

VIRTUES OF

the month of Muharram & Ashura the 10th

- 1 Muharram is among the **four sacred months** mentioned in the Quran and Hadith in much reverence and honor.¹
- 2 It was mentioned as the '**Month of Allah**' by Rasulullah ﷺ.² Although all months belong to Allah, the explicit mention of this month's connection to Allah shows the honor and virtue it has in comparison to the other months.³
- 3 The fasts observed in Muharram are **the most virtuous after the fasts of Ramadan**.⁴
- 4 The month of Muharram was suggested and then accepted as the first month of the Islamic calendar by **the consensus of the Sahabah** in the era of Sayyiduna Umar ؓ.⁵
- 5 **Fasting** on the 10th of Muharram (Ashura) is a **blessed sunnah** of Rasulullah ﷺ.⁶
- 6 Fasting on the Day of Ashura **expiates the (minor) sins** of the past year.⁷
- 7 An **additional day of fasting** is to be observed along with the Day of Ashura, i.e. one should fast on the 9th and 10th or the 10th and 11th.⁸
- 8 **Before the obligation of fasting in Ramadan** was revealed, the fast of Ashura was obligatory (fardh). Thereafter, when the fasting of Ramadan became fardh, the fast of Ashura was deemed voluntary (nafli).⁹
- 9 On the Day of Ashura, Musa ؑ and his people were **freed from the oppression of Fir'awn**. Fir'awn was also drowned on this day. Musa ؑ used to fast on this day in gratefulness.¹⁰
- 10 **Injustices (zulm)** committed in Muharram are **far greater in sin** than that of other months.¹¹

1 سورة التوبة : (36) ، رواه البخاري (4662)

2 أفضل الصيام بعد رمضان ، شهر الله المحرم" رواه مسلم (1163)

3 سورة القصص : (61)

4 "أفضل الصيام بعد رمضان ، شهر الله المحرم" رواه مسلم (1163)

5 ابن كثير (287/2) وفتح الباري (269/2)

6 "صام النبي ﷺ عاشوراء وأمر بصيامه" رواه البخاري (1892) ومسلم (1125)

7: سئل عن صيام يوم عاشوراء فقال يكفر السنة الماضية والباقية" رواه مسلم (1162)

8 لطائف المعارف لابن رجب الحنبلي (صفحة 108)

9 رواه مسلم (1125)

10 ابن كثير (148/4)

11 رواه البخاري (3397) ومسلم (1130)

