

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

قُلْ يَا عِبَادِ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا رَبَّكُمْ لِلَّذِينَ أَحْسَنُوا فِي هَذِهِ الدُّنْيَا

حَسَنَةٌ وَأَرْضُ اللَّهِ وَاسِعَةٌ إِنَّمَا يُوَفَّى الصَّابِرُونَ أَجْرَهُمْ بِغَيْرِ حِسَابٍ

وقال النبي ﷺ: إِذَا صُمْتَ مِنَ الشَّهْرِ ثَلَاثًا، فَصُمْ ثَلَاثَ عَشْرَةَ، وَأَرْبَعَ

عَشْرَةَ، وَخَمْسَ عَشْرَةَ

Dear Believers,

Today's khutbah will focus on the "Ayyam-u Bidh," days highly recommended by our Prophet Muhammad ﷺ and their virtues.

"Ayyam-u Bidh" is an Arabic term meaning "white days." These are the 13th, 14th, and 15th days of each lunar month, when the full moon illuminates the sky. Our Prophet Muhammad ﷺ made it a Sunnah to fast on these days and encouraged his followers to do the same.

The month of Rajab is one of the blessed months when the doors of Allah's mercy are wide open, filled with blessings and forgiveness. The rewards of worship during this month are multiplied. The 15th night of this month holds particular significance as it is the night when Prophet Moses spoke to Allah ﷻ and Prophet Idris ascended to the heavens and paradise.

Abu Zar (may Allah be pleased with him) narrated: "The Messenger of Allah ﷺ used to command us to fast three days of every month, and those days were the thirteenth, fourteenth, and fifteenth of the lunar month." (Ibn Majah, Sawm)

Ibn Abbas (may Allah be pleased with him) also reported: "The Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) never ceased to fast on the thirteenth, fourteenth, and fifteenth of the lunar month, neither on a journey nor at home." (Abu Dawud, Sawm, 62)

Hafsa (may Allah be pleased with her) also provided the following information: "There were four things that the Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) never abandoned: fasting on the Day of Ashura, the first ten days of Dhul Hijjah, the thirteenth, fourteenth, and fifteenth of every lunar month, and two rakats of the midday prayer." (Ahmed, Nasai)

In a hadith, the Prophet said, "When I entered Paradise, I saw that most of the people of Paradise were those who fasted on the Ayyam-u Bidh." (Shiratul Islam)

Dear Brothers,

Fasting on the Ayyam-u Bidh presents a great opportunity to earn the reward of fasting throughout the year. Our Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) stated the reward of these fasts as follows: "Fasting for three days in a month is like fasting for the whole year." (Bukhari, Sawm, 60)

My brothers,

Fasting is one of the ways to attain Allah's forgiveness during these blessed months. However, scholars recommend that we fulfill any missed Ramadan fasts during these days. In this way, both the Sunnah of the day is observed and the past debt of fasting is paid.

I will conclude my khutbah with a verse from the Quran: "O Messenger, say to My servants who have believed: Fear your Lord. For those who do good in this world is good, and the earth of Allah is spacious. 1 Indeed, for the patient is their reward without limit." (Az-Zumar, 10)