

# Fruits for the Week

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## *Laila-tul-Qadr* (the Night of Power)

Allah (SWT) says: “*We have indeed revealed this (message) in the Night of Power. And what will explain to you what the Night of Power is? The Night of Power is better than a thousand months. Therein come down the angles and the Spirit by God’s permission, on every errand: Peace!... This until the rise of Morn.*” (Al-Qadr: 1-5)

The above *surah* tells us that *Laila-tul-Qadr* is the most virtuous night of the year. Any action during this night, for example, reciting the Qur’an, doing remembrance of Allah, and so on, is better than acting for one thousand months of our personal life. Even if we were to live one thousand months (83.3 years) with sincerity, dedication, sacrifices and with good intentions and deeds, the Night of Power is still far better for us to live and to enjoy.

The Night of Power is a night of blessings. Allah has blessed this night. Therefore whoever wishes to receive the blessings of Allah may look forward to the Night of Power. Anyone who seeks the Night of Power and lives it, all his sins will be erased. This is, as if, he is born again now free of all sins and mistakes.

Indeed, every one of us would like to live a life free of sins and mistakes. Everyone would like to meet Allah on the Day of Judgment without sins. All of us wish to rejuvenate

ourselves, and to start a new year with a fresh outlook and a fresh life. The Night of Power is one of the best ways in which a person is to achieve all these ideals. Therefore, we should start looking for it so we will be able to observe it and enjoy it.

When is *Laila-tul-Qadr*? It was reported to be one of the odd-numbered nights of the last ten days of Ramadhan, i.e., 21<sup>st</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup>. It was emphasized that it is most likely to be the 27<sup>th</sup> night.

It is recommended to spend the Night of Power doing the following:

1. Reciting the Holy Qur’an and doing remembrance of Allah (*dhikr*).
2. Praying *nafl* after *tarawih* and supplicating.
3. Pondering on the universe, the creation of the heaven and the earth.
4. Reading books of *tafseer* and *hadith*.
5. Giving charity.
6. Doing *I’tikaf* in the mosque.

Let us stay awake in the Night of Power to do our best to please Allah. May Allah give us the courage and the strength to obey His command and to follow His teachings in our daily life. Ameen. Wallahu A’lam.

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