

The Four Sacred Months

There are twelve months in the Islāmic calendar. The best and most virtuous month is Ramadhān. However, did you know, there are also four other special months? Allāh chose these months and made them sacred. In these months, we are encouraged to do more good deeds and stay away from bad actions. Allāh has declared in the Qur'ān, "Surely, the number of months according to Allāh is twelve (as written) in the Book of Allāh on the day He created the heavens and the Earth, of which there are four sacred months." (Surah At-Tawbah, Ayat 36)

Which Are the Four Sacred Months?

The four sacred months are: 1) Muharram 2) Rajab 3) Dhul Qa'dah 4) Dhul Hijjah

Why Are They Sacred?

Long ago, even before Islām, from the time of Ibrāheem (alayhis salām), people respected these months and avoided fighting during them. Islām confirmed their importance and taught Muslims to honour them. Let's understand a little more about these great months!

Muharram - The Month of Allāh

Muharram is the first month of the Islāmic year. Fasting during this month is recommended as it holds great reward, especially the 10th of Muharram.

Rajab - The Month of Preparation

Rajab is the seventh month of the Islāmic calendar. It reminds Muslims that Ramadhān is getting closer, therefore we should begin preparing for Ramadhān and start making du'ā to Allāh to make us reach this great month. Besides this, Islām has not specified any particular way to observe this month or to perform any specific worship in any of its days.

Dhul Qa'dah - The Month of Peace

Dhul Qa'dah is the eleventh month. It was known to be a month of safety and peace as people stopped fighting and were able to travel safely. The Prophet (sallallāhu alayhi wasallam) performed 'Umrah four times in his life, three of them were performed in this month.

Dhul Hijjah - The Month of Hajj

Dhul Hijjah is the twelfth month. It is named "The Month of Hajj" as millions of Muslims from round the world perform Hajj in this month. The first ten days are especially blessed and virtuous. Fasting during the day and worshipping Allāh during the night is greatly rewarded. Similarly, the act of Qurbāni (animal sacrifice) is also completed during this month.

The four sacred months are a gift from Allāh. They remind us to become better Muslims and fill our days with good deeds. Every good action counts and Allāh loves those who try their best to obey Him. Let's make these sacred months special by doing more good, refraining from sins and staying close to Allāh!