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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
شَهْرُ رَمَضَانَ الَّذِي أُنزِلَ فِيهِ الْقُرْآنُ هُدًى لِّلنَّاسِ وَبَيِّنَاتٍ مِّنَ
الْهُدَى وَالْفُرْقَانِ فَمَنْ شَهِدَ مِنْكُمُ الشَّهْرَ فَلْيَصُمْهُ.
قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ:
أَتَاكُمْ رَمَضَانُ شَهْرٌ مُّبَارَكٌ، فَرَضَ اللَّهُ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ عَلَيْكُمْ صِيَامَهُ،
تُفْتَحُ فِيهِ أَبْوَابُ السَّمَاءِ، وَتُغْلَقُ فِيهِ أَبْوَابُ الْجَحِيمِ، وَتُغَلُّ فِيهِ
مَرَدَةُ الشَّيَاطِينِ، لِلَّهِ فِيهِ لَيْلَةٌ خَيْرٌ مِنْ أَلْفِ شَهْرٍ مِنْ حُرْمِ
خَيْرِهَا فَقَدْ حُرِّمَ.

RAMAḌĀN AND FASTING

Dear brothers and sisters, with the permission of Allah ﷻ, the fasting month of Ramaḍān starts Monday. Allah ﷻ says the following in the Qur'ān: **“O you who believe! Fasting is prescribed for you as it was prescribed for those before you, so that you Godfearing.”**¹ Dear Muslims, what makes the month of Ramaḍān valuable is that the revelation of the Qur'ān began in that month. The revelation began in the *laylat al-Qadr*, which is more valuable than a thousand months. Our job is to transfer the knowledge (*ilm*) and wisdom (*ḥikma*) of the Qur'ān to our lives and to the people. Dear believers, fasting is a means of soul purification. Our body finds health through fasting and it improves our *akhlāq*. In addition, fasting is a means of forgiveness. The Prophet ﷺ said: **“And whoever fasts in Ramaḍān in faith and hopes for a reward [from Allah], all his past sins will be forgiven for him.”**² Dear Muslims, the *tarāwīḥ* prayers we will perform, the *du'ā'* we will make and our hospitality to others will increase our rewards. I wish you all a blessed Ramaḍān. *Ramaḍān mubārak*.

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¹ Al-Baqara, 2: 183.

² Al-Bukhārī, Al-Ṣawm, 6.