure” (Tirmidhi)**

**Power & Ability of Allah** - He is able to change and bring opposites. Night and day, health and sickness, sun and the moon, Heat and Cold.

The summer is a season which expels discharges from your body, whereas the winter strengthens and restores your body.

Likewise, from the benefits of Allah Decreeing winter upon His slaves, so that we remember the Hellfire.

اشْتَكَّتِ النَّارُ إِلَى رَبِّهَا فَقَالَتْ : يَا رَبِّ أَكَلَ بَعْضِي بَعْضًا ، فَأَذِنَ لَهَا بِنَفْسَيْنِ : نَفْسٍ فِي الشِّتَاءِ ، وَنَفْسٍ فِي الصَّيْفِ ، فَهُوَ أَشَدُّ مَا تَجِدُونَ مِنَ الْحَرِّ ، وَأَشَدُّ مَا تَجِدُونَ مِنَ الرَّمْهَرِيرِ

**“Hellfire complained to its Lord, saying, 'O my Lord, my different parts are eating each other up.' So Allah allowed it to take two breaths – one in the winter and the other in the summer. This is cause of the severe heat we feel in the summer and the bitter cold you experience in the winter.” (Muslim)**

**Good deeds are made easy** for us during this season. Fasting - Short Days, Salah – Close Together, Wudu, Sleeping – Qiyam al-Layl Long Nights,

مَنْ صَامَ يَوْمًا فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ بَعَدَ اللَّهُ وَجْهَهُ عَنِ النَّارِ سَبْعِينَ خَرِيفًا .

"Whoever fasts a day for the sake of Allah, Allah will distance his face from the fire with the measurement of seventy generations."(Muslim)

تَتَجَافَى جُنُوبُهُمْ عَنِ الْمَضَاجِعِ يَدْعُونَ رَبَّهُمْ خَوْفًا وَطَمَعًا وَمِمَّا رَزَقْنَاهُمْ يُنْفِقُونَ

"Their sides forsake their beds, to invoke their Lord in fear and hope, and they spend out of what We have bestowed on them"

كَانُوا قَلِيلًا مِّنَ اللَّيْلِ مَا يَهْجَعُونَ - "They used to sleep but little by night - invoking Allah.

"Shall I not tell you of something by means of which Allah erases sins and raises you in status?" They said: "Yes, O Messenger of Allah." He said: "Doing Wudo' well even when it is difficult, taking many steps to the mosques and waiting for prayer after prayer. That is (equivalent) to guarding the frontier." (Muslim)

**Opportunity of Shukr – Family, Sharing & Caring**

وَاللَّهُ جَعَلَ لَكُمْ مِّنْ بُيُوتِكُمْ سَكَنًا وَجَعَلَ لَكُمْ مِّنْ جُلُودِ الْأَنْعَامِ بُيُوتًا تَسْتَخِفُّونَهَا يَوْمَ ظَعْنِكُمْ وَيَوْمَ إِقَامَتِكُمْ وَمِنْ أَصْوَابِهَا وَأَوْبَارِهَا وَأَشْعَارِهَا أَثَاثًا وَمَتَاعًا إِلَى حِينٍ

"And Allah has made for you in your homes an abode, and made for you out of the hides of the cattle (tents for) dwelling, which you find so light (and handy) when you travel and when you stay, and of their wool, fur, and hair a furnishing and articles of convenience (e.g. carpets, blankets, etc.), a comfort for a while."

"Whoever clothes a naked believer, then Allah will cloth him with the green clothes of Jannah." (Ahmad)

كُلَّمَا دَخَلَ عَلَيْهَا زَكَرِيَّا الْمِحْرَابَ وَجَدَ عِنْدَهَا رِزْقًا قَالَ يَا مَرْيَمُ أَنَّى لَكِ هَذَا قَالَتْ هُوَ مِنْ عِنْدِ اللَّهِ إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَرْزُقُ مَنْ يَشَاءُ بِغَيْرِ حِسَابٍ

**Zakariyyah thought** 'If Allah provided Maryam with the fruits of winter in the summer, and the fruits of summer in the winter, fruits in their untimely times, then it is more likely that Allah will give me a child in an untimely time, i.e in my old age.'

So it is upon us to ponder and ask Allah, The Powerful, The Able, The Controller, The Grantor for all our affairs, and know that He will respond and fulfil your needs.