

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

In the name of God, Most Gracious, Most Merciful.

لَيْلَةُ الْقَدْرِ خَيْرٌ مِّنْ أَلْفِ شَهْرٍ

The Grand Night is better than a thousand months.

How to spend the Laylatul Qadr/Shab-e-Qadr?

1. The Night **better** than a thousand months starts after Maghrib prayers [and not after mid night only to prepare for 2 rakat prayer at 2.30 AM]. But the worship should start at Asr itself because Sultan-ul-Layl, the Asr to Isha period, is to be strictly guarded as per the command of Imamuna Mahdi AS on ordinary nights, then how can one be negligent on the night that's **better** than a thousand months?
2. Make Ghusl and Wudu before Asr prayer. Adorn yourself with the best new clothes and fragrance that you can afford, join the Asr congregation prayer and sit for Zikrullah till Maghrib prayers, break your fast and resume Zikrullah and continue the Zikrullah nishist till Isha [~ 2.30 AM].
3. This night we do not perform make-up prayers [Umr Qaza] or Qur'an recitation [Tilawat]. The entire month of Ramazan and the whole year is there for Tilawat. The purpose of every act of worship is to achieve Zikrullah and the objective of Zikrullah is Divine vision (Deedar). Don't spend this night in something less superior and nothing is more superior to [Zikrullah](#), not even Namaz and Tilawat [*Recite what is sent of the Book by inspiration to thee, and establish regular Prayer: for Prayer restrains from shameful and unjust deeds; and remembrance of Allah is the greatest (thing in life) without doubt. And Allah knows the (deeds) that ye do (29:45)*].
4. Make a fresh Wudu every-time your Wudu is broke, and offer [Tahiyatal Wudu](#) prayer, seek Allah's forgiveness and make dua for His Holy vision in Sajda Munajat and continue the Zikrullah nishist.
5. The non-Mahdavis strive and struggle 5 odd nights, and still element of uncertainty persist with them. We really are unfortunate people who don't seem to value this Night revealed to us through our Imamuna AS, and we take nap on this night before Dugana in Masajids and our homes. Please take nap or full night-long sleep on all other 364 nights but spare just this night for best form of worship incessantly.
6. We get 26 days advance notification of this bounty, yet we don't take a day or two off and rush through the prayers thinking only about the job day-after. Taking 26th day of Ramazan off will give you enough time to energize and prepare for spending the night with vigor and strength. Taking 27th off will give your body complete rest.
7. After Isha prayers, [Dugana](#) and Witr prayers, grab a date or two and some water for Sahri, don't waste precious 2 hours (**better** than a 1000 months) after dugana in socializing and Sahri preparation and eating. Witr to Fajr remain seated on Musalla where dugana is performed or go back quickly to Masjid or home and remain in Zikrullah until Fajr. After Fajr congregation prayers remain in Zikrullah until sunrise (Sultan-un-Nahar).
8. Power off your cell phone, it is the single most distracting gadget in our hands, always on and always with us.
9. If you can't do any of the aforementioned things, at least leave the prayer premises and not become a source of disturbance and noise, bothering brothers sitting in Zikrullah.

Women folk

Make your women folk reap the rewards too, on this holy Night and don't force them serve you even on this Night, let her serve Allah swt at least this night. Buy some fast food, to-go, parcel food [whatever you call it depending on your location] from restaurant for both Iftar and Sahri for your family and give her a break from kitchen and encourage her to get busy in [Remembrance of Allah swt](#). Your encouraging her and doing this is also Ibadat:

It is narrated that a companion was pulverizing some food grains. Seeing this, Imam Mahdi as asked him, "What are you doing?" The companion replied, "I am pulverizing *bajra* (millet)." The Imam as said, "This work could have been done if you had given a handful of the grain. One should not waste his time. Give a handful of grain and remain in the remembrance of Allah." [#197, Naqliyat-e-Bandagi Miyan Abdur Rasheed RZ]

In those times, trading and wages were exchanged as done in bartering. Hence the handful of grain to be given as a wage to get the job done and free himself for Zikrullah was the command of Khalifatullah AS. We've the luxury of currency, and it pretty much buys anything for us today. But Alas! we don't buy time with it for Zikrullah.

Wisdom behind holding back Isha farz prayers till 2/3 of the Night of Qadr?

[Narrated Anas bin Malik: Once the Prophet delayed the 'Isha' prayer until midnight and then came to us. Having prayed he faced us and said, "The people had prayed and slept but you were in the prayer as long as you were waiting for it." \(Bukhari, Book #12, Hadith #808\)](#)

So, just reflect upon this beautiful and immensely beneficial hadith and don't waste time of the night which is **better** than a 1000 months in idle talk or trivial things which can be postponed for day after. Waiting for Farz prayer can only happen when one is waiting for it on Musalla like we do between sunnat and farz prayer any other day. Also, Allah says "*Wa Aqimis Salaata Liz Zikr*" [Establish regular prayer for celebrating My praise](#) [20:14]. Hence, by performing Zikrullah and waiting for Isha prayers, we are reaping the two best rewards, one staying in Isha [for waiting is praying] and two staying in Zikrullah, which is not only goal of the prayer, it is greater than prayer [*Indeed, prayer prohibits immorality and wrongdoing, and the remembrance of Allah is greater*, 29:45]. Hence the notion that Quran is revealed on this Night so reciting it on the night of its Revelation is rewarding, even if it is true, it will be much less rewarding than Salat and Zikrullah, both of which are obligatory. Two, this holy month is the month of reflection and Night is night of reflection, acting on what the Quran says is more rewarding and demanding than just blindly reciting it without understanding its underlying message.

Can we recite the whole Quran on the Night of Qadr? Yes, How?

It's almost impossible for any ordinary person to recite the entire holy book in one night, and even if any gifted person does it, it can only be done one time. However, by perpetually performing and staying in Zikrullah, one is considered to have recited, read, and understood the gist of all 4 divine books, how?

Somebody asked Imam Syed Muhammad Mahdi al-Mau'ood (AS) to explain the purport and essence of all the divine speech (Kalamullah - Allah's Books) in one sentence. The Imam (AS) said: "I will explain the purport and essence of all the divine Books -The Old Testament, The Psalms of David, The Bible and The Quran - in one sentence, and that sentence is *La ilaha illa Llah* (There is no god but God-Allah).

[#1, Hashia-I, Hashia Insaaf Nama]

Our teaching of [Zikr-e-Khafi with paas-anfaas](#), is nothing but *La ilaha Ilal Lah*. So, don't under-estimate its value and trade this obligation for something much inferior especially on a night which is **better** than 83 odd years. Also, know that the objective of [Zikrullah](#) is to achieve the Divine vision of our Beloved and only Deity, Allah swt. And this cannot be attained by any other form of worship:

Malik Bakhkhan Bariwal rz asked Hazrat Miyan Syed Khundmir rz, “Is there any benefit in reciting (reading) Quran?” The Hazrat rz said, “If the Quran is read, even as it should be read, a veil of luminosity (*nur*) emerges between Allah and His servant in the heart of the believer. And the remembrance of Allah, which is *La Ilaha illa Llah*, removes even the veil of luminosity.”

[#160, Naqliyat-e-Bandagi Miyan Abdur Rasheed RZ]

One day the Imam as saw some two or three persons indulged in idle talk. He went to them and asked them what they were doing. They said they were talking about a story on religion. The Imam as said, “Brother, you will not reach Allah by stories. Establish *Zikr* (remembrance) of Allah Most High, because there is no way to reach Allah except *Zikr*.” [#192, Naqliyat-e-Bandagi Miyan Abdur Rasheed RZ]

And let's not forget, Laylatul Qadr is not over just soon after Dugana and Witr.

سَلَامٌ هِيَ حَتَّىٰ مَطْلَعِ الْفَجْرِ

Peace! it is until the emergence of dawn.