



The Grand Night is **better** than a thousand months.

How to spend the Laylatul Qadr?

1. Let's not pass the *Laylatul Qadr*, 2/3rd in preparation and 1/3rd in celebration.
2. Mark down couple of days in your vacation calendar for the *Laylatul Qadr* as a habit. It will allow us to spend the night worship with peace of mind and the following morning for a rest.
3. Unless absolutely necessary turn off your cell phone, it is the single most distracting gadget in our hands, always in our Face (book) and always WhatsApp!
4. The Night **better** than a thousand months starts after *Maghrib* prayers. But the [Zikrullah](#) must start with the *Asr* itself because *Sultan-ul-Layl*, the *Asr* to *Isha* period, is to be strictly guarded as per the command of Imamuna Mahdi^{AS} on every ordinary night, then how can one be negligent of it on the night which is **better** than a thousand months?
5. Make *Ghusl* and *Wudu* before the *Asr* prayer. Adorn yourself with the best (new) clothes and fragrance, join the *Asr* congregation prayer and try your best to sit for *Zikrullah* till *Isha* breaking out only for the *Maghrib* prayers and the *Iftar*.
6. On this night we do not perform make-up prayers [*Umr Qaza*] or Qur'an recitation [*Tilawat*]. In the entire Noble Quran, the greatest night mentioned is *Laylatul Qadr* (97:3) and the greatest form of worship mentioned is *Zikrullah* (29:45). Therefore, it makes complete sense to marry the two, remain in *Zikr* state devoutly and with a forceful intent.
7. Make a fresh *Wudu* every-time it breaks, and offer [Tahiyatal Wudu](#) prayer, seek Allah's forgiveness, make *du'a* for *Imaan* and *Deedar* in *Sajda Munajat* and resume the *Zikrullah nishist*.
8. The *non-Mahdavis* strive and struggle 5 odd nights, and still the element of uncertainty persists with them. We really are unfortunate people who even after knowing with certainty we take nap on this night before the *Dugana* in *Masajids*. It's not about *Dugana*, it's about the entire night from the dusk to the dawn every second of it is precious!
9. After the *Witr* prayers, take a quick and light *Sahri* don't waste precious 2 hours after [Dugana](#) in socializing and *Sahri* serving and eating. Remain seated on *Musalla* till Fajr where [Dugana](#) is performed if possible else head out to the place of *Fajr* and remain engaged and engrossed in *Zikrullah* until the sunrise (*Sultan-un-Nahar*).
10. Soon after [Dugana](#) showing one's back to the *Qibla* and *Khaliq* and facing *Khalq* for meeting, greeting, talking and texting is perhaps a sign of unhealthy spiritual state.
11. If any night, this would be the night of the year to revive the long dead and forgotten *Naubat*! Mind you wherever there's a *Murshid* and 2 *Fuqara* with him, *Naubat* is still an obligation on them. We cannot establish one night of *Naubat* in the entire year, with what face and

tongue we shamelessly take pride in remembering our pious predecessors? Label legacy lives on! *Naya Daira, Purna Daira, Chota Daira, Bada Daira, Kala Daira, Sawunla Daira!*

12. The organizations and committees responsible for *Dugana* arrangements are advised to refrain from **innovations** such as *Taqreer, Bayan*, award ceremonies for competitions and programs and any other activities that take away precious and peak night time otherwise spent in *Zikrullah*.



Women folk

Make your women folk reap the rewards too, on this holy Night of *Qadr* and don't force them serve you even on this Night, let her serve Allah swt at least this night. Buy some ready to eat food from restaurant for both *Iftar* and *Sahri* for your family and give her a break from kitchen and encourage her to get busy in [Remembrance of Allah^{swt}](#). Your encouraging her and doing this is also an *Ibadat*:

It is narrated that a companion was pulverizing some food grains. Seeing this, Imam Mahdi^{AS} asked him, "What are you doing?" The companion replied, "I am pulverizing *bajra* (millet)." The Imam^{AS} said, "This work could have been done if you had given a handful of the grain. One should not waste his time. Give a handful of grain and remain in the remembrance of Allah." [#197, Naqliyat-e-Bandagi Miyan Abdur Rasheed^{RZ}]

Can we extract some wisdom and lesson from this *Naql sharif* and break free her and ourselves from the daily *Dunyawi* routine by using our beloved money?

Wisdom behind holding back Isha farz prayers till 2/3 of the Night of Qadr?

Narrated Anas bin Malik: Once the Prophet delayed the 'Isha' prayer until midnight and then came to us. Having prayed he faced us and said, "The people had prayed and slept but you were in the prayer as long as you were waiting for it." (Bukhari, Book #12, Hadith #808)

Waiting for *Farz* prayer can only happen when one is waiting for it on a *Musalla* like we do between *sunnat* and *farz* prayers at any other time. Hence, by performing *Zikrullah* and waiting for *Isha* prayers, we are reaping the two best rewards, one staying in *Isha* [for waiting is praying] and two staying in *Zikrullah*, which is not only goal of the prayer [20:14], it is greater than *Tilawat-e-Quran* and *Namaz* itself [Indeed, prayer prohibits immorality and wrongdoing, and the remembrance of Allah is greater, 29:45]. However, those who have a habit of reading the holy Quran may do so *Tabarukkan* after *Maghrib* to avail great blessings on this night but we must make a daily habit of reading and reflecting on the meaning and message of the noble Quran and apply the do's and don'ts in our lives.

Our practice of [Zikr-e-Khafi with paas-anfaas](#) is nothing but *La ilaha Ilal Lah*. So, don't underestimate its value and trade this obligation for something much inferior especially on a night which is **better** than 83 odd years. Also, know that the objective of *Zikrullah* is to achieve the Divine vision of our Beloved, Allah swt. And this cannot be attained by any other form of worship.

STOP

No Religious Talk, Taqreer, Bayan or Speech is appropriate before or after the Dugana

Those who come to attend *Dugana* already know the importance and significance of *Laylatul Qadr* so repeating the virtues of the night on the night itself is sheer waste of precious time. This night present a great opportunity to have quiet *Zikrullah* session of huge gathering before and after *Dugana* for our *Murshideen* to lead by example and initiate their *Murideen* who are unaware and negligent about *Zikr-e-Khafi*. Any talk or speech on the glorious night is blatant disregard and utter disobedience of command of Imamuna Mahdi^{AS} as the following narrations clearly show:

Somebody asked Imam Syed Muhammad Mahdi al-Mau'ood (AS) to explain the purport and essence of all the divine speech (Kalamullah - Allah's Books) in one sentence. The Imam (AS) said: "I will explain the purport and essence of all the divine Books -The Old Testament, The Psalms of David, The Bible and The Qur'an - in one sentence, and that sentence is *La ilaha illa Llah* (There is no god but God-Allah). [#1, Hashia-I, Hashia Insaaf Nama]

Malik Bakhkhan Bariwal^{RZ} asked Hazrat Miyan Syed Khundmir^{RZ}, "Is there any benefit in reciting (reading) Qur'an?" The Hazrat^{RZ} said, "If the Qur'an is read, even as it should be read, a veil of luminosity (*nur*) emerges between Allah and His servant in the heart of the believer. And the remembrance of Allah, which is *La ilaha illa Llah*, removes even the veil of luminosity." [#160, Naqliyat-e-Bandagi Miyan Abdur Rasheed^{RZ}]

One day the Imam^{AS} saw some two or three persons indulged in idle talk. He went to them and asked them what they were doing. They said they were talking about a story on religion. The Imam^{AS} said, "Brother, you will **not** reach Allah **by stories**. Establish *Zikr* (remembrance) of Allah Most High, because there is no way to reach Allah **except Zikr**." [#192, Naqliyat-e-Bandagi Miyan Abdur Rasheed^{RZ}]

Imam Mahdi^{AS} has called meaningless even the talk about religion during the time fixed for remembrance (*zikr*). [#211, Naqliyat-e-Bandagi Miyan Abdur Rasheed^{RZ}]

May Allah^{SWT} give us Taufiq (*Wama Taufiqi Ilah Billah*) to reap benefit from every passing moment with *Zikrullah* and not in *Ghaflah* at least not on this Gloriously Sanctified Majestic Night:

Naql

Ghaflat Haram Ast Wa Her Che Mu'jib-e-Ghaflat Ast Haram Ast
(Heedlessness, and anything that becomes cause of it, is forbidden)

And let's not forget, *Laylatul Qadr* is not over with *Dugana* and the purpose of *Laylatul Qadr* is not mere 2 *rakat Dugana* that's thanksgiving for the gift but what about the invaluable gift itself – will you let it slip this easily or trade it for a cheap talk? Or unwrap the gift and take full advantage of it?

سَلَامٌ هِيَ حَتَّى مَطَلَعِ الْفَجْرِ

Peace! It is until the emergence of dawn.