

THE DAY OF AASHURA

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10TH MUHARRAM – THE DAY OF AASHURA

(1) The 10th Muharram called the Day of Aashura, is a Day of significance and auspiciousness.

(2) It is Sunnat to fast on either the 9th and 10th or 10th and 11th Muharram.

(3) The sins committed the previous year are forgiven by virtue of the fasts of Aashura.

(4) Whilst spending a bit lavishly on the family on the Day of Aashurah, is a valid Sunnah, exchanging gifts has no Sunnah significance.

(4) The following episode illustrates the significance and importance of the Day of Aashura

A Faqeer came to a Qaadhi on the Day of Aashura and pleaded: “May Allah honour the Qaadhi. I am a Faqeer with a large family I have come to you to ask by the virtue of this great Day to give me bread , meat and two dirhams (silver coins) so that I may feed my family lavishly on this Day. Allah will reward you.”

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The Qaadhi promised to fulfil his request at the time of Zuhr. When Zuhr came, the Qaadhi told the Faqeer to come at Asr. When it was Asr, the Qaadhi told him to come at Maghrib. When the Faqeer arrived at Maghrib, the Qaadhi said that he had nothing to offer. The Faqeer was profoundly grieved and left shedding tears.

Along the way he passed by a Nasraani (Christian) who was sitting at the doorway of his house. Seeing the Faqeer crying, the Nasraani asked; "Why are you crying?" The Faqeer said: "Don't bother to ask me." The Nasraani said: "I ask you in the Name of Allah. Inform me of your predicament." The Faqeer explained the episode with the Qaadhi.

The Nasraani said: "What is the status of this Day by your people (i.e. Muslims)?" The Faqeer said: "It is the Day of Aashura." He narrated some of the virtues and blessings of Aashura. The Nasraani was so impressed that he gave the Faqeer more than what he had requested from the Qaadhi. Instead of the two dirhams he had requested, the Nasraani gave him 20 dirhams. Then the Nasraani said: "Take this for your family, and every month come and take this amount from me for the sake of this great Day. May Allah honour this Day."

The Faqeer's poverty-stricken family was overwhelmed with joy, and in a loud voice they supplicated: "O Allah! Grant happiness swiftly to the one who has made us happy." That night whilst the Qaadhi was sleeping he heard in a dream a Voice: "Lift your head and look!" When the Qaadhi obeyed, he saw two palaces of indescribable beauty. The bricks were of gold and silver. He said: "O my Allah! Whose palaces are these?" The Voice said: "If you had fulfilled the request of the Faqeer, these would have been your palaces. Since you had buffeted him, the palaces now belong to the Nasraani (the Nasraani was indentified in the dream)."

The Qaadhi woke up in a state of grief, fear and shock, crying – Alas! Alas! Then he hastened to the Nasraani. He said to the Nasraani: "What good deed did you do yesterday?" The Nasraani said: "Why do you ask?" The Qaadhi informed him of his dream. The Qaadhi said: "Sell me the good deed you had done to the Faqeer for a hundred thousand dirhams."

The Nasraani said: "I shall not sell it for the world full of gold. Furthermore, O Qaadhi! I make you witness that I am declaring: '*Ashadu al-laa ilaaha ill al laah wa ash-hadu-anna Muhammadan Abduhu wa Rasuluhu.*' (I testify that there is no deity but Allah, and I testify that verily, Muhammad is His slave and His Messenger.)."

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