

The significance of the Dua on the night of Decree

عَنْ عَائِشَةَ، قَالَتْ: قُلْتُ: يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ أَرَأَيْتَ إِنْ عَلِمْتُ أَيَّ لَيْلَةٍ لَيْلَةُ الْقَدْرِ مَا أَقُولُ فِيهَا؟

Aisha رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهَا said: O Messenger of Allah, inform me; if I know which night is the night of Decree what should I say? He said: Say:

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّكَ عَفُوٌّ نُحِبُّ الْعَفْوَ فَاعْفُ عَنِّي

Allahumma innaka 'afuwwun tuhibbul-'afwa, fa'fu 'anni

O Allah You are the One who pardons, and You love to pardon, so pardon me.

- ❖ Shaykh Uthaymeen says this proves Allah may reveal to some of the righteous people when the night of Decree is.
- ❖ Shaykh Abdur Razzaq al-Badr said: Aisha may Allah be pleased with her did not ask the Prophet peace be upon him 'if' she should make Dua, rather she asked him 'what' Dua she should say. This is because the Companions understood that the night of Decree is the night of Dua.
- ❖ Of course Aisha may Allah be pleased with her, memorized several Dua, but she wanted the specific Dua for this particular occasion.
- ❖ Shaykh Abdur Razzaq al-Badr said: Allah the Exalted said about the night of Decree:

فِيهَا يُفْرَقُ كُلُّ أَمْرٍ حَكِيمٍ ﴿٤﴾

Therein (that night) is decreed every matter of ordainments. (Soorah Ad-Dukhān 44:4)

During this night everything that will occur in the upcoming year until the next night of Decree is written down. And this decree coincides with the decree written in the preserved tablet. Therefore you ask Allah for pardon and wellbeing on this night and it is hoped that it will be written down for you in the decree and thus you will have pardon and wellbeing for the entire year. Even the sinner should supplicate with this Dua, because this can be a reason for their guidance.

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