

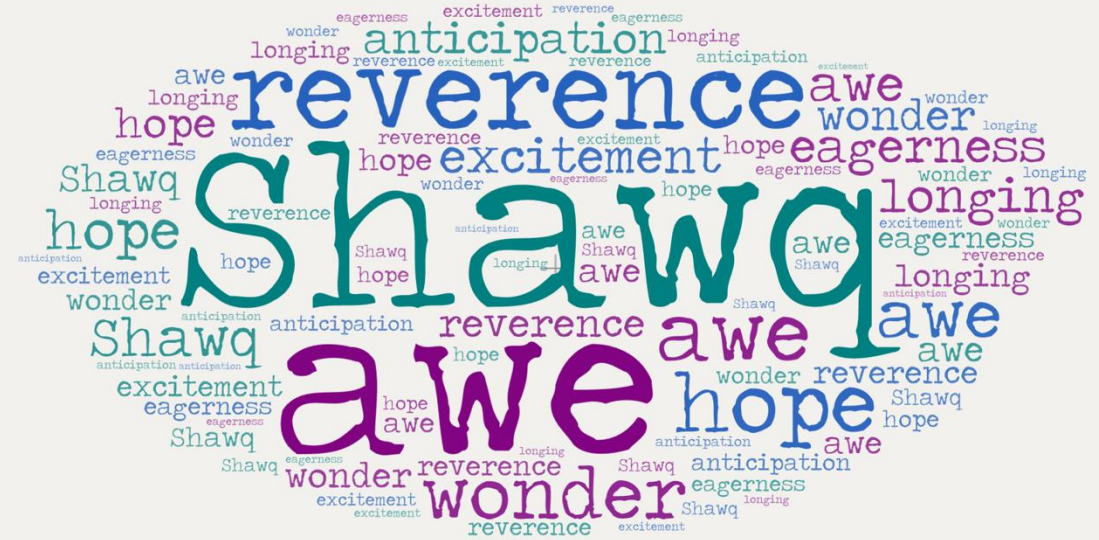
# Layla-tul-Qadr: A Night better than 1000 months!



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# Introduction

- Islam makes certain times and places sacred
- Unique opportunities to come closer to Allah
- Several positive spiritual emotions – all encompassed in the term *Shawq*
- The Prophet Muhammad ﷺ used to supplicate,  
“O Allah, I ask you for the sweetness of seeing Your Face, and the eagerness (*shawq*) of meeting you.”  
(Sunan an-Nasa'i 1305)
- Ibn al-Qayyim describes *shawq* as  
“the journey of the heart in seeking its beloved”  
(Tareeq al-Hijratayn, Dar Alam al-Fawa'id, vol. 1, p. 723)
- The Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said,  
“Whoever spends the nights of Ramadan in prayer out of faith and in the hope of reward, he will be forgiven his previous sins.”
- Foremost opportunity - last ten nights of Ramadan
- Prophet Muhammad ﷺ's wife A'isha (RA) narrates,  
“When the last ten nights began Allah's Messenger (peace be upon him) kept awake at night (for prayer and devotion), wakened his family, and prepared himself to observe salah (with more vigor).”



Hijri 1446 AH	Gregorian 2025
21 <sup>st</sup> Ramadan	The night between 20 <sup>th</sup> & 21 <sup>st</sup> March
23 <sup>rd</sup> Ramadan	The night between 22 <sup>nd</sup> & 23 <sup>rd</sup> March
25 <sup>th</sup> Ramadan	The night between 24 <sup>th</sup> & 25 <sup>th</sup> March
27 <sup>th</sup> Ramadan	The night between 26 <sup>th</sup> & 27 <sup>th</sup> March
29 <sup>th</sup> Ramadan	The night between 28 <sup>th</sup> & 29 <sup>th</sup> March



# What is Layla-tul-Qadr?

سُورَةُ الْقَدْرِ مَكِّيَّةٌ

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

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لَيْلَةُ الْقَدْرِ ۝ خَيْرٌ مِّنْ أَلْفِ شَهْرٍ ۝ تَنَزَّلُ الْمَلَائِكَةُ وَالرُّوحُ

فِيهَا يَأْذَنُ رَبِّهِمْ مِّنْ كُلِّ أَمْرٍ ۝ سَلَامٌ تَهَيَّئُ حَتَّىٰ مَطْلَعِ الْفَجْرِ ۝ ع



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خَيْرٌ مِنْ أَلْفِ شَهْرٍ، تَنْزِيلُ الْمَلَكَةِ وَالرُّوحُ فِيهَا بِإِذْنِ رَبِّهِمْ مِنْ  
كُلِّ أَمْرٍ، سَلَامٌ هِيَ حَتَّىٰ مَطْلَعِ الْفَجْرِ

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*In the name of Allah, the Entirely Merciful, the Especially Merciful*

Indeed, We sent it [i.e., the Quran] down during the Night of Decree. (1) And what can make you know what is the Night of Decree? (2) The Night of Decree is better than a thousand months.(3) The angels and the Spirit [i.e., Gabriel] descend therein by permission of their Lord for every matter.(4) Peace it is until the emergence of dawn.(5)

Holy Quran 97

# What is Layla-tul-Qadr?

- The companion Anas ibn Malik (RA) reported:

“Ramadan approached, so the Messenger of God (SAW) said: ‘This month has come to you, and in it there is a night that is better than a thousand months. Whoever is deprived of it is deprived of all goodness, and no one is deprived of its goodness except one who is truly deprived.’”
- The Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said,

“Search for Layla-tul-Qadr in the odd nights of the last ten nights of Ramadan.”
- Ibn Qudamah al-Maqdisi (d. 620 H) writes,

“God has concealed this night from the ummah so that they may strive in seeking it and performing worship throughout the month in the hopes of catching it. Similarly, He concealed the hour of special acceptance on Friday so that one would increase in their supplications throughout the day, and He concealed His Greatest Name (ism al-a’dham) amongst His Divine Names and His Pleasure with acts of obedience so that people would strive for them. And He concealed an individual’s lifespan and the Hour [of the Day of Judgment] so that humanity would continuously strive in good deeds, being heedful of them.”
- Ibn Taymiyyah made the interesting point that the “odd nights” could be counted from the beginning or the end of the month (e.g., the 28<sup>th</sup> night could be considered the third last night of a 30 day Ramadan and hence also odd), and therefore one should endeavor to strive in all ten nights (Majmu’ al-Fatawa 25/284-285).



# The Meaning of Qadr

- Qadr meaning Destiny or Decree:

‘Abdullah ibn Abbas (RA) said: “It is written in Umm al-Kitab (the Heavenly copy of the Qur’an) during Layla-tul-Qadr what shall come to pass in the following year of good and evil, sustenance, and lifespan. Even the pilgrimage of the pilgrim (shall be decided); it will be said ‘so-and-so will perform pilgrimage’ (on this night).”

- “all the affairs of lifespan, deeds, creation, and provision are decreed on Layla-tul-Qadr in the month of Ramadan and will come to pass in the coming year.”

- Imam Al-Nawawi (RA) concluded Qadr means “the night of judgment and discernment (in the affairs of men)”

- Qadr meaning “power”:

Ibn ‘Uthaymeen said: “A person would attain the reward of the night, even if he has no knowledge of it. This is because the Prophet (SAW) said ‘whoever stands (in prayer) during Layla-tul-Qadr, with faith and hope, will be forgiven,’ and the Prophet (SAW) did not make knowledge of the night a condition of their forgiveness. And had knowledge of the night become a necessary factor, the Prophet (SAW) would have made this clear.”

- Qadr meaning “restriction”:

Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said, “Truly the angels on this night are as numerous as the pebbles upon the earth.”

(Musnad Ahmad, 10734)

## *Hadith on Night of Decree Laylatul Qadr*

Aisha reported: I said, “O Messenger of Allah, if I know which night is the Night of Decree, what should I say during it?” The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, said, say,

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّكَ عَفُوٌّ ، تُحِبُّ الْعَفْوَ فَاعْفُ عَنِّي

*O Allah, You are Most Forgiving,  
and You love forgiveness; so forgive me*

Al Tirmidhi

# Significance of Layla-tul-Qadr

## ■ A Gift for the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ's community (ummah) :

"The Messenger of Allah ﷺ was shown the lifespans of the people (who had gone) before him, or what Allah willed of that, and it was as if the lives of the people of his community had become too short for them to be able to do as many good actions as others before them had been able to do with their long lives, so Allah gave him Layla-tul- Qadr, which is better than a thousand months."

(Muwatta of Imam Malik)

## ■ On Layla-tul-Qadr that the Qur'an was revealed in its entirety from the highest heaven to the lowest heaven and placed in a special chamber called Bayt al-`Izzah (the House of Honor).

## ■ Revelation of the Qur'an to the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ began in the month of Ramadan on Layla-tul-Qadr when Jibreel (AS) first descended to visit the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ

## ■ One's record with God in the Preserved Tablet (*al-Lawh al-Mahfudh*) is immutable

## ■ A person praying on Layla-tul-Qadr may result in their records with the angels being altered, before those records seal one's fate for the coming year

44. Ad-Dukhan

Sahih International Translation

44. Ad-Dukhan  
Ayat : 59 | Makiyyah

In the name of Allah, the Entirely Merciful, the Especially Merciful.

1. Ha, Meem. 2. By the clear Book, 3. Indeed, We sent it down during a blessed night. Indeed, We were to warn [mankind]. 4. On that night is made distinct every precise matter - 5. [Every] matter [proceeding] from Us. Indeed, We were to send [a messenger] 6. As mercy from your Lord. Indeed, He is the Hearing, the Knowing. 7. Lord of the heavens and the earth and that between them, if you would be certain. 8. There is no deity except Him; He gives life and causes death. [He is] your Lord and the Lord of your first forefathers. 9. But they are in doubt, amusing themselves. 10. Then watch for the Day when the sky will bring a visible smoke. 11. Covering the people; this is a painful torment. 12. [They will say], "Our Lord, remove from us the torment; indeed, we are believers." 13. How will there be for them a reminder [at that time]? And there had come to them a clear Messenger. 14. Then they turned away from him and said, "[He was] taught [and is] a madman." 15. Indeed, We will remove the torment for a little. Indeed, you [disbelievers] will return [to disbelief]. 16. The Day We will strike with the greatest assault, indeed, We will take retribution. 17. And We had already tried before them the people of Pharaoh, and there came to them a noble messenger, 18. [Saying], "Render to me the servants of Allah. Indeed, I am to you a trustworthy messenger."

سُورَةُ الدُّخَانِ

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

سُورَةُ الدُّخَانِ

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

Bismillah hir rahman nir raheem

حَمِّ وَالْكِتَابِ الْمُمِينِ ۝ إِنَّا أَنْزَلْنَاهُ فِي لَيْلَةِ مُبَرَكَةٍ ۝

Haa Meem [1] Wal Kitaabil Mubeen [2] Innaaa anzalnaahu fee lailatim mubaarakah;

إِنَّا كُنَّا مُنذِرِينَ ۝ فِيهَا يُفْرَقُ كُلُّ أَمْرٍ حَكِيمٍ ۝ أَمْرًا

innaa kunnaa munzireen [3] Feehaa yufraqu kullu amrin hakeem [4] Amram-

مِّنْ عِنْدِنَا إِنَّا كُنَّا مُرْسِلِينَ ۝ رَحْمَةً مِّن رَّبِّكَ إِنَّهُ هُوَ

min 'indinaaa; innaa kunnaa mursileen [5] Rahmatam mir rabbik; innahoo Huwas-

السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ ۝ رَبِّ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَمَا بَيْنَهُمَا ۝

Samee'ul 'Aleem [6] Rabbis samaawaati wal ardi wa maa bainahumaa;

إِنْ كُنْتُمْ مُوقِنِينَ ۝ لَّآ إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ يُحْيِي وَيُمِيتُ رَبُّكُمْ

in kuntum moqqineen [7] Laaa ilaaha illaa Huwa yuhyee wa yumeetu Rabbukum

وَرَبُّ آبَائِكُمُ الْأُولِينَ ۝ بَلْ هُمْ فِي شَكٍّ يَلْعَبُونَ ۝

wa Rabbu aabaaa'ikumul awwaleen [8] Bal hum fee shakkiny yal'aboon [9]

فَارْتَقِبْ يَوْمَ تَأْتِي السَّمَاءُ بِدُخَانٍ مُّبِينٍ ۝ يَغْشَى النَّاسَ

Fartaqib Yawma ta'tis samaaa'u bi dukhaanin mubeen [10] Yaghshan naasa

هَذَا عَذَابٌ أَلِيمٌ ۝ رَبَّنَا اكْشِفْ عَنَّا الْعَذَابَ إِنَّا مُؤْمِنُونَ ۝

haazaa 'azaabun aleem [11] Rabbanak shif 'annal 'azaaba innaa mu'minoon [12]

أَنَّى لَهُمُ الذِّكْرَى وَقَدْ جَاءَهُمْ رَسُولٌ مُّبِينٌ ۝ ثُمَّ تَوَلَّوْا

Annaa lahumuz zikraa wa qad jaaa'ahum Rasoolum mubeen [13] Summaa tawallaw

عَنهُ وَقَالُوا مُعَلَّمٌ مَّجْنُونٌ ۝ إِنَّا كَاشِفُو الْعَذَابِ قَلِيلًا إِنَّكُمْ

'anhu wa qaaloo mu'allamun majnoon [14] Innaa kaashiful 'azaabi qaleelaa; innakum

عَائِدُونَ ۝ يَوْمَ نَبْطِشُ الْبَطْشَةَ الْكُبْرَى إِنَّا مُنتَقِمُونَ ۝

'aaa'idoon [15] Yawma nabtishul batsha tal kubraa innaa muntaqimoon [16]

\* وَلَقَدْ فَتَنَّا قَبْلَهُمْ قَوْمَ فِرْعَوْنَ وَجَاءَهُمْ رَسُولٌ كَرِيمٌ ۝

Wa laqad fatannaa qablahum qawma Fir'awna wa jaaa'ahum Rasoolun kareem [17]

أَن أَدُّوا إِلَيَّ عِبَادَ اللَّهِ إِنِّي لَكُمْ رَسُولٌ أَمِينٌ ۝

An addoo ilaiya 'ibaadal laahi innee lakum Rasoolun ameen [18]

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# What to do on Layla-tul-Qadr?

- Layla-tul-Qadr is certainly the most blessed night of the year, a person who misses it has certainly missed a tremendous amount of good.
- Ash-Shafi'i (d. 204 H) said that some of the pious predecessors preferred to spend this night in prayer, some in Quran, some in dua, and all are rewarded by Allah.
- This also shows the importance of intention in that even if you don't catch the night for some reason out of your control, you will still be fully rewarded for it.
- Best to perform full i'tikaf (i.e., seclude yourself in the masjid for the entirety of the 10 days)
- Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said,  
"Whoever attends Isha prayer in congregation, then he has the reward as if he had stood half of the night. And whoever prays Isha and Fajr in congregation, then he has the reward as if he had spent the entire night standing in prayer."  
(Jami' Tirmidhi, 221. Similarly, in Sahih Muslim, 656a)
- Imam Malik (d. 179 H) narrated that he had heard that Said ibn al-Musayyab (d. 94 H) used to say,  
"Whoever is present at Isha on Laylatul-Qadr has taken his portion from it."  
(Muwatta Malik, Book 19, Hadith 707)
- The Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said,  
"Whoever stands in prayer during Laylatul-Qadr with faith and hope in the reward of Allah, all of his previous sins will be forgiven."
- A prayer for an all-encompassing forgiveness that involves invoking Allah's love for forgiveness.
- The Prophet Muhammad ﷺ stated to his companions:  
"I came to inform you of the (specific) night of Laylatul Qadr but found so-and-so arguing and (in the process of mediating) had the knowledge of the night lifted from me."  
(Sahih Bukhari, 49)
- It is **by offering forgiveness to others, and overlooking each other's faults, that we discover the forgiveness of Allah** during Layla-tul-Qadr.



# Judgement is given according to one's final actions.

**PRIORITIES**

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## TIPS FOR THE LAST 10 NIGHTS



Renew your Intentions



Eat light at Iftar



Take a nap after Zuhr



Make a list of your Ibadah



Keep something sweet with you for instant energy



Take short breaks between ibadah



Make up for your missed prayers (Qadah Salah)



Reduce mobile usage & unnecessary conversations



Make a dua list

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## CHECKLIST FOR THE LAST 10 NIGHTS

NAWAFIL	F	S	M	W	F	S	M
Missed Namaz (Qadah, if any)							
Tahiyat ul wudu							
Tahajjud Salat ul Tawbah							
Salat ul Hajat							
Salat ul Tasbeeh							
TASBEEHAT							
1st Kalimah							
Durood Shareef							
SubhanAllahi wa bihamdihi, SubhanAllahil Azeem							
Astaghfar (استغفر الله)							
Laa hawla wa laa quwwata illa billaah							
3rd Kalimah							
Recitation of the Quran							
DUA & SEEKING LAYLATUL QADR							
اللهم إني أعوذ بك من العفو فاعف عني							
Dua for Jannah & Protection from Hellfire							
Personal Duas (Health, Success, Deen, etc.)							
Dua for Parents & Loved Ones							
Dua for the Ummah							

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