

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

فَأَمَّا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ فَهُمْ فِي رَوْضَةٍ يُحْبَرُونَ

وَقَالَ النَّبِيُّ ﷺ: مَنْ صَامَ رَمَضَانَ ثُمَّ أَتْبَعَهُ سَنًا مِنْ شَوَّالٍ فَذَلِكَ صِيَامُ الدَّهْرِ

Respected Believers!

The topic of today's khutbah will be the fast of Shawwal.

Allah ﷻ, says in the Holy Qur'an: ***"Indeed, those who believe and do righteous deeds will be hosted in gardens beneath which rivers flow, abiding therein eternally. That is the great reward."*** (Al-Kahf, 107-108)

We have left behind the blessings of Ramadan and celebrated the joy of Eid. However, it is our shared responsibility to preserve this spiritual atmosphere and continue our worship with consistency. The month of Shawwal presents us with a new opportunity in this regard.

Our beloved Prophet ﷺ encouraged fasting six days in Shawwal after Ramadan, saying: ***"Whoever fasts Ramadan and then follows it with six days from Shawwal, it will be as if he fasted the entire year."*** (Muslim, Siyam 204)

This fast is a great blessing for self-discipline and strengthening piety, while also serving as a complement to the Ramadan fast. In accordance with the noble hadith: ***"Whoever performs a good deed will be rewarded tenfold."*** (Tirmidhi, Siyam 44), by fasting in Shawwal, one earns the reward of fasting the entire year.

Dear Brothers

The Shawwal fast can be observed on any six days of the month, not necessarily consecutively. However, it is more virtuous to fast on Mondays and Thursdays or during the Ayyam al-Beedh (the 13th, 14th, and 15th of the lunar month). That said, if one has any missed obligatory fasts from Ramadan, those should be made up first.

Valuable Believers,

We must not abandon the good habits we cultivated in Ramadan. We performed Tarawih prayers with great devotion, dedicated more time to the Qur'an, guarded our tongues from backbiting and foul speech, and

competed in good deeds. Would it be right to abandon these virtues after Eid? Our servitude to our Lord is not confined to a single month. Maintaining the devotion we showed in Ramadan throughout the year will be a great gain for all of us.

Let us especially be diligent in performing the five daily prayers. Remember, Tarawih is a Sunnah—we do not incur sin by neglecting it—but the five daily prayers are obligatory, and abandoning them is a grave loss.

This world is not a place for heedlessness. Let us continue our worship with a focus on the eternal blessings of the Hereafter. We do not know how long we will live. Some of our brothers and sisters among us today may not reach the next Ramadan. Therefore, let us seize the opportunities, draw closer to our Lord, and open a new chapter in our spiritual lives.

I conclude my khutbah with a noble hadith:

Our beloved Prophet ﷺ said: ***"The most beloved deeds to Allah are those done consistently, even if they are small."*** (Bukhari, Riqaq 18)