

THE NIGHT OF SALVATION

15TH SHA'BAAN

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ACTION PLAN FOR THE RICH TO SALVATION

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THE BENEFITS & DETAILED METHODS ARE DISCUSSED IN THIS BOOK

Important Message

By the grace of Almighty Allah, we have been honoured to enter the blessed month of Sha'ban Al-Muazzam which holds an auspicious night with great significance for all Muslims. It is on the 15th Sha'ban when our book of deeds is presented to Almighty Allah and when it is decided who will live and die for the following year. This night was loved by the Messenger of Allah and as such it becomes incumbent upon us to love it too. It is a night for individual and collective worship giving us an opportunity to create an amazing spiritual atmosphere in our homes.

I urge all my brothers and sisters to take heed of what will be discussed in this booklet. This night is not a night for idle behaviour, rather, it is a time for us to worship Almighty Allah. For this to be effective, we must ensure that we do not engage in impermissible actions during this night and use it as an opportunity to reconnect ourselves with Almighty Allah and His Rasool. We must make firm intentions on this night that we will refrain from committing any sins and make sincere dua that Almighty Allah accepts our worship tonight. Kanz ul Huda has provided a practical syllabus on how to protect yourself from sins which is available on www.kanzulhuda.com

Insha'Allah I will outline how we can prepare for this night and how we can spend it in worship. Recite the 6 special litanies for tonight and make this a memorable night for you and your family by worshipping Almighty Allah together. I sincerely pray that Almighty Allah showers his mercy upon us all, protects us from all calamities and forgives all our shortcomings. Ameen

— Jagik Jakal —

Preparation for the night:

The preparation for this night begins before Maghrib Salah enters on the 14th Sha'ban. The following should be done:

1. Make sincere Tauba (repentance)

As a starting point make a sincere Tauba (fulfilling its four prerequisites) to Almighty Allah for all the major and minor sins you have committed in the past. Tauba is between you and Almighty Allah and an opportunity to sincerely turn back to Him and beg for His forgiveness. Go into this night with a clean slate. Almighty Allah states in the Holy Qur'an: "People who Believe! Incline towards Allah in a repentance that becomes a guidance for the future; it is likely that your Lord will relieve you of your sins and admit you into Gardens beneath which rivers flow." [Surah Tehreem, v.8]. Kanz ul Huda has made the practical method of Tauba in accordance with its pre-requisites easy, just remember the acronym PRAN:

P - Past sin. When a sin has been committed, you must firstly acknowledge that you have transgressed your soul against Almighty Allah. You must ensure that the sin you are asking forgiveness for is a sin of the PAST.

R - Remorse. You must show remorse when repenting to Almighty Allah. Do your best to shed tears at the thought of how you have disgraced yourself in front of Almighty Allah repeatedly, yet He still showered His mercy upon you. RasoolAllah said "Two eyes will never be touched by the fire of Hell; an eye which weeps out of Fear of Allah and an eye which spends the night in guarding in the Cause of Allah." [At-Tirmidhi].

A - Allah's sake. If you want your repentance to be accepted it must be for the sole sake of Almighty Allah. There must be no worldly benefit involved except that you are repenting to please Almighty Allah alone.

N - Never again. Make a firm intention to never commit the same sin again.

2. Reconcile with enemies

Once you have fulfilled your Huqooq Allah (rights of Allah), you must turn towards Huqooq ul 'Ibaad (Rights of people). Sayyiduna Muadh bin Jabl (Radi'Allahu Anhu) narrates that the Prophet said: "Allah turns his attention to all his creatures on the night of the middle of Sha'ban and forgives all his creation, except the Mushrik (polytheist) and the one who bears malice (to his brother)." [Tabraani - Ibn Hibaan also narrated this in his Sahih]

Sayyidah 'Aisha (Radi'Allahu Anha) narrates that RasoolAllah said that Jibrael (Alaihis Salaam) came to him and said "The night of the middle of Sha'ban, it is upon Allah to release in it from Hell so many people as equal to the number of hair of the sheep of Banu Kalb. However, Allah will not look at the one who associates anything with Him, the one who bears malice towards anyone, the one who cuts relations with others, the one who drags his lower garments below the ankles (out of pride), the one who disobeys parents and an addict of wine." [Bayhaqi]

This is the night where we can gain the special observation of Almighty Allah if we refrain from the points stated in the above narrations. This is the night of salvation from the fire of Hell, it is the night for attaining the Ma'rifa (spiritual closeness) of Almighty Allah, so every one of us must take precaution in refraining from all impermissible actions. Let us remove all arrogance from our hearts and seek the forgiveness from those whom we have severed our ties with.

The importance of this has also been emphasised by the great Mujadid, Imam Ahmed Rida Khan (Rahimahullah) in a letter he wrote to one of his disciples, he says:

"Shab-e-Bar'at is near. In this night, the deeds of all servants are presented to Almighty Allah. For the sake of the Most Dignified Messenger, Almighty Allah forgives the sins of Muslims, however, Almighty Allah addresses those Muslims who have a mutual tension due to worldly reasons by saying, "Leave them as they are until they do not mend their relations." We should mend relations before the sunset of 14th Sha'ban. Offer each other's rights or otherwise forgive them so that (with the permission of Almighty Allah) when the book of deeds is presented to Almighty Allah, it is clean from the sins pertaining to violating public rights.

For violating the rights of Allah Almighty, a 'true repentance' is sufficient. RasoolAllah said, "Whosoever repents from his sins, is as though he didn't commit the sin in the first place." [ibn Majah]. If one acts upon this and with this condition (by the permission of Almighty Allah) there is a strong hope of complete forgiveness and salvation, provided his beliefs are correct.

The sunnah of reconciliation and creating unity between brothers in Islam, also pardoning or begging pardon for violated rights, is Alhamdulillah, continuously running here year after year. I hope that you will inculcate this good practice upon the Muslims and hence act in accordance with this narration:

"Whoever starts a good thing and is followed by others, will have his own reward and a reward equal to that of those who follow him, without it detracting from their reward in any way." [Tirmidhi]

Pray for this beggar's salvation and for his prosperity in both worlds. This beggar supplicates and will continue to supplicate for you (Insha'Allah). Reconcile, unite, and forgive each other truly and whole-heartedly because an insincere tongue and hypocrisy are disliked in the court of Allah Almighty.

Fagir Ahmed Rida Qadri from Bareilly

May Almighty Allah give us the ability to forgive others so that we may attain His forgives. Ameen

NOTE:

It is important for me to mention that certain actions should be prioritised especially in preparation and during this blessed night. A lot of people solely focus on spiritual litanies but neglect those actions that hold a higher priority. As mentioned above, this includes making sincere Tauba, reconciling ties of kinship and fulfilling your Qada (missed Faraid - obligatory actions). Those of you who have not started to make up your Qada prayers, then you must make a start tonight preferably before Maghrib Salah enters.

Awraad for 14th Sha'ban

Recite the following in abundance

1. Astaghfirullah rabbi min kulli zambin wa atoobu ilaih

2. La hawla wala quwwata illa billahil aliyyil azim

3. Sallallahu ala Muhammadin nabiyil ummiyi wa ala aali wasallam

15th Sha'ban – Explanation of the 6 litanies

6 main litanies to recite during this night:

- 1. Durood Khizri
- 2. Salat at-Tauba
- 3. Salat at-Tasbih
- 4. Salat al-Hajah
- 5. Qur'an Recitation and recommended litanies
- 6. Special Salawat for protection and cure from diseases such as the Coronavirus and other litanies.

1. Durood Khizri

Durood Khizri is to be read x313 either collectively with your family (to increase barakah and love between you all) or individually with full concentration:

2. Salat at-Tauba

Sayyiduna Abu Bakr (Radi'Allahu Anhu) narrates that RasoolAllah said, "If anyone who commits a sin, stands up, purifies himself, offers Salah and seeks forgiveness of Allah, then Allah surely forgives him."

RasoolAllah # then recited this verse of the Qur'an from Surah Al Imran, v. 135:

"And those who, when they commit an immoral act or wrong themselves, remember Allah and seek forgiveness of their sins - and who forgives sins except Allah? And those who do not purposely become stubborn regarding what they did." [Tirmidhi, Abi Dawood, An-Nasai]

Sayyiduna Ibn Buraydah (Radi'Allahu Anhu) states that his father narrated that one morning RasoolAllah acalled Bilal (Radi'Allahu Anhu) and said, "With which deed were you ahead of me in Jannah. I entered Paradise last night and I heard your footsteps ahead of me." He said, "O Messenger and never have I committed a sin without offering two Raka'ah (afterwards) and never has my ablution become void but I have made a fresh ablution immediately and offered two Raka'ah." [Tirmidhi]

My dear brothers and sisters this is the time for us to turn back to Almighty Allah and seek his forgiveness in the form of praying two Raka'ah. We are all sinners, but this will be a means for our salvation Insha'Allah. Remember, if we repent sincerely not only will Almighty Allah forgive us, but He will change those sins into good deeds. This is also a time for us to reflect on our own spiritual states and embark on the Kanz ul Huda Tazkiyyah Course (details on www.kanzulhuda.com)

Method:

Recite two Nafl with the sole intention of Tauba and upon conclusion make sincere dua shedding tears for forgiveness in accordance with the four pre-requisites (PRAN).

3. Salat at-Tasbih

Sayyiduna Ikrimah (Radi'Allahu Anhu) reports that ibn Abbas (Radi'Allahu Anhuma) narrated that RasoolAllah and once said to Abbas (Radi'Allahu Anhu): "O Abbas! O Uncle! Shall I not give you and shall I not present you and shall I not inform you and shall I not bless you with ten things which if you do Allah will forgive you your sins. The first and the last, the past and present, unintentional and deliberate, minor and major, secret and open. The ten things are: You pray four Raka'ah reciting in each the Fatihatul kitab and a surah. When you finish the recital in the first Raka'ah say while you are standing 15 times:

Then go in Ruku' and repeat the same words while you are in Ruku' 10 times, then raise your head from the Ruku' and repeat them 10 times, then when you go into prostration and while you are in prostration repeat them 10 times, then raise your head from the prostration and repeat them 10 times and again go into prostration and repeat 10 times, raise your head from prostration and repeat 10 times. This is 75 times in every Raka'ah. Observe this in the 4 Raka'ahs and if you can pray this salah once everyday then do it. If not then once every Friday, if not then once every month, if not then once every year. If not, then once in your lifetime. [Abi Dawood, ibn Majah and Imam Tabraani narrated this with the additional words "if your sins are like the foam of the seas or particles of dust Allah will forgive you."]

In the narration of Imam Hakim, RasoolAllah # gave this salah as a gift to his cousin, Sayyiduna Jafar bin Abi Talib (Radi'Allahu Anhu). In that version the following words were added to the Tasbih,

The above is one version of how to read Salatl at-Tasbih. The other method of Salat at-Tasbih is that after the Thana but before the recitation of Ta'awuz and Fatiha you recite the Tasbih 15 times. Then after the Fatiha and Surah recite it 10 times, then continue with the previous method but after the second sajdah you don't sit and

read the Tasbih nor is it recited with the Tashahud (Attahiyaat). It is recommended to read both ways.

After mentioning the above ahadith we recommend the following method:

- Step 1: Make an intention for Salat at-Tasbih of 4 Raka'ah Nafl
- Step 2: After Thana but before Ta'awuz recite the Tasbih x15
- Step 3: Recite Surah Fatiha and a Surah then recite the Tasbih x10
- **Step 4:** Go into Ruku' and after completing Ruku' in the bowing position recite the Tasbih x10
- **Step 5:** Stand up from Ruku' and after reciting '...Walakal Hamd' then recite the Tasbih x10
- **Step 6:** After completing first Sajdah recite the Tasbih x10
- **Step 7**: Sit back up then recite the Tasbih x10
- **Step 8:** Complete the second Sajdah and then recite the Tasbih x10
- **Step 9:** Repeat in all 4 Raka'ahs. The Tasbih will be recited a total of x75

Notes:

- In the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Raka'ah remember to recite the Tasbih x15 before reciting Surah Fatiha.
- After Surah Fatiha the recommended Surahs are as follows: Surah Hadid, Surah Jumu'ah, Surah Taghabun and Surah Hashr.
 - o However, in some narrations it is mentioned that one can recite surahs to the equivalent of 20 verses.
 - o Some other recommended Surahs are: Surah Zalzalah, Surah Adiyat, Surah Takathur, Surah Asr, Surah Kaafirun, Surah Nasr and Surah Ikhlas. These are recommendations, however, if one does not know these Surahs then in Nafl worship it is sufficient even if Surah Ikhlas is recited in every Raka'ah.
- You should not articulate verbally how many times you have read the Tasbih as that invalidates the prayer. Closing the fingers one by one is permissible but Makruh. The best method is to keep your fingers where they are but to keep pressing them one by one to keep count.

- Salaatul Tasbih can be offered at anytime during the day and night other than Makruh times. Imam Taqiuddin Subki (Rahimahullah) says "This prayer is very important; one should not be deceived due to the denial of some people. Those who are aware of the great virtues and excellences of this prayer but are still negligent, are from those who are lazy regarding their Deen and are away from the path of the pious." According to a narration of Mirqaat, Sayyiduna ibn Abbas (Radi'Allahu Anhuma) performed this every Friday.
- Imam Hakim says that one of the proofs for the authenticity of the Hadith for Salaatul Tasbih is that from the time of Taba' Tabaeen until our time it has been performed by great people and they guided others towards it. From amongst these great people is Abdullah ibn Mubarak (Radi'Allahu Anhu) who is from the teachers of Imam Bukhari (Rahimahullah).

During this night we should offer Salat at-Tasbih and benefit from its great virtues. Make a firm intention of performing this regularly to attain purification from all sins, protections from all calamities, illnesses and hardships of the Dunya and Aakhira.

4. Salat al-Hajah

Sayyiduna Abdullah ibn Abu Awfa (Radi'Allahu Anhu) narrates that the Messenger of Allah said, "Whoever has a need from Allah or one of the children of Adam let him make wudu, doing it well, and offer 2 Raka'ah salah. Then he should glorify Allah and send Salawat upon the Prophet and then recite:

"There is no god but Allah The Clement, The Bountiful. Glory be to Allah, Lord of the Mighty Throne. All praise belongs to Allah, Lord of the worlds. I ask you for that which qualifies me for your mercy, the strong means to your forgiveness, abundant portion of every piety and safety from every sin. Leave no sin of mine without forgiving it. No anxiety without removing it and no need that is pleasing to you without fulfilling it. O the most Merciful of those who show mercy. [Tirmidhi and ibn Majah]

In the narration of Ibn Majah - the addition is that RasoolAllah stated that, "Should the person make prayer for the affairs of this world and the next and whatever else he wishes, indeed, Allah will fulfil them."

Method:

Recite two Nafl with the sole intention for fulfilling your needs and make sincere Dua for acceptance.

One of the best times to do this is on this auspicious night. It is a night when Almighty Allah's mercy is so close to us and His special observation is with us. Insha'Allah by performing this Salah, it will fulfil our permissible desires. It is desirable to make Dua for the protection and well-being of the ummah, your family members, protection of your children, blessing in sustenance, remaining guided on the right path, life and death upon Iman, salvation in the hereafter and attainment of the Mar'rifa of Almighty Allah and true love of RasoolAllah ...

5. Recitation of Qur'an with recommended litanies and supplications:

Depending on the time that remains in the night you should recite as much Qur'an as possible either collectively as a family or individually.

Qur'an:

- Recite the last 2 ayahs of Surah Baqarah. It comes in a hadith, "Whoever recites the last 2 ayahs of Surah Baqarah at night they are sufficient for him." [Tirmidhi]
 - o These 2 ayahs are also recommended for the house to be protected from attacks of evil satanic forces. In another Hadith it is stated, "Learn these ayahs, teach your wives and daughters, they are salah, Qur'an and dua." [Mustadrak of Imam Hakim]
- If possible recite the following Surahs:
 - Surah Fatiha at least x7
 - o Surah Kahf (at least first 10 ayahs and last 10 ayahs if not the full Surah)
 - Surah Dukhan x7. With the blessings of this, Almighty Allah will fulfil
 70 Needs of Dunya and 70 needs of the Hereafter.
 - o Surah Mulk x1
 - o Surah Qadr x1
 - Surah Takathur x1
 - Surah Kauthar x1

- Surah Kaafirun x1
- Surah ikhlas x3
- o Ayatul kursi x1

Litanies and Supplications

Continuously recite:

"O Allah, You are pardoning and You love to pardon, so pardon me." This is a special supplication for this night.

• Try your best to recite the following 10 times: Salawat before and after:

"O Allah improve the state of the Ummah of Muhammad. O Allah grant ease to the Ummah of Muhammad ." O Allah have mercy on the Ummah of Muhammad ."

Once this has been completed perform esaalus thawab and send the rewards to RasoolAllah #, the Prophets (Alaihimus Salaam), Ahlul Bayt, Sahaba, Pious Predecessors, all Awliya Allah especially the Mashaikh from whichever Tariqa you belong to and your deceased family members and friends. Be sure to include the martyrs of the Coronavirus too.

After this make Dua that Almighty Allah accepts our worship, thanking him for blessing us with this night and to bless us with Ramadhan.

6. Special Salawat and Litanies for protection

Given the current testing times we are in, we seek Almighty Allah's protection. The following duas are not just for protection from the Coronavirus but for all diseases, illnesses and calamities.

• Recite this Durood 4 times daily. This will keep you protected from viruses, plague and diseases that gives pain. Specific to this night recite it x313, however, if you do not have time then recite it a minimum of x11.

اَللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى رُوحِ مُحَمَّدٍ فِي الأَرْوَاحِ وَصَلِّ عَلَى قَلْبِ مُحَمَّدٍ فِي القُلُوبِ وَصَلِّ عَلَى جَسَدِ مُحَمَّدٍ فِي الأَجْسَادِ وَصَلِّ عَلَى قَبَرِ مُحَمَّدٍ فِي القُبُورِ |

 Recite the following in abundance. Whoever recites this after Fajr 3 times will be protected from mental illnesses, skin problems, eyesight issues and paralysis. This is recommended on special nights for protection from diseases.

Recite the following for protection. This is narrated in the Hadith of Abi
 Dawood to recite x3 in the morning and x3 in the evening:

 Recite this in abundance during this night and generally for protection from disease.

 Recite this in abundance during this night and generally any time during the day.

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For the Muridoon from our Tariqa. Once the above have been recited then proceed with reciting the Tariqa Awraad including the Tariqa Durood x313 with full concentration. Whilst doing this you will imagine you are standing in front of the blessed gates of RasoolAllah and pure light is emitting from there entering your heart purifying it.

Fasting on 15th Sha'ban

RasoolAllah swould fast the most in the month of Sha'ban, therefore, it is highly recommended for you all fast as much as possible during this month.

Ameer-ul-Mu'mineen Sayyiduna 'Ali (KaramAllah Wajhul Kareem) has reported that the Prophet said, "When the 15th night of Sha'ban arrives, stand (for worship) in the night and fast during the day. Indeed, Almighty Allah reveals a special Divine Manifestation on the sky above the earth from the time of sunset and announces, "Is there anyone seeking forgiveness so that I may forgive him? Is there anyone seeking sustenance so that I may grant him sustenance? Is there anyone afflicted so that I may relieve his affliction? Is there so and so..." Almighty Allah continues to announce this until the time of Fajr. [Ibn Majah]

May Allah accept all our efforts and I ask you to keep me in your duas.

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