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This month's focus on:

Faḍā'il Juma'at Al-Mubarak (Virtues of the Holy Friday)

***Faḍā'il Ramaḍan Al-Mubarak Laylat-ul-Qadr* (Virtues of the Night of Power)**

Muslims as a *Ummah* hold the fasting Month of *Ramaḍan al-Mubarak* as sacred for several reasons; herein revelation of the *Holy Qur'ān*, the last and the final Divine message to the humankind, was completed on the Holy Prophet Muḥammad ﷺ and so were the previous Divine scriptures such as the Psalms, the Scrolls, the Old and New Testaments were revealed to His Holy Prophets (peace be on them). The major recurring feature of the Month is the *Laylat-ul-Qadr* (The Night of Power) that has its own virtues and rewards.

The thirty days, some times twenty nine, of fasting during the Month are *fard* (compulsory). The sincere intention accompanied by shunning of acts of backbiting, lying and other bad deeds during fasting is the means to seeking pleasure of Allāh the Almighty, washing of sins and disease. The extra worship to the usual especially on the odd nights during the last third of the month when the Night of Power happens to fall in earns utmost rewards as the *Holy Qur'ān* has it:

The Night of Power

Is better than

A thousand months.

- (Al-Qadr 97:3)

Ḥaḍrat Abu Huraira رضى الله عنه has narrated the Holy Prophet ﷺ saying: "Anyone who fasts with the firm belief during the Month of Ramadan for due reward will have his sins, previous as also in the future, forgiven. He who stands (in worship) during the Night of Power with sincere belief and for the sake of reward will have his sins in future forgiven." - (Sahih Bukhari VI, P270)

Ḥaḍrat 'A'ishā Siddiqua رضى الله عنها narrated: "When the last third of the *Ramaḍan Al-Mubarak* set in, the Holy Prophet ﷺ girded up his loins firmly, remained awake at night and also kept the household awake." - (Sahih Bukhari VI, P271)

Ḥaḍrat 'A'ishā Siddiqua رضى الله عنها has narrated the Holy Prophet ﷺ saying: "Search for the Night of Power during the odd nights of the last third of *Ramaḍan*." - (Sahih Bukhari VI, P270)

Ḥaḍrat Anas رضى الله عنه has narrated Ḥaḍrat 'Abada bin Samat رضى الله عنه relating the Holy Prophet ﷺ who came out of the house in order to give the good news about the Night of Power: "There were two men amongst the Muslims who started quarrelling between themselves. The Holy Prophet ﷺ said, 'I have come out of the house to give you the news of the

Night of Power. But such and such fell out and, in consequence, specification of the Night of Power was lifted. In all probability, it is now better for you to search for it during the nights of twenty fifth, twenty seventh and twenty ninth of *Ramaḍan*.'" - (Sahih Bukhari V2, P893)

Ḥaḍrat Ibn Umar رضى الله عنه has narrated: "Some of the Companions of the Holy Prophet ﷺ had the Night of Power pinpointed in their dreams as the one of the last seven nights. The Holy Prophet ﷺ said, 'I observe that your dreams all agree on the last seven nights. Accordingly, anyone looking for the Night must do so during these last seven nights.'" - (Sahih Bukhari VI, P270/Sahih Muslim VI, P369)

Ḥaḍrat Ibn Abbas رضى الله عنه has narrated the Holy Prophet ﷺ saying: "Look for the Night of Power during the last ten days i.e. twenty first, twenty fifth and twenty seventh." - (Sahih Bukhari VI, P271)

Ḥaḍrat Anas bin Malik رضى الله عنه has narrated: "Whenever *Ramaḍan* began, the Holy Prophet ﷺ said, 'This Month has arrived. It has in it such a Night that is better (in reward) than a thousand months (of worship). He who remained deprived of it remained so from all the blessings. And nobody except the unlucky one is deprived of its blessings.'" - (Ibn Maja/Mishkat Sharif VI, P339, No. 1855)

Ḥaḍrat Anas رضى الله عنه has narrated the Holy Prophet ﷺ saying: "On the eve of *Laylat-ul-Qadr* Ḥaḍrat Gabriel عليه السلام comes along with a group of angels and passes on mercy to each one of the servants or prays for his forgiveness who whilst standing or sitting is incanting *dhikrullah* or engaging himself in worship. On the Day of *Eid (al-Fitr)* Allāh the Almighty because of these servants takes pride amongst the angels saying, 'O the angels! What is the remuneration of the labourer who completes his job?' The angels beseech, 'O our Sustainer! His remuneration is that he should be given full credit.' Allāh the Almighty says, 'O my angels! My servants, male and female, have discharged their duty. Then they set out of the houses for supplication at the *Eid Gahs* (Meeting Place for the Eid Prayer). I swear by My *Dhāt*, Majesty and All-Forgiveness, Grace, Highness, Excellence that I shall accept their supplications.' Further, Allāh the Almighty says, 'O My servants! Return to your houses. I have forgiven you, changed your sins in to good deeds.'" -

The Holy Prophet ﷺ said: "The Muslims return from *Eid Gahs* in the state that their sins are forgiven." - (Behaqui/Misahkat Sharif VI, P355, No. 1983)

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Forthcoming Events:

22 Aug 09	Birthday of Ḥaḍrat Piran-i-Pir Dastgir Ghawth Al-Azam Al-Jilani Mahbub-i-Subhani Sayyid Abdul Qadir رضى الله عنه
24 Aug	Anniversary of Sayyidat-an-Nisa Fatima-tuz-Zahra رضى الله عنها
31 Aug	Death Anniversary of Ḥaḍrat Pir Jama'at 'Ali Shah Sialkoti رضى الله عنه
03 Sept 09	Anniversary of Ḥaḍrat Pir al-Faid Shah Sharf-ud-Din Bū 'Ali Qalander رضى الله عنه
06 Sept	Anniversary of Shaikh Al-Mashaikh Qutub al-Aqtab Mujaddid-i-Duran Ḥaḍrat Abū Anees Muḥammad Barkat 'Ali Ludhhanivi رضى الله عنه
07 Sept	<i>Yawm al-Badr</i>
11 Sept	Martyrdom of Sayyiduna Ḥaḍrat 'Ali al-Murtaḍa رضى الله عنه
12 Sept	Ḥaḍrat Sarkar Pir-o-Murshad Shah Walayat Hakim Sayyid Amir al-Hassan Saharanpuri Makhdum al-Mulk رضى الله عنه

Dār-ul-Eḥsān Epistles ...

Focus on: *Faḍa'il Juma'at Al-Mubarak* (Virtues of the Holy Friday) by Ḥaḍrat Abū Anees Muḥammad Barkat Ali
 قدس سره العزیز، Dār-ul-Eḥsān Publications, Serial No. 17, pp 20:
07 Shawal Al-Mukarram 1387 AH

Ḥaḍrat Abū Anees Muḥammad Barkat Ali قدس سره العزیز, makes an observation in-as-much-as one needs to be punctual in performing the Friday Prayer because it is obligatory. Allāh the Almighty has commanded:

O you who believe!
 When the call is proclaimed
 To prayer on Friday,
 (The Day of Assembly),
 Hasten earnestly to remembrance
 Of God, and leave off
 Business (and traffic);
 That is best for you
 If you but knew.
 - (Juma'a 62:9)

He has at the beginning of the magazine listed some thirty four *Aḥādīth* which discuss all virtues of the weekday of Friday when, it is said, Hadrat Adam ﷺ was created, admitted to Heaven and sent down to the Earth. He breathed his last on a Friday. Hadrat Israphil ﷺ will blow his trumpet to bring about the Doomsday on a Friday. On the day there is a moment of time between the *Asr* and *Maghrib* prayers when the supplications are met with by Allāh the Almighty most exceedingly. To enhance the virtues of the day one is ordered to bathe and help his wife with the bath, wear clean clothes and some perfume if one has it in the house, set off to the mosque early, listen to the *Khutbah* (sermon) reverently, sitting close to the *Imam* (the prayer leader). This would earn him the reward for one year long good deeds, a year's fasting and *Tahajjud* prayers. Giving away in charity on Fridays, the *Aḥādīth* promise, would help with livelihood and compensate for any loss of life or money. Recitation of *darūd* in profusion on the Holy Prophet ﷺ on the day is recommended for it reaches him. In turn, he ﷺ supplicates for forgiveness of the reciter.

The first one arriving at the mosque for Friday prayer is, as it were, like the one who would have a reward having given away in charity a camel, for the next ones the rewards are in the descending order worth the cow, the ram, the chick and the egg respectively.

Anyone missing three consecutive Friday afternoon prayers will have his heart sealed for any Divine enlightenment.

The magazine explains the procedure for the *Juma'a* Prayer. First of all after the *Adhan* and supplication two *raka'ats* as *Tahayyat al-Masjid* and four *raka'at* as *Sunnah al-Mu'akkadah* are said. After the second *Adhan*, the first and second *khutbahs* are listened to. The *Imam* then leads two congregational *Fard raka'at*, *Sunnah* and *Natal*, followed by four and couple of two *raka'ats* individually.

The Holy Prophet ﷺ recited routinely after the formal Friday prayer *Surahs Al-Ikhlās, al-Falq* and *an-Nas* seven times each. One must recite afterwards ... *Subhaan al-'azim wa behamdehi* (Glorified be Allāh the Almighty, Most Great, and praise be to Him) hundred times for remission of ten thousands of his/her sins of the parents, the Holy Prophet ﷺ has proclaimed!) *Surahs Kahf* and *Hūd* are recommended to be recited during the day, preferably before the *Juma'a* prayer for spiritual uplift.

In the end Hadrat Abu Anees has penned down the *Hadīth* narrated by Abu Hurairah رضى الله عنه: "Anyone remaining seated

after the '*Asr* prayer on Friday and reciting one hundred times the following *Darud Sharif* will have eighty years of sins forgiven and a reward in lieu of eighty years worship recorded:

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ النَّبِيِّ الْأُمِّيِّ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَسَلِّمْ سَلَامًا

Allahumma salle 'ala Muhammadan nabi al-'ummi wa 'ala ālihi wa sallam taslima! (O Allāh the Almighty! Send peace and blessings on Muḥammad, the unlettered Prophet ﷺ and on his descendants, with all respect!" - (Al-Qowl al-Badi', P192)

- Dār-ul-Eḥsān UK

اے روح محمد ﷺ

شیرازہ ہوا ملت مرعوم کا ابتر
 اب تو ہی بتا تیرا مسلمان کدھر جائے!

وہ لذت آشوب نہیں بحر عرب میں
 پوشیدہ جو ہے مجھ میں وہ طوفان کدھر جائے!

ہر چند ہے بے قافلہ و راحلہ و زاد
 اس کوہ و بیاباں سجدی خوان کدھر جائے!

اس راز کو اب فاش کر اے روح محمد ﷺ
 آیات الہی کا نگہ سب ان کدھر جائے!

انبالہ

Dr Sir Muhammad Iqbal's (رحمۃ اللہ علیہ d. 1938 CE) orison to the Holy Spirit of Muhammad ﷺ at the miserable plight of his *Ummah*

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Supplication of *Laylat-ul-Qadr* continued from pg1...

Ḥaḍrat 'A'isha Siddiqua رضى الله عنها has narrated that she beseeched the Holy Prophet ﷺ, "Please tell! If I come to know the Night of Power, what shall I recite i.e. what supplication should I proffer?"

"The Holy Prophet ﷺ said: 'Say this once:

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّكَ عَفُوٌّ تُحِبُّ الْعَفْوَ فَاعْفُ عَنِّي

(O Allāh! You are the Great Forgiver. You love forgiving. Forgive me!)" - (Tirmidhi Sharif V2, P325, No. 1363)

Ḥaḍrat Abu Anees says: "*Laylat-ul-Qadr* is the miracle of the blessed Month of *Ramaḍan*. It occurs on anyone of the nights of the odd days of the last ten days of the Month i.e. 21st, 23rd, 25th, 27th and sometimes on 29th. It is the night worth more than a thousand months (of worship)." - (MH 5:4330)

"The enlightenment of fasting amounts to indignation,

indeed. The fasting one never begs for!” – (MH 10:7478)

“The *Nūr* (Light) of the fasting of *Ramaḍan Al-Mubarak* remains prevalent ever after every fasting; it is not the case with any other worship.” – (MH 16:9554)

“During the blessed Night of *Ramaḍan Al-Mubarak*, I had the following Divine grace bestowed that is the elixir for all stomach ailments including evaporation or dehydration of the body system: Grind to powder one part by weight of each of *saunf* (aniseed, *Illicium grithii*), *alaichi kalan* (cardamum, *Elettaria cardomum*), *dhania* (coriander, *Coriandrum sativum* Linn), and two parts of crystal sugar; one tea spoon to be taken in *vitro* with water after daily meals. Please note that almost 99% ailments take birth in the human stomach. This cure of the *Hikmat* is meant for the benefit of the *Ummah* in general. May no one make it a means of business!” – (MH 10:7541)

The Words of Wisdom by Ḥaḍrat Abū Anees Muḥammad Barkat Ali قدس سره العزیز continued-

7421. EVERY critic found the secret with the blessing of the dot under the letter ... *bā* of ... *bismillāh* (In the Name of Allāh!) *Mā shā Allāh!* And he received each and every blessing with the dot of ... *bā*!

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!

7422. EVERONE in the world earned either outwardly or inwardly in the backdrop of the *Dīn* (Faith). If at all anyone did not earn anything, he is the one who had renounced the world. Nobody can deny this fact.

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!

7423. THE animals eat all kinds of fodder. When they are satiated, they sit down and regurgitate.

Likewise, when after *dhikr* the *Ahl-i-Dhikr* have rest, they have the absorption of *fikr* (contemplation) prevailed. This becomes the witness of some enlightenment of the *dhikr*:

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!

7424. THE Almighty Allāh’s Majesty is truthfully managed in the grandeur of the state of Majesty. When this Majesty is born with one’s beautiful conduct, the power to bear with it manifests as a beauty.

The interpretation of this enlightenment is truth through and through.

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!

7425. *QAWI AL-‘AZIZ* (The Most Powerful): He is Overwhelming to every power and authority in between the Earth and the Sky and everything in them. In the presence of His One-ness, Uniqueness and Independence, nothing has any power, not even equal to a straw or mustard seed.

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!

7426. RICE is the head of food. It would not be out of place if you call it a fruit. Do not waste it.

There must be angels accompanying rice! What wisdom and plan did it incorporate in its preparation! But, you lost it in dust.

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!

7427. TO bear discomfort for *dhikrullah* earns the eternal comfort.

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!

7428. EVEN though we all cannot see, but do admit that the terrestrial angels in files from the Earth to the Exalted Throne remain present around the sitting of *dhikr*.

Here (at *Camp-* and *Dar-ul-Ehsan*) the sessions of *dhikr* are established continuously, the continuous *dhikr* is carried out for always; the angels are, therefore, present and remain in attendance all the time. In the situation, the insulting deeds and gestures are regarded the worst acts. Therefore, refrain from and

stop them.

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!

7429. IS it not enough for you? It must be, we believe, that the angels of light remain present and in attendance around you all the time.

The angels are accompanied by *Mu’akkals* and jinns too, some impersonating majesty and the others beauty.

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!

7430. NOT everyone can copy! For some originals there are no copies at all!

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!

7431. FREEDOM from worry is the evidence of wisdom of the human being.

Be content at trust in Allāh the Almighty and not in wisdom.

The might of the honour and excellence and power of the wisdom and nature of Allāh the Almighty, the Lord of the Worlds, has *Tawakkal* (trust and fear) operational inwardly.

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!

7432. WHEN the brothers of Sayyiduna Yūsuf عيسى عليه السلام, the Beautiful of Allāh the Almighty, cut the rope in order to drop him in to the well, he had reached only half the way that the Archangel Gabriel جبرائيل عليه السلام received the order: “Beware! He must not reach the surface of water!” Thus he saved him.

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!

7433. WRITE with your own pen on to your own heart in witness of my master ﷺ, may my soul be sacrificed for him, and in regard of All-Presence and All-Seeing Allāh the Almighty, the Lord, the Majestic and the Honoured. Whatever you write then would be the writing on the forehead (the blissful).

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!

7434. IF you wish to write, put down as follows:

“May your saying ever remain steadfast, never falsifying!”

As long as the saying is established, it remains alive.

There are some sayings alive in the world of sayings. May Allāh the Almighty help keep your own saying alive eternally!

The history ever kept the living saying alive.

The past is the witness to the present and the present to the past!

That what existed in the past is alive in the present. Had it not been in the past, it would not be found in the present.

There is the same dress from eternity to eternity, never changing at all.

That what existed in the past is also found in the present. The present holds superiority over the past.

Some four to five thousand years ago that a Raja professed a saying by the bank of a river that is to day in the world of sayings resonating exactly.

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!

7435. EVERY state remains alive in the present. Allāh the Almighty accepts or wipes out what He wishes.

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!

7436. WHAT dilemma is the leader of the Divine message faced with?

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!

7437. JEALOUSY is the worst kind of evil. The preacher of the Faith has fallen victim to jealousy.

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!

7438. ALLĀH the Almighty says: “I am the Ruler, I am the Ruler!”

O the Ruler of the rulers, the Lord, the Majestic, the Honoured! Free Your servants completely from every worry

in order to occupy and engaged them in Your *dhikr*. May You descend Your mercy unto them and grant contentment too!

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!

7439. THE one who had to send the message of life to the life got ensnared in (the race of) ranks and stages.

The enkindler of each and every lamp had his own lamp gone out.

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm! Berahmatika Astaghith! (O the Living, O the Lasting! Send Your mercy!)

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!

7440. PUNISHMENT of the insurgent!

Appreciation of the obedient!

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!

7441. THE tiger does not let its hunt run away!

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!

7442. EVERY knowledge is beneficial but because of its practice.

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!

7443. ASH-HADU an-la ilaha ill Allahu wahduhu la shrike lahu wa ash-hadu anna Muhammadan 'abduhu wa rasūlu! (I bear witness that there is no deity but Allah Who is One and has no partner. And Muḥammad is His servant and Messenger!)

My master ﷺ, may my soul be sacrificed for him, is the soul of the world of love.

Love said: "Allāh has no partner. He never allows any partner near Him. Having believed in the *Ahad* (One) as the *Ahad*, the *Ahad* is worshipped.

If one wishes to live in the body and soul, live as one and only!

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!

7444. ONLY the expert physicians can cure the incurable disease, but not everyone can!

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!

7445. THE renewer of *Tibb* (Medicine): "If I cannot be present in person at a session, hold *harr* in honour in stead.

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!

7446. WHEN the spent matter in blood and flesh is broken down and burnt out, the health is recouped.

Wā mā alaynā ill al-balāgh! (Our duty is to convey!)

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!

7447. IF you wish to come to Me, come having abandoned every worry of the world and the Hereafter.

Whoever comes to Me has nothing to himself, comes all alone having first wiped out his 'being'. He becomes Mine and I become his!

He is then dependent on none except, inwardly or outwardly, in any matter whatever.

He finds far better life than the one he would have abandoned.

He shuts one office and the other is opened for him.

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!

7448. AWAKE for the Faith, not for the self.

The strength of the Faith is the most powerful of all.

The flesh and spirit of the Faith is the Most Powerful.

Faith:

..... *Wā huwa ma'akum ana ma kuntum* (And He is with you wherever you may be – (Al-Hadid 57:4)!

..... *Wā nahnu aqraba alayhi min habalil warid* (For We are nearer to him than (his) jugular vein – (Al-Qaf 50:16)!

..... *Wā adha salaka 'ibadi anni fa-inni qarib* (When My servants ask you (tell them on My behalf) that I am only near them!)

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!

7449. THE message to the nation is the soul of the nation. And there is life only because of the soul!

The message to the *Ummah* (Nation), may be from anyone, remains alive.

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!

7450. THE owl is the wisest bird of all in the world. Unbeknown all stupid pranks are attributed to this poor bird!

The owl is the leader of the nightly session, prisoner of *dhikrullah*, mad of the desolations, intoxicated of the devastations, enthroned of seclusion and ruler of the night birds.

Some say that as he says *Allāh Allāh*, he is named *Ullu!* *Wallāhu 'Alamu Bith-Thawab!*

As soon as the night sets in, the owl wakes up, appears from rough corners, flutters his wings, sorts out his eyes, sits on the deciduous branch or a deserted and broken wall most overbearingly, examines his surroundings, waits in ambush, jumps at the hunt as soon as he sees, and swallows it down along with the skin.

He has no bird to equal him in wakefulness at night!

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!

7451. HE is free who treads his path and only, never stopping at any one's stopping him.

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!

7452. THE Majesty never allows anything except.

The Beauty conquers all the corporeal, fiery and terrestrial.

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!

7453. THERE is no wound at all present in the body shaped by Allāh the Almighty. They are inflicted by ourselves that become carbuncles sapping energy all along. Even if they are healed they leave the scars nevertheless.

These wounds alone are the memoirs of life.

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!

7454. SOME formulas of *dhikr* of the sessions of *dhikrullah* are spiritual, persuading the fiery creatures to music and dance.

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!

7455. WHATEVER the stage until it is continuous, it remains incomplete.

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!

7456. FONDNESS said: "Let me get on with the work. I have not as yet reached my desired; rather I am still thirsty."

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!

7457. KIRAMAN KATIBIN (the Guardian Angels) know that what is apparent. Only Allāh the Almighty knows that what is hidden in the heart.

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!

7458. DHIKR-I-DAWAM (Continuous *Dhikr*) means the one established from the time started until the end, leaving no moment of time vacant.

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!



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