



Rajab marks the **beginning of the spiritual season** of every believer ending with the end of the fasting month of Ramadan with the Eid Al Fitr. These three months are unmatched in their importance. Praise be to the Almighty and thanks to Him for granting us yet another opportunity to cleanse ourselves of our sins and oversights.

The Holy Prophet (SAW) has said: " Rajab is a great month of Allah, unmatched by any other month in the respect and significance (accorded to it); war with the infidels during this month is prohibited;

Verily, Rajab is Allah's month, Sha'aban my month and Ramadan the month of my Ummah;

whosoever fasts a day in the month of Rajab will be granted the great reward of Ridwan (an angel in heaven); the wrath of Allah shall be distanced and a door of the Hell shall be closed."

Fasting is one of the most recommended acts during this spiritual season. It becomes Wajib during the month of Ramadan, but is highly recommended during the months of Rajab and Sha'baan. As will be noted from the Hadith above and others to follow, fasting, be it for only one day during these months, is rewarded with untold bounties.

Imam Kazim(as) is reported to have said "Rajab is (the name of) a River in paradise that is whiter than milk & sweeter than honey. Allah will allow one to drink from this river if he fasts for even one day in this month. It is also a month of seeking forgiveness more than usual as Allah is forgiving & merciful during this month.

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Salmaan Farsi narrates that the Final messenger of Allah (SAW) said that there is a day in the month of Rajab on which if a person fasts and does Qiyaamul Lail (night vigil ) on that night, he will receive rewards like a person who fasts for 100 years and does Qiyaamul Lail for nights of 100 years. This night is the night of the 27th (Rajab) and the day of the 27th (Rajab). This is the day on which Hazrat Muhammad (SAW) was appointed to Messengerhood

### أَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ وَ أَسْأَلُهُ التَّوْبَةَ

I ask Allah for forgiveness and I pray Him to accept my repentance.

In a considerable form of narration, Ibn Baabwayh has quoted Salim as saying: I once visited Imam al-Sadiq(a.s.) in the last days of Rabaj. When his eyes turned towards me, he asked, "Have you fasted on any day in this month, Salim?"

"No, I have not," answered I.

"You have missed great reward," said the Imam (a.s.). "Such a great reward that none can ever grant except Almighty Allah. Verily, this month has been given precedence to the other months by Almighty Allah Who has also given its sanctity a great consideration and will have certainly honored those who observe fasting during it."

I then said, "O son of Allah's Messenger, what if I fast on the rest days of Rajab, will I then be awarded anything of the rewards dedicated to those fasting in it?"

Imam al-Sadiq(a.s.) answered, "Listen, Salim!



If one observes fasting on the last day of this month, this will secure him against the agonies of death, the horror of the resurrection, and the grave chastisement. As for one who observes fasting on the last two days of this month, this will give him permission to pass the Discriminating Bridge (sirat) peacefully.

As for one who observes fasting on the last three days of the month, one shall be secured on the Grand Horror Day against all the horrors and hardships thereon and shall be also granted release from Hellfire.”

Finally, be it known to you that to observe fasting during the month of Rajab wholly brings about great favors. However, it has been narrated that one who is incapable of fasting during the month of Rajab may repeat the following supplicatory prayer instead one hundred times each day in Rajab:

If one is incapable of fasting during the month recite the following instead 100 times each day in the month of Rajab:

سُبْحَانَ إِلَهِ الْجَلِيلِ

Glory be to the All-majestic God.

سُبْحَانَ مَنْ لَا يَنْبَغِي التَّسْبِيحُ إِلَّا لَهُ

Glory be to Him other than Whom none should be glorified.

سُبْحَانَ الْأَعَزِّ الْأَكْرَمِ

Glory be to the All-honorable and All-dignified.

سُبْحَانَ مَنْ لَبِسَ الْعِزَّ وَهُوَ لَهُ أَهْلٌ

Glory be to Him Who has dressed Himself with grandeur that fits none but Him.

