

## Farewell Ramadan – (The last day of Ramadan)

In the name of Allah the Gracious the Merciful.

To make it alive to witness Ramadan is a great mercy from Allah, and a big gift, only those who are successful can appreciate it. Not so long ago we were looking forward to meeting Ramadan, then, thanks be to Allah, we enjoyed its beauty, and we lived through its breeze moments passed just like a reflection, and shined just like lightening.

Allah Akbar. Just another Friday gone by we lived the second day of Ramadan, and this Friday today we are living its last day. A full month has gone and we say good bye to it. It is gone either as witness for us or a witness against us. If we just knew who was successful in winning all the mercies so they can be congratulated and who was denied them so they can be commiserated and empathised.

Ramadan's days are over. Be in the care of Allah; Month of reciting, praising and night prayers.

Dear brothers, all things go to pass except the Allah. And just like everything else in this life Ramadan comes to pass. All things terminate and disintegrate. All living will perish. Each and every thing has a time limit. Us and all this life, and the entire universe will go to nothing.

Time passes by, and all life passes by, we too will pass by. This who is above earth today shall be underneath earth tomorrow. This is the law of this life. What remains is only the remaining good deeds.

Let us look at the messenger (PPBU) as he climbs his Member to give his Friday Khutbah one Friday. He put his foot on the first step and said Ameen. And he put his foot on the second step and said Ameen. And similarly on the third step he put his foot and said Ameen. After he climbed down off the member, some of the companions said to him: O'messenger of Allah we heard you say Ameen three times when you

were climbing the member. Why? He said: because Gebrael came to me as I was climbing the member and said: "Muhammad, what a shame and what a loss to anyone; for whom Ramadan comes and goes and he/she does not received forgiveness; say Ameen." So I said Ameen.

Then Gebreil said to me: "O' Muhammad, what a shame and what a loss to anyone; who does witness the parents or one of them alive and does not go to paradise for them. Say ameen" so I said Ameen.

Then Gebreil said to me: "O' Muhammad, what a shame and what a loss to anyone; in whose witness your name is mentioned and he/she does not pray upon to you. Say ameen" so I said Ameen.

Yes Ramadan did come and go. It is now a witness for us or against us. It depends on what we deposited with it of deeds. This of us who deposited good deeds, let them give thanks to Allah. And this of us who deposited other than good deeds, well, let them look back at them selves, repent to Allah of all the sins and the bad deeds.

Dear Muslims, just like that the page of Ramdan is turned, and ends a shopping spree that was packed with goodness, great good deeds. Some had made huge profits and gains, while others made losses, yet others were banned from making profits.

Now, as we say good bye to Ramdan, there are some opportunities to reflect upon. For indeed, fasting and Ramadan are great times for mending one's ways, corrections, changes provided we have the proper intentions and objectives.

Dear brothers and sisters, Ramadan is like a school for the entire Muslim nation that it can only come out of it with improvements; and for this holy month to be a point of change and transformation. It is a month for repentance and seeking of forgiveness, and pardoning from fire. For this who did not repent during this month; when do they expect to repent?

It was clear to many of us that during this month when one wants, and intends, and insists and be serious then one will be capable with the well of God to present to him self and his nation great goodness and great work. But the question that imposes itself now that Ramadan is finishing is the following: Are we people of Ramadan times or are we Godly people on the straight and narrow? Let each of us look back at the days and years of his/her life and be your own judge. And if we are truthful with our selves then we will find that many of us are only Ramadan time people type. Those who are active with different types of worships only during Ramadan; and as soon as Ramadan is gone we become lazy and we retreat. As if we do not feel the enjoyment of good deeds and therefore we do not continue doing them. As if all the acts of obedience we did, did not make our chests open up with comfort. And there is a big snag and a huge danger in this. Otherwise, anyone who felt the sweet taste of belief, and his/her heart was touched by the its cheerful sense, will continuously be in receipt of goodness from Allah until the day he/she die. And their activities will be on the increase until he/she meets their creator.

When Allah may he be exulted; commanded his prophet (PPBU) to do all the worships that it is to be on a fixed and continuous bases. Allah says: {and worship your God until certainty comes to you} (certainty her refers to death). And Allah also says: {say that my prayers and devotion and my living and my death are for Allah the god of the worlds}. For Allah did not state that his worship has any limit by time or otherwise; other than the limit of death. Neither times are assigned for good deeds and acts of obedience; while other times are not. The messenger (PPBU) realized this and lived it. He was an icon to be followed in perfect complete worship in all its aspects. He exercised continuity of the good deeds. He used to say: {The most loved of all acts to Allah is the continuous one. Even if it was little.}

His wife A-asha described the messenger's work by saying that the most loved religious acts to the messenger is that was continuously done. And she also said, when the messenger pray a prayer he loves to keep doing it.

Om-Salma said that when the messenger died most of his prayers were performed when he was sitting down. And the most loved acts to him are those done by the slave on continuous bases; even if it was a little.

Just because part of our worship is being obedient to him, and following his style, and take him as example, therefore, it is necessary for us to be like he was as much as we can. Allah says: {There is a good example in the messenger of Allah for you, for those who seek and hop for Allah and the latter day and those who remember Allah alot}

It is from here dear Muslims, it is necessary for any one who seeks winning and salvation to follow the straight path; and holds on to the values of religion. Keep on doing the obedience acts; the visible and the invisible ones; for as long as one can. And give up sins and wrongdoings, major and minor ones.

Keep on the being active with your worships, for the Lord or Ramadan, is also the Lord of Shawwal, and the same as the god of Sha'ban.