

In the Name of Allah the Most compassionate, the Most Merciful  
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Praises and thanks are to the God who is Sufficient for a person who seeks His help. And, He guides the one who asks to be guided. And peace be upon Muhammad and His Ahlul-Bait and curses be upon their enemies.

### **Virtuous**

I advise myself and you to be pious, observe this world to learn from it, pay attention that everyone who has passed away has given us this advice. This world is not a place to spend time on a holiday, because death is written upon us without our choice. Pay attention to this Hadith from Imam Imam Ali; one day when the commander of faithful saw a man that was laughing at a funeral, he said: we act like that death is written upon others and fulfilling rights is obligatory upon others and we act like that whoever we make a funeral for they will return soon. We replace their place and inherit their goods as if we will not die. Truly we forgot every advice. We ask God to help us to see all this real advice.

Dear audience, repentance to God is immediately obligatory upon us after sin, and it is not permissible to postpone it. But sometimes a person forgets his sins or ignores his mistakes or makes excuses for himself, so God made some days for thinking over one's actions and precaution. One of the best opportunities is the month of Ramadan and the glorious day of this month is the night of Power (LailatulQadr). We will point out some of the attributes of these great nights, so we can do our best to take benefit of these great nights.

There are three questions about these prodigious nights. First what is the importance of these nights? In these nights Allah gave the best gift to mankind, He gave us the holy Quran in this night. Also worshiping and obeying Allah in these nights is better than that of a thousand months as the holy Quran informed us in Sura Al-Qadr. Moreover it is the night of safety from devils as the holy Quran said: *“(The night is) Peace until the rising of the dawn.”* Fourthly it is a night that Allah will decide all the things for everyone and everything in the coming year. Also there will be gifts, presents and blessings. Allah puts for us the opportunity of forgiving all the sins, even the great ones. So, those who take benefit from these nights will be given blessings in abundance and whoever loses these nights will lose a lot. Second question is why it is called the night of power. It's known as LailatulQadr because it has a ranking in the eyes of Allah. And it could be because Allah decides the fortune for the coming year like He says in the Holy Quran. Or it could be because of everyone who benefits from this night he would reach to the higher ranks. Lastly all the above could be correct. So what should we do to benefit from this night? We

should try to correct our actions, ourselves and our society. so we must ask god with the pure intention to forgive all the believers and help them to come over devil specially those who are in Bahrain, Palestine and Libya. We ask god to help believers in Somalia and remove drought. And we ask god to help us to benefit from this night and repent in it. Imam Sadiq (A.S) said: “All the faces will be crying on the day of resurrection except three faces; Eyes that didn’t look at haram, Eyes those were awake during nights in obeying God, and the eyes that cry in the middle of the night in the fear of Allah. And nothing has a worthy weight on that day except tears, truly one tear can extinguish seas of the fire of hell, even if there is one in the whole ummah, Allah, will show mercy to the whole ummah.

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