

Five Gifts in Ramadhān

The most important and carried out deed during the blessed month of Ramadhān is fasting. Fasting is one of the most pleasing forms of worship in the sight of Allāh. One abstains from eating, drinking and cohabitation from subh sādiq to sunset solely for the sake of Allāh.

One of the great favours of Allāh upon this Ummah is that in Ramadhān we are blessed with certain special favours which no other nation was given.

Abu Hurayrah radhiyallāhu anhu says that Rasulullah sallallāhu alayhi wasallam said, "My ummah has been given five special things that were not given to anyone before them..." (Bayhaqi, Musnad Ahmad)

1) The smell from the mouth of the fasting person is more pleasing to Allāh than the smell of musk

On the Day of Qiyāmah, a sign of a fasting person is that the smell from their mouth will be more fragrant than the smell of musk.

2) The fish in the sea seek forgiveness for the person who fasts until Iftār

When Allāh loves someone, all the creations of the heavens begin to love him, even the animals in the jungle and the fish in the sea. They all then make du'ā on his behalf.

3) Jannah is decorated and adorned for the fasting person every day

Just like when an important person is expected to arrive, great care is taken in the preparations for his welcome. Likewise, Allāh decorates and adorns Jannah for those who fast every day!

4) The shayāteen are chained

The shayāteen would have tried extremely hard to stop people from engaging in good deeds and to make them commit more evil. However, through Allāh's infinite mercy, the shayāteen are chained and unable to influence people towards sins. Refraining from the disobedience of Allāh becomes very easy, resulting in many sinners giving up evil acts during the blessed month of Ramadhān.

5) Forgiveness is granted on the last night of Ramadhān

The Sahābah radhiyallāhu anhum assumed that this night must be Laylatul Qadr. However, Nabi sallallāhu alayhi wasallam explained that this is not Laylatul-Qadr. Rather, this is a reward for having fasted the entire month of Ramadhān.

(Adapted from Fadhāil-e-Ramadhān)

May Allāh Ta'ala grant all of us these five favours and the other blessings of this month of Ramadhān. Ameen.