



Ramadhan

Why is it so special?

Cave Hira- where it all began



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People entering Cave Hira

The Holy Prophet Muhammad (may peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) used to go to this cave to think and pray away from other people. It was isolated and difficult to get to, so he knew he would not be disturbed.

It was here that Allah sent the Angel Gabriel, (Hazrat Gibrael in Arabic), to reveal the first verses of the Holy Quran to him. It was the month of Ramadhan.

A special month

- *'The month of Ramadhan is that in which the Quran was sent down as a guidance for mankind with clear proofs of guidance and discrimination. Therefore, whosoever of you is present at home in this month, let him fast therein.'*

Holy Quran with English Translation by Maulvi Sher Ali Chapter 2, verse 186

And:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا كُتِبَ عَلَيْكُمُ الصِّيَامُ
كَمَا كُتِبَ عَلَى الَّذِينَ مِن قَبْلِكُمْ
لَعَلَّكُمْ تَتَّقُونَ ﴿١٨٤﴾

O ye who believe! Fasting is prescribed for you, as it was prescribed for those before you, so that you may become righteous.

2: 184. Holy Quran with English Translation by Maulvi Sher Ali

A special month

- It is the ninth month of the Islamic calendar
- The Holy Prophet Muhammad (may peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) used to recite whatever verses of the Holy Quran had been revealed up to then with the Angel Gabriel every Ramadhan.*
- It is the month when Muslims all over the world *fast* from sunrise to sunset.
- *Fasting* is one of the five pillars of Islam

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What does 'Ramadhan' mean?

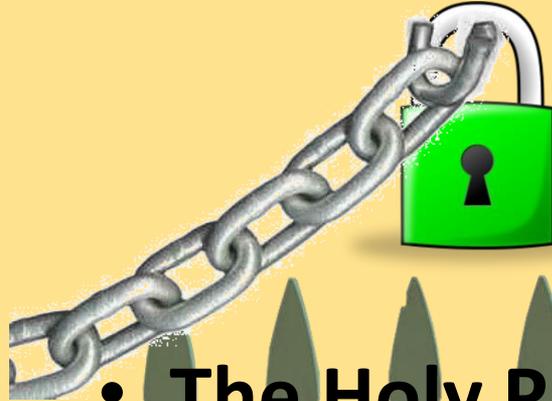


- 'Ramadhan' comes from the Arabic word 'Ramdh' – which means 'intensely hot' or 'burning'*
- The Holy Prophet Muhammad (may peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) taught: 'Ramadhan has been given this name for it burns away all sins'#

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*# Kanzul Ummal, Kitab al-Saum (Review of Religions, August
2012, vol 107*





Hadith

- The Holy Prophet Muhammad (may peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) is reported to have said:

‘When the month of Ramadhan enters, the gates of Heaven are flung open and the gates of Hell are shut, and Satans are chained.’*

****Sahih Al-Bukhari, KitabAl-Saum, Bab:yuqalu Ramadanu au shahru Ramadanana.***

How does Allah help us in Ramadhan?

The gates of Heaven are open

- It is easier to do good things.
- It is easier to get close to Allah.



The gates of Hell are closed

- Evil is locked away
- Allah chains up the bad things that might tempt us .



Fasting

From sunrise



To sunset



Prayer to end fasting:

- Allahumma laka sumtu, wa bika aamantu, wa alaika tawakkaltu, wa alaa rizqika aftartu.
- O Allah, I fasted for Your sake, and I believe in You, and upon You do I rely, and with Your provision do I end my fast.

Eid ul Fitr

- Muslims celebrate Eid ul Fitr at the end of the blessed month of Ramadhan.
- We know it is Eid when we see the new moon.

