

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْكَبِيرِ الْمُتَعَالِ، إِلَيْهِ تُرْفَعُ الْأَعْمَالُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا وَنَبِيَّنَا مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُ اللَّهِ وَرَسُولُهُ، فَاللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا وَنَبِيِّنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ الطَّيِّبِينَ الطَّاهِرِينَ، وَعَلَى مَنْ تَبِعَهُمْ بِإِحْسَانٍ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ.

All praise is due to Allah, the Most Great, the Most High. To Him all the deeds are reported. I bear witness that there is no deity save Allah, having no associates. I also bear witness that our Master Muhammad is the Servant of Allah and His Messenger. May the peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, his pure blessed family and all those who follow them in righteousness till the Day of Judgment.

## Raising Deeds To Allah Almighty

- When Allah ﷻ created us, He enjoined us to do good deeds and promised that all deeds will be weighed justly.

وَنَضَعُ الْمَوَازِينَ الْقِسْطَ لِيَوْمِ الْقِيَامَةِ فَلَا تُظْلَمُ نَفْسٌ شَيْئًا وَإِنْ كَانَ مِثْقَالَ حَبَّةٍ مِنْ خَرْدَلٍ أَتَيْنَا بِهَا وَكَفَى بِنَا حَاسِبِينَ

“and We place the scales of justice for the Day of Resurrection, so no soul will be treated unjustly at all. And if there is [even] the weight of a mustard seed, We will bring it forth. And sufficient are We as accountant.” (21:47)

وَإِنْ تُحْسِنُوا وَتَتَّقُوا فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ كَانَ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ خَبِيرًا

“But if you do good and fear Allah, then indeed Allah is ever aware with what you do.” (4:128)

- Everyone shall stand before Allah to be judged for every deed, therefore one should hasten towards good. Weekly deeds are presented to Allah ﷻ on Mondays and Thursdays, while the whole year’s deeds are raised in Sha’baan.

أُسَامَةُ بْنُ زَيْدٍ، قَالَ قُلْتُ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ إِنَّكَ تَصُومُ حَتَّى لَا تَكَادَ تُفْطِرُ وَتُفْطِرُ حَتَّى لَا تَكَادَ أَنْ تَصُومَ إِلَّا يَوْمَيْنِ إِنْ دَخَلَا فِي صِيَامِكَ وَإِلَّا صُمْتَهُمَا . قَالَ " أَيْ يَوْمَيْنِ " . قُلْتُ يَوْمَ الْاِثْنَيْنِ وَيَوْمَ الْخَمِيسِ . قَالَ " ذَانِكَ يَوْمَانِ تُعْرَضُ فِيهِمَا الْأَعْمَالُ عَلَى رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ فَأُحِبُّ أَنْ يُعْرَضَ عَمَلِي وَأَنَا صَائِمٌ

Usama Ibn Zaid رضي الله عنه “I said, ‘O Messenger of Allah, sometimes you fast, and you hardly ever break your fast, except two days which, if you are fasting, you include them in your fast, and if you are not fasting, then you fast them on your own.’ He صلى الله عليه وسلم said, ‘which two days?’ I said, ‘Monday and Thursday.’ He said, ‘those are two days in which deeds are shown to the Lord of the worlds, and I like my deeds to be shown (to Him) when I am fasting’”.

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تُفْتَحُ أَبْوَابُ الْجَنَّةِ يَوْمَ الْإِثْنَيْنِ وَيَوْمَ الْخَمِيسِ. فَيُغْفَرُ لِكُلِّ عَبْدٍ مُسْلِمٍ لَا يُشْرِكُ بِاللَّهِ شَيْئًا، إِلَّا رَجُلٌ كَانَتْ بَيْنَهُ وَبَيْنَ أَخِيهِ شَحَاءٌ. فَيَقَالُ: أَنْظِرُوا هَذَيْنِ حَتَّى يَصْطَلِحَا

“the gates of Paradise are opened on two days, Monday and Thursday. In these two days, every servant (of Allah) who does not associate anything with Him is forgiven except the person in whose (heart) there is rancour against his brother. (About them) it would be said, ‘look towards these two until they have made a reconciliation.’”  
(Muslim)

ذَلِكَ شَهْرٌ يَغْفُلُ النَّاسُ عَنْهُ بَيْنَ رَجَبٍ وَرَمَضَانَ، وَهُوَ شَهْرٌ تُرْفَعُ فِيهِ الْأَعْمَالُ إِلَى رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ، فَأُحِبُّ أَنْ يُرْفَعَ عَمَلِي وَأَنَا صَائِمٌ

know that the year’s deeds are lifted to Allah, the Almighty, in the month of Shaaban, about which the Prophet pbuh said, “that is a month to which people do not pay much attention, between Rajab and Ramadan. It is a month in which the deeds are taken up to the Lord of the worlds, and I like that my deeds be taken up when I am fasting.” (Musnad Ahmad/Sunan An-Nisai)

يَطَّلِعُ اللَّهُ إِلَى خَلْقِهِ فِي لَيْلَةِ النُّصْفِ مِنْ شَعْبَانَ، فَيَغْفِرُ لَجَمِيعِ خَلْقِهِ إِلَّا لِمُشْرِكٍ أَوْ مُشَاحِنٍ

“indeed, Allah looks down on the night of the middle of Shaaban and forgives all of His creation except for the polytheists and those with grudges.” (Ibn Habban/Tabrani/Bayhaqi)

- Therefore, we must make a conscious effort to cleanse our hearts and put things right between people for this is amongst of the best of acts. The Messenger ﷺ said, “**Shall I tell you what is better than prayer, fasting and giving for charity?**” They said, “Yes.” He said, “**mending discord.**” (Musnad Ahmad)
- Truly, having a pure heart and showing forbearance are amongst the causes of winning Allah’s forgiveness and seeing one’s rank raised by degrees. Allah, the Almighty states, “**and let them pardon and overlook. Would you not like that Allah should forgive you? And Allah is Forgiving and Merciful.**” (24:22)

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- **What is the difference between Sha'baan 2015 and Sha'baan 2016?**
- The difference between Sha'baan 1436 and Sha'baan 1437 is that a whole year of your life has passed, with more than 350 days of actions recorded.
- **Sit down and try to reflect on what you did in the past year and try to remember the actions that will be put forth in front of Allah ﷻ**
- How many sins have you committed this year? How many haram gazes have you not restrained? How much of your brothers' and sisters' flesh have you eaten?
- Did you protect your hands and feet from falling into haram? How much good did you enjoin? How much evil did you forbid? How many hours did you waste?
- **How I wonder, what our position is in the eyes of Allah when our deeds are raised?**
- Which of us will be brought closer and embraced, and which of us will be distanced and punished?
- **Submit to Allah ﷻ, seek His forgiveness, worship Him through the nights and fasts the days...**