

THE SACRED MONTHS

فَلَا تَظْلِمُوا فِيهِنَّ أَنْفُسَكُمْ

SO WRONG NOT YOURSELVES THEREIN

(i.e. in the Sacred Months)

[AL-QUR'AN - 9:36]



The Sacred Month of Muharram

The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said:

‘Fasting the Day of Ashura (10th Muharram) - I hope Allah will accept it as expiation for the year that went before.’

[*Sahih Muslim*]





Fasting in the Month of Muharram

The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said:

‘The best of fasting after Ramadan is
fasting in Allah’s month al-Muharram.’

[*Sahih Muslim*]





Fasting in the Month of Muharram

The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) was asked about
the fast of 'Ashura, so he said:

‘That is the day which is an expiation
for the previous year.’

[*Sahih Muslim*]



Fasting in the Month of Muharram

Rubayyi' bint Mu'awwidh (ra) said:

that we observed fasting on the Day of 'Ashura (even after fasting in Ramadan was made obligatory) and made our children observe it. We distracted them with toys made out of wool and when anyone felt hungry and wept for food we gave them these toys till it was the time to break the fast.

[Sahih *Al-Bukhari*]



Fasting in the Month of Muharram

Ibn Abbas (ra) said:

“When the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) fasted on Ashura and commanded the Muslims to fast as well, they said, ‘O Messenger of Allah, it is a day that is venerated by the Jews and Christians.’ The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said, "If I live to see the next year, *Insha Allah*, we will fast on the ninth day too." But it so happened that the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) passed away before the next year came.”

[Sahih Muslim]



The Sacred Month and Respect for Others

It is related that Ibn 'Umar (ra) said,

"The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said (in Mina), 'Do you know what day this is?' They replied, 'Allah and His Messenger know best.' He said,

'This is a sacred day. And do you know what place this is?' They replied, 'Allah and His Messenger know best.' He said, 'This is a sacred place. And do you know what month this is?' They said, 'Allah and His Messenger know best.' He said, 'This is a sacred month.' He stated,

'Allah has made your blood, property and honor sacred like the sacredness of this day in this month in this place ”

[Sahih Al-Bukhari]



The Sanctity of a Muslim

The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said:

‘All things of a *Muslim* are inviolable for another *Muslim*: his blood, his property and his honor.’

[Sahih *Muslim*]



The sanctity of the Ka'bah and the sanctity of the believer

Abdullah bin Omar (ra) reported,

“I saw the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) performing Tawaf of the Ka'bah. He (ﷺ) was saying: ‘O Ka'bah! How good you are and how good is your fragrance! how great you are and how great is your sanctity! By the One in Whose Hand is the soul of Muhammad, the sanctity of the believer is greater before Allah than your sanctity, his blood and his wealth, and to think anything but good of him.’

[Sunan Ibn Majah]



The sanctity of human life

The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said:

"By the One in Whose Hand is my soul, killing a believer is more grievous before Allah than the extinction of the entire world."

[Sunan An-Nisai]



The sanctity of others' wealth

Harith bin Barsa narrated that during the days of Hajj
in between two jamaraat I heard the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) saying:

‘The one who consumes the wealth of a
Muslim through false oaths should prepare
his abode in the Fire.’

[Musnad Ahmad]



Brotherhood

The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said:

"A believer is the mirror of his brother. A believer is the brother of another believer. He protects him against loss and defends him behind his back."

[Abu Dawud]



Oppression is Unlawful

The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said:

Allah the Exalted has said, ‘O My servants, I have made oppression unlawful for Myself and unlawful for you, so do not commit oppression against one another.’

[Sahih Muslim]





The Muslim and the Mu'min

The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said:

‘ A Muslim is one from whose tongue and hand other Muslims are safe and a Mu'min is one in whom people place their trust in regards to their life and wealth.’

[Musnad Ahmad]



The best and the worst

The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said:

‘The best of you are those who when seen are a means of remembering Allah, and the worst of you are those who go about with calumnies, those who cause discord between friends and seek flaws in the innocent.’

[Musnad Ahmad]

