

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

حَمْدٌ ﴿١﴾ وَالْكِتَابِ الْمُبِينِ ﴿٢﴾ إِنَّا أَنْزَلْنَاهُ فِي لَيْلَةٍ مُبَارَكَةٍ إِنَّا كُنَّا مُنْذِرِينَ ﴿٣﴾ فِيهَا يُفْرَقُ كُلُّ أَمْرٍ حَكِيمٍ ﴿٤﴾ أَمْرًا مِنْ عِنْدِنَا إِنَّا كُنَّا مُرْسِلِينَ ﴿٥﴾ رَحْمَةً مِنْ رَبِّكَ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ ﴿٦﴾

وَقَالَ النَّبِيُّ ﷺ: إِذَا كَانَتْ لَيْلَةُ الْبَصِيفِ مِنْ شَعْبَانَ، فَقُومُوا لَيْلَهَا وَصُومُوا نَهَارَهَا، فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ يَنْزِلُ فِيهَا لِغُرُوبِ الشَّمْسِ إِلَى سَمَاءِ الدُّنْيَا، فَيَقُولُ: أَلَا مِنْ مُسْتَغْفِرٍ لِي فَأَغْفِرَ لَهُ أَلَا مُسْتَرْزِقٌ فَأَرْزُقَهُ أَلَا مُبْتَغَى فَأُعَافِيَهُ أَلَا كَذَا أَلَا كَذَا، حَتَّى يَطْلُعَ الْفَجْرُ

Dear Believers!

Allah ﷻ has bestowed upon us countless material and spiritual blessings. One of these is the blessed night of Bera'ah, the 15th night of the holy month of Shaban. We will observe this sacred night on the evening of Thursday, February 13th.

Regarding this night, our Almighty Lord states in the Noble Qur'an: **"Ha Mim. By the clear Book, indeed, We sent it down during a blessed night. Verily, We were intent on warning. Therein every wise matter is made distinct."** (Ad-Dukhan, 44:1-4)

Respected Brothers

This blessed night is the night when the Noble Qur'an was sent down in its entirety from the Preserved Tablet (Lawh Mahfuz) to the first heaven. On this night, Allah ﷻ abundantly bestows His mercy, blessings, and favors, and forgives many sinners. Additionally, this is the night when the complete authority of intercession was granted to the Beloved of the Almighty, Muhammad Mustafa ﷺ.

The Night of Bera'ah is the night when the events of the coming year are decreed and handed over to the appointed angels. All decrees, such as sustenance, lifespan, wealth, poverty, death, and births, are sent down from the Preserved Tablet to the first heaven.

- The records related to calamities and wars are handed over to Angel Jibril,
- The records related to sustenance, rain, and snowfall are handed over to Angel Mikail,
- The records related to deaths are handed over to Angel Azrail,

- The records of deeds are handed over to Ismail, the guardian of the first heaven.

The reason this night is called "Bera'ah" (Salvation) is that Allah the Almighty forgives many sinners in this night.

The Messenger of Allah ﷺ said about this night: **"Bring to life the 15th night of Shaban with prayer, and fast during its day. After sunset on this night, Allah the Almighty descends to the lowest heaven with His mercy and calls out: 'Is there anyone seeking forgiveness, that I may forgive them? Is there anyone asking for sustenance, that I may provide for them? Is there anyone afflicted, that I may grant them relief?' This continues until dawn."** (Ibn Majah, Iqama, 191)

However, there are certain sins that prevent forgiveness on this night unless sincere repentance is made. According to the hadiths, those who will not be forgiven and deprived of mercy on this blessed night are:

- Those who associate partners with Allah,
- Those who persist in adultery and drinking alcohol,
- Those who are consumed by ambition for leadership and power,
- The arrogant, the envious, those who spread discord among people, murderers, and idol-makers,
- Those who are disobedient to their parents, sever ties with relatives, backbite, and sow discord among people,
- Those who cheat in trade and consume usury,
- Those who consult fortune-tellers, sorcerers, and psychics and believe in their words.

Dear Brothers

To attain the mercy and guidance of our Lord on this blessed night, we must sincerely repent, give charity, engage in dhikr (remembrance of Allah), recite the Noble Qur'an, send blessings upon the Prophet ﷺ, perform any missed prayers, and especially prioritize the prayer of tasbeeh (glorification).

Additionally, let us pray for the well-being of the Ummah, our families, and ourselves, seeking health, safety, and all forms of goodness.