

JUMU'AH

AL-WIDAA

# THE FINAL ASCENT & 7 STARS

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**We stand here today on the final Jumu'ah of this blessed month with only 2/3 nights left, so tighten your belt, stand firm, awaken your nights, seek Allah's Mercy, Forgiveness & Pardon**

## **LAST CHANCE! HOW WILL YOU FINISH THIS RACE?**

**Three men accepted Islam together. One of them died as a Martyr, the second died a year later, the third died naturally. Talha ibn Ubaydillah رضي الله عنه saw a dream where the one who died naturally entering Paradise before the Martyr." He was shocked & mentioned this to the Prophet ﷺ who said: "Did he not live for a year longer, fast Ramadhan, & pray such & such? The difference between them is greater than between the heavens & the earth."(Ibn Majah)**

**Make these last 2/3 nights count! "Verily, deeds are judged by their endings."(Bukhari)**

**Even if you stumbled at the start & barely fasted with mindfulness, or barely prayed Tarawih/Qiyam, or read very little Qur'an, don't lose hope, finish strong!**

**"Race one another towards forgiveness from your Lord & a Paradise." (57:21) "It is they who hasten to good deeds." (23:61) "So compete in doing good deeds." (2:148)**

**How many start a race slow, but find energy in the last lap? How many students slack in the term, but pull all-nighters before the final exam & pass? How many mothers push through the fatigue of labour & hold their baby in joy? Push yourself until it hurts, make it count!**

**IT'S THE LAST LAP NOW, ENDGAME, ASCEND, DIG DEEP, THE REWARD IS SO CLOSE!**

**“And those who strive in Our path, We will surely guide them to Our ways. And indeed, Allah is with those who excel.”(29:69)**

**STRIVE NOW. TONIGHT. TOMORROW NIGHT. GIVE YOUR FINAL SPRINT**

The beginning of Sayyidna Umar was ﷺ rough but look at his end; next to the Prophet ﷺ  
The beginning of Ikrimah ibn Abu Jahl was terrible, but his ending was blessed.

In the Battle of Uhud, a man came to the Prophet ﷺ said the Shahada, joined the battle & died. The Prophet ﷺ said: **"He did little but was rewarded much"**(Bukhari)  
He sealed his life with Islam & Martyrdom, his final deed outweighed his entire life!

**“There may be a person who performs the deeds of the people of Hell all his life but then does one deed from the deeds of the people of Paradise before he dies, & enters Jannah”**

Don't let Shaytan whisper **“It's too late, you've already messed up, there's no point trying.”**  
Satan gave up on repentance after his sin, he despaired, don't be like him! **TURN TO ALLAH**

**PRAY QIYAAM, GIVE SADAQAH, DO DU'A, CRY TO ALLAH, BEG HIM FOR FORGIVENESS!!!**

**اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّكَ عَفُورٌ تُحِبُّ الْعَفْوَ فَاعْفُ عَنِّي (Tirmidhi)**

Don't crawl to the finish line, **SPRINT!** Don't leave Ramadhan in regret. Leave it with your heart full and your soul cleansed. The doors of Jannah are still wide open. The gates of Hell are still firmly closed, and Allah ﷻ is still calling you by your name, so answer Him!!!

**Humans are obsessed with rating everything, Air B&B, Hotels, Michelin Star, Google. Cleanliness, Amenities, Ambiance, Customer Service, Location, Guest Experience...**

**POOR, AVERAGE, GOOD, EXCELLENT, SUPERHOST...**

**Allah ﷻ also has a Divine “Rating System” He tracks your Ibadah, He reviews your sincerity, He rates your character, He measures your final moment & determines your Rating.**

**There are 7 Jannahs – in each Jannah there are 100 levels, between each level is the distance like that between the heavens and the earth.” (Bukhari)**

**WHAT RATING WOULD RAMADHAN GIVE YOU? WHAT REVIEWS? WHAT STARS?**

### **1. WORSHIP & DEVOTION – RATINGS/REVIEWS/STARS?**

- **Did you pray the 5 daily prayers on time? Did you have Khushu & Khudu?**
- **Did you stand in Taraweeh? Did you taste the sweetness of Tahajjud?**
- **Did the Qur'an become a companion or remain on the shelf?**
- **Did your tongue remember Allah in Dhikr, Tasbeeh & Istighfar?**

**Indeed, I am Allah. There is no deity except Me, so worship Me and establish prayer for My remembrance. (20:14) Whoever stands in prayer during Ramadhan with faith and expecting reward, all his past sins will be forgiven.”(Bukhari)**

## **2. CHARACTER & CONDUCT – RATINGS/REVIEWS/STARS?**

- Were you patient? Did you control your anger, your tongue, your emotions?
- Did you refrain from lying, backbiting, sarcasm, or passive aggression?
- Did you forgive those who wronged you or keep the malice in your heart?

**“Fasting is a shield. So, when one of you is fasting, let him not use foul or foolish talk. If someone insults him or tries to fight him, let him say, ‘I am fasting.’”(Bukhari)**

## **3. CHARITY & GENEROSITY – RATINGS/REVIEWS/STARS?**

- Did you give daily, even a coin, in Sadaqah? Did you sponsor an iftar?
- Did you remember Gaza, Sudan, Yemen, or your struggling neighbour?
- Did you pay Zakat correctly? Did you prepare for Zakat al-Fitr?

**“The Prophet ﷺ was the most generous of people, and he was even more generous during Ramadhan.”(Bukhari)**

**Imagine the stars & reviews of the people in Gaza today, families fast without knowing if food will arrive. They are being tested with fire but still look at their generosity.**

#### 4. SINCERITY & HEART PURIFICATION – RATINGS/REVIEWS/STARS?

- Was your fasting to impress others or to please Allah ﷻ? Did you repent sincerely?
- Did your eyes cry even once out of awe or regret? Did you guard your heart from pride, jealousy, and self-righteousness?

“Verily, Allah does not look at your appearance or wealth, but He looks at your hearts and your deeds.”(Muslim)

#### 5. SEEKING KNOWLEDGE & QUR’ANIC UNDERSTANDING – RATINGS/REVIEWS/STARS?

- Did you learn anything new? Attend a Dars? Read a Tafsir page? Did your Taqwa increase?
- Did you study the names of Allah ﷻ or share an Ayah? Did you apply anything?

“Whoever travels a path seeking knowledge, Allah makes his path to Paradise easy.”(Tirmidhi) Ibn Abbas used to study Qur’an with the Prophet every night in Ramadhan.

#### 6. TIME MANAGEMENT & PRIORITISATION – RATINGS/REVIEWS/STARS?

- Did you plan your day around salah or around work?
- Did you reduce social media, gossip, shopping sprees?
- Did you value these days like limited-time treasures?

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**“By time, indeed mankind is in loss. Except those who believe, do righteous deeds, and encourage truth and patience.” (103:1-3)**

The martyrs of today in Gaza, Yemen, Syria, Sudan may not have had the time we do, but they spent it wisely, and now, they are honoured by Allah ﷻ .

## **7. EARNING LAYLAT AL-QADR & THE FINAL SPRINT – RATINGS/REVIEWS/STARS?**

- Did you treasure & actively seek the odd nights?
- Did you make Du’a like it was your last chance?
- Did you receive the reward of fasting & be recompensed with 1000 months?
- Did you remain steadfast after Ramadhan & maintain this new transformation?

**HOW MANY STARS WILL RAMADHAN GIVE YOU? WHAT REVIEWS WILL YOU RECEIVE?**

If you were hosting the Prophet ﷺ in your home, how would you treat him?

Ramadhan is Allah’s guest in your home, how did you treat it?

The Reviews & Stars haven’t been published yet; you still have time, so finish strong.  
Be a 7-star host to Ramadhan, so Ramadhan returns to you! Earn the 7 Stars! Earn Jannah!

**“So race to all that is good”(2:148)**