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TARAWIH IS TWENTY

*As-Salāmu ‘Alaykum wa RaḥmatuLlābi wa Barakātuh.  
A‘ūdhu BiLlābi Minash-shayṭāni r-rajīm. Bismillābi r-Raḥmāni r-Raḥīm.  
Wa ṣ-Salātu wa s-Salāmu ‘alā Rasūlinā Muḥammadin Sayyidi l-Anwalīna wa l-Akhirīn.  
Madad yā RasūlAllāh, Madad yā Sādāti Aṣḥābi Rasūlillāh, Madad yā Mashāyikbinā,  
Dastūr Mawlana Sheikh Abdullah al-Fā’iz ad-Daghistani, Sheikh Muḥammad Nazīm al-  
Haqqānī. Madad. Ṭarīqatunā aṣ-Suḥbah wa l-Khayru fi l-Jam‘iyyah.*

Bismillahi r-Rahmani r-Rahim. Our Holy Prophet salla Llāhu ‘alayhi wa-sallam says, “Follow my Sunnah and Sunnah of the Khulafa ar-Rashideen (Rightly Guided Caliphs) who will come after me. They will be guidance and light to you”. The Sunnah of our Holy Prophet ﷺ is every movement and action he ﷺ did. And doing them is Sunnah.

The things people should do are directed from the presence of Allah ‘Azza wa-Jalla. And as an instruction, all the things our Holy Prophet salla Llāhu ‘alayhi wa-sallam does come by the order of Allah ‘Azza wa-Jalla. Therefore, imitating those Sunnah and following them is the duty of the Ummah. Everyone should do as much they can.

There is a lot of Sunnah, thousands of Sunnah. As we live in the end of times, people who perform those Sunnah attain Thawab of a Shaheed for each Sunnah. There are Sunnah with the Thawab of one Shaheed, some with Thawab of seven Shaheed and some with Thawab of a hundred Shaheed. They are a profit for us in the end of times.

One of them is Tarawih prayer. Our Holy Prophet salla Llāhu ‘alayhi wa-sallam had prayed it once or twice in Jama’ah. But then he ﷺ prayed it in his ﷺ holy room, because if he ﷺ prayed it together with others, it would become Fard. If it was Fard, there would be a sin on those who did not perform it. Therefore, it wasn’t always prayed together. It started to be prayed later and completely during the time of Khulafa ar-Rashideen. And it has been prayed ever since.

In the beginning, people could sometimes pray more than twenty Rakā’at, as it was a Nafl prayer. Some people prayed thirty or thirty two Rakā’at. But during the time of Sayyidina ‘Umar, it became twenty Rakā’at. And it has been so ever since until this time. Some people pray four, eight or twelve Rakā’at. Shukr to Allah ﷻ, here and where the Ottomans governed, they used to pray twenty Rakā’at. But in order to confuse people, some people say there is no need to make it that much.





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When we were in Damascus, they used to pray twenty Rakā'at. But the Jama'ah would leave after eight or twelve Rakā'at. However, the Imam used to complete it to twenty Rakā'at. They have quit that now and directly pray eight Rakā'at. In countries outside Turkey, especially in Arab countries, they have reduced it to eight Rakā'at. It is not like that in other places. For example, in all the Muslim world apart from Arab countries, they pray twenty Rakā'at. But whatever the wisdom is, they have reduced it to eight Rakā'at. And they keep it as eight Rakā'at.

Normally, the Imam prays twenty Rakā'at, and whoever wants to may leave. But it is not good that the Imam leaves after eight Rakā'at. He makes people perform less Sunnah. Whereas if you earn one more Thawab while you live in Dunya, it would be a profit for you. It is a great treasure and a great blessing for your Akhirah. May Allah ﷻ give us from those blessings too insha'Allah. May He ﷻ increase His ﷻ blessings insha'Allah.

Beware of looking at others and saying that they pray less. Your ego is cheating you. "They know the Qur'an better. They are praying eight Rakā'at. Perhaps, it is a sin to pray twenty Rakā'at". There is not such a thing. Whoever wants can pray eight or twenty Rakā'at. But don't obey your ego. Your ego doesn't wish you goodness. It wants badness for you. The ego is its own enemy. The biggest enemy of the ego is itself. Therefore, if you attain more Thawab in this world while there is a chance, do not ever obey your ego. Don't be lazy.

Do more of these things for the love of our Holy Prophet ﷺ and for the love of Allah ﷻ so that you are closer to Allah ﷻ. It is said in a Hadith Qudsi; Allah 'Azza wa-Jalla says, "My servants come closer to Me with worship, with Sunnah and Nafl prayers. The more they perform them, the closer they get to Me ﷻ". Therefore, may Allah ﷻ help us become closer to Allah 'Azza wa-Jalla. May He ﷻ not let us obey our egos insha'Allah.

Wa min Allah at-Tawfiq. Al-Fatiha.

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