

# Lailatul Qadar

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# Mentioned in Surah “Al-Qadr”

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّكَ عَفُوٌّ تَحِبُّ الْعَفْوَ فَا عْفُو عَنِّي

إِنَّا أَنْزَلْنَاهُ فِي لَيْلَةِ الْقَدْرِ  
وَمَا أَدْرَاكَ مَا لَيْلَةُ الْقَدْرِ  
لَيْلَةُ الْقَدْرِ خَيْرٌ مِنْ أَلْفِ شَهْرٍ  
سَلَامٌ هِيَ حَتَّىٰ مَطْلَعِ الْفَجْرِ  
تَنْزَلُ الْمَلَائِكَةُ وَالرُّوحُ فِيهَا بِإِذْنِ رَبِّهِمْ مِنْ كُلِّ أَمْرٍ

In the name of Allah, the Gracious the Merciful. Surely, We sent it down on the Night of Destiny. And what should thee know what the Night of Destiny is? The Night of Destiny is better than a thousand months. Therein descend angels and the Spirit by the command of their Lord – with every matter. It is all peace till the rising of the dawn. (Chapter 97)

# Another Mention in the Quran

It is also called ليلة مباركة (laila mubaaraka) in chapter 44 verse 4 of the Holy Quran which means a “Blessed Night”

# What is Lailatul Qadr?

We have all heard of the mysterious term “Lailatul Qadr” used before. With Ramadan coming up we are sure to hear it again. We know it has to do something with Ramadan but what does it really mean?

To start off, it is the night that is considered to be when the Quran was first started to be revealed to the Prophet Muhammad (saw) as is mentioned in the previous verse, “We sent it [meaning the Quran] down on the Night of Destiny.” And so it is therefore considered to a blessed night.

# Importance of Lailatul Qadr

It's importance is pretty evident when Allah mentions that it's value is more than 1,000 months.

Huzur (aba) explained its importance in his Friday sermon on August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2010:

Whoever experiences Laylatul Qadr does so by virtue of a very special blessing of God. It is most important to value this experience and that can be by continually developing in one's spirituality. The worship of this one night is better than that of a 1000 months. Hudhur said 83 years make up 1000 months. Thus if one experiences it, one's lifetime's prayers - that are good for a believer - are accepted. All prayers made are not good in God's sight; He thus accepts what He deems good. This night also gives a believer a higher spiritual status and the descent of angels brings a revolutionary change in a believer's connection with God. And one night's worship becomes equal to a lifetime's worship. This is because one attains the objective of one's creation; for once having attained it, a believer continually strives to develop in this.

# When is Lailatul Qadr?

The Prophet Muhammad (saw) has said, “Search for the Night of Qadr in the odd nights of the last ten days of Ramadan” (Al-Bukhari, Vol.3, Bk. 32, No. 234)

Huzur (aba) said in his Khutba from July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014:

Different narrators of Traditions give different date for the Night of Destiny, some say it is the 21st night other says it is the 23rd night of Ramadan while others are sure it is the 27th night. Generally speaking Traditions say that it should be looked for in the last ten days of Ramadan. The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) was given the knowledge of the specific date of the Night during which a true believer experiences special acceptance of prayers. However, Traditions tell us that due to the mistake of two Muslims the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) forgot the specific date.

# The Holy Prophet (saw) forgets the specific date of Lailatul Qadar

What caused the Prophet Muhammad (saw) to forget the specific date? Huzur (aba) continues to explain:

It was not an ordinary matter to have precise knowledge of the date and it was a natural desire of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) to share it with the believers. Hadith recounts that after receiving this knowledge the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) left home delighted to tell others about it. However, two Muslims were having an altercation outside and the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) became involved in making peace between them to such an extent that he forgot the specific date. Hazrat Musleh Maud (may Allah be pleased with him) said that not only the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) forgot the date in fact its knowledge was removed by Divine command. Now this Night is looked for in any of the odd numbered nights of the last ten days of Ramadan.

# Significance of night and progress:

Huzur (aba) also mentioned:

The Night of Destiny means that night when man's fate is determined and it is decided how he will be dealt with in the coming year. How much will he progress and advance and what benefits will he attain and what losses he will endure. Decisions of human development are always made in night/darkness. Hazrat Musleh Maud (may Allah be pleased with him) likened such spiritual development to physical development and said that the Holy Qur'an tells us that human physical development takes place in continuous times of darkness. Like the darkness of a mother's womb where all physical development is ascertained.

# What should you one pray for if one feels that he/she has experienced Lailatul Qadr?

Hazrat Aisha (ra) asked the exact question to the Holy Prophet Muhammad (saw) and he responded by saying to pray the following prayer:

اللهم انك العفو تحب العفو فاعفو عني

O Allah, you are the forgiving and you love to forgive, so forgive me.

So the Prophet Muhammad (saw) wanted to draw our attention to our sins and preparing ourselves for the hereafter rather than use that blessed time to ask for something worldly.

# Other meanings of Lailatul Qadr

Apart from being a specific night in Ramadan, The Promised Messiah (as) has also described the meaning of this to be a time when Allah sends a Prophet.

When the Quran was first revealed on Lailatul Qadr, the entire world was in darkness in terms of spirituality. Then Allah sent his noor (light) towards the Earth in the Quran and also sent the Prophet Muhammad (saw) to guide rest of mankind.

The Promised Messiah (as) also mentioned that this verse actually lays down a rule that whenever a prophet comes he is sent at a time of spiritual darkness and the Prophet Muhammad (saw) was sent at the most darkest of times.

# Another meaning of Lailatul Qadr

The Promised Messiah (as) also explained that Lailatul Qadr of an individual is also when he is purified and has firm faith and rids himself of all evil while holding himself accountable. Following this each day and each night becomes an hour of acceptance of prayer for that individual.