

O Jabir, Bid farewell to the Last Friday

Alhamdu lillāh we were blessed with yet another opportunity to witness the holy month of Ramadān. We pray to the Almighty to accept our fasts, prayers, Qur'an recitations, supplications, generosity and other good deeds performed during the month. *Amin*.

Here below is a beautiful Hadīth on the significance of bidding farewell to the Last Friday of Holy Ramadān.

عَنْ جَابِرِ بْنِ عَبْدِ اللَّهِ الْأَنْصَارِيِّ: دَخَلْتُ عَلَى رَسُولِ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ فِي آخِرِ جُمُعَةٍ مِنْ شَهْرِ رَمَضَانَ، فَلَمَّا بَصُرَ بِي، قَالَ لِي: (يَا جَابِرُ، هَذَا آخِرُ جُمُعَةٍ مِنْ شَهْرِ رَمَضَانَ، فَوَدِّعْهُ وَقُلْ: اللَّهُمَّ لَا تَجْعَلْهُ آخِرَ الْعَهْدِ مِنْ صِيَامِنَا إِيَّاهُ، فَإِنْ جَعَلْتَهُ فَاجْعَلْنِي مَرْحُومًا، وَلَا تَجْعَلْنِي مَحْرُومًا. فَإِنَّهُ مَنْ قَالَ ذَلِكَ ظَفَرَ بِإِحْدَى الْحُسْنَيْنِ، إِمَّا بِبُلُوغِ شَهْرِ رَمَضَانَ [مِنْ قَابِلٍ]، وَإِمَّا بِغُفْرَانِ اللَّهِ وَرَحْمَتِهِ).

Jābir b. Abdullāh Ansāri narrates that he once entered in the presence of the Holy Prophet (s) on the last Friday of the month of Ramadān. When he saw me, he said to me: O Jābir, this is the last Friday of the month of Ramadān, so bid farewell to it by saying:

اللَّهُمَّ لَا تَجْعَلْهُ آخِرَ الْعَهْدِ مِنْ صِيَامِنَا إِيَّاهُ، فَإِنْ جَعَلْتَهُ فَاجْعَلْنِي مَرْحُومًا، وَلَا تَجْعَلْنِي مَحْرُومًا
Allāhumma lā taj'alhū ākhiral-'abdi min siyāmina iyyāhu, fa'in ja'altahu faj'alni marhūman, walā taj'alni mabrūmā

O Allah, do not make this to be the last time for me to fast in it. Then if You make it so, make me the one who receives (Your) mercy, and do not make me the one deprived [of mercy].

Whosoever recites the above will be bestowed with one of two blessings: either he will witness the next Ramadān, or he will receive Divine forgiveness and mercy. (Muhammad Rayshahri, *Shabrullah fil-kitāb wal-sunnah*, Hadīth 759, taken from *Fadāil al-ashur al-thalātha*, *al-Iqbal* and *Bihārul an-wār*).

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