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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
إِنَّ عِدَّةَ الشُّهُورِ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ اثْنَا عَشَرَ شَهْرًا فِي كِتَابِ اللَّهِ
يَوْمَ خَلَقَ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ مِنْهَا أَرْبَعَةٌ حُرْمٌ ذَلِكَ الدِّينُ
الْقَيِّمُ.

قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ:
أَفْضَلُ الصِّيَامِ بَعْدَ رَمَضَانَ شَهْرُ اللَّهِ الْمُحَرَّمِ.

THE DAY OF 'ĀSHŪRĀ'

Dear brothers and sisters, the tenth day of the month of Al-Muḥarram is the day of 'Āshūrā'. After the Prophet ﷺ immigrated to Madīna, he saw that the Jews fasted on the day of 'Āshūrā'. When he asked the reason, the Jews said that on that day Allah ﷻ had freed Mūsā and the *Banū Isrā'īl* from the enemy and that Mūsā and themselves fasted on that day out of gratitude. Thereupon the Prophet ﷺ ordered his *umma* to fast on that day. After fasting in the month of Ramaḍān was prescribed, he has left his *umma* free to fast or not to fast during 'Āshūrā'. Dear Muslims, the Prophet ﷺ said that fasting on the day of 'Āshūrā' will cause the sins of the past year to be forgiven. It is advised to combine fasting on the day of 'Āshūrā' with one day before and/or one day after. Dear believers, in the month of Muḥarram, an event occurred that saddens us, namely the martyrdom of Ḥusayn *'alayhissalām*, the beloved grandson of the Prophet ﷺ. Let's take wise lessons from this painful event. Let's unite our hearts. In the month of Muḥarram, let's increase and beautify our *ibāda*. And let us be thankful to Allah ﷻ for all His favors.