

The blessed month of

Muharram

Muharram is the first month of the Islamic year and is a month of great reward and virtue. Muharram itself means 'sacred' and is from the months which have been mentioned by Allah in the Quran: 'Four of them (Zil-Qadah, Zil-Hijah, Muharram and Rajab, are sacred'.

Virtues

Prophet Muhammad s.a.w said:

"The best of fasts besides the month of Ramadhan is the fasting of Allah's month of Muharram"

In another hadith, Hadhrat Ibn Abbas r.a reports that Nabi s.a.w said: "the one who keeps a fast in the month of Muharram will receive the reward of thirty fasts for each fast (in this sacred month)".

The Prophet s.a.w is reported to have said, "One who generously spends on his family on the 10th of Muharram, Allah will be generous on him for the entire year." Exchanging gifts is always exciting and the day of Ashura is an opportunity to do so whilst gaining the reward of Allah.

resources

According to the Holy companion, Ibn Abbas r.a, when the Holy Prophet s.a.w migrated to Madinah, he found that the Jews of Madinah used to fast on the 10th day of Muharram. They said that it was the day on which the Holy Prophet Musa a.s and his followers crossed the Red Sea miraculously, and the Pharaoh was drowned in its water. On hearing this from the Jews, the Holy Prophet s.a.w said, "We are more closely related to Musa than you." So the Prophet s.a.w directed the Muslims to fast on the day of Ashura. (Abu Dawood)

However we fast on the 9th and the 10th or the 10th and 11th so that we can be distinguished from the Jews.

Ashura: 10th Muharram