

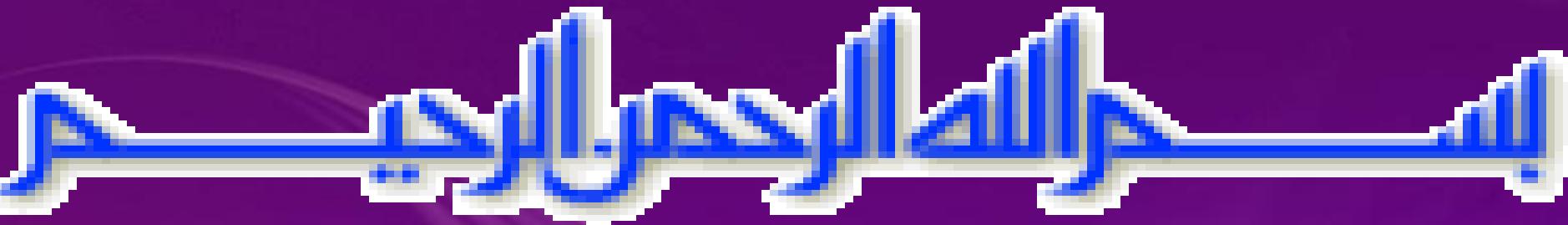


# *SHA'BAAN:*

# MONTH FOR

# ACCUMULATING

# GOOD DEEDS



Let us increase the *taqwa* of  
Allah *Subhaanahu*  
*Wata'aala* in attaining  
security in this life and the  
Hereafter.

Today, we are in the noble month of *Sha 'baan*. And *insha Allah* next month, we will be fasting for a whole month, to fulfill the Command of Allah *Subhaanahu Wata 'aala*, sincerely hoping to attain His Forgiveness and Pleasure.

In this month of *Sha ‘baan*,  
the scholars of *Ahlus Sunnah  
Wal Jamaa ‘ah* would  
encourage and increase their  
*du ‘a* for their own benefit  
and also the entire Muslim  
*ummah*,

yearning for steadfastness  
in *imaan* and Islam,  
abundant provision, long  
life, and achieving *husn*  
*al-khaatimah* (good  
ending).

The month was named *Sha ‘baan* for it offers multitude of rewards to be reaped. Hence, in attaining nobility and prominence, one must increase their good deeds so that the heart

becomes humble, modest, and easily penetrated by the *noor* of *hidaayah* from Allah Subhaanahu Wata ‘aala.

It is in this month that our book of deeds will be elevated to the heavens by the angels.

When the period of accountability arrives, these records will be manifested as proofs and evidence against each individual.

According to history, among the major events that took place in *Sha‘baan* is the command from

Allah Subhaanahu Wata‘aala  
to Muhammad *sallAllahu ‘alayhi wasallam* for the  
changing of *qiblah*, from  
Masjid al-Aqsa in Bayt al-  
Maqdis to Masjid al-Haram in  
Makkah al-Mukarramah.

Al-Qur'an has clearly expounded that the accounting of the deeds will be done by Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala* in various ways, namely:

1- The Deeds Will Be Accounted For Through Questioning. Every individual will be questioned about their actions in this world, whether apparent or hidden, minor or major.

Allah Subhaanahu  
*Wata'aala* mentions in al-  
Qur'an:

*“So by your Lord, We will  
surely question them all.  
About what they used to do.”*

*(al-Hijr 15:92-93)*

2- Accountability Through  
The Reading Of The  
Records. Allah Subhaanahu  
*Wata ‘aala* has assigned  
several angels for each  
person to record all of their  
deeds, whether good or bad,

while conscious or absentminded, joking or serious, even to the very breathe taken, and lamenting of the heart are recorded.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wata‘aala* mentions in al-Qur’an:

*“And indeed, [appointed]  
over you are keepers.  
Noble and recording.”*

*(al-Insitaar 82:10-11)*

**3- The Accounting Of  
Deeds Through Audio  
Playback Of Recordings.**

These are the recordings of  
every action and words  
uttered throughout the entire  
life.

Allah Subhaanahu Wata‘aala  
mentions in al-Qur’an:

*“This, Our record, speaks  
about you in truth. Indeed,  
We were having transcribed  
whatever you used to do.”*

*(al-Jaathiyah 45:29)*

# **4- The Accounting Of Deeds By The Screening Of All Deeds.**

**Everyone will be shown  
everything that they had  
committed during their lives  
through this screening.**

They will all be exposed  
though committed in secret  
whether in the dark or  
open, major or minor, as

*Allah Subhaanahu  
Wata ‘aala has mentioned  
in al-Qur’an:*

*“That Day, the people  
will depart separated  
[into categories] to be  
shown [the result of]  
their deeds.”*

*(al-Zalzalah 99:6)*

According to a narration,  
when Rasulullah *sallAllahu  
'alayhi wasallam* had  
conveyed this *wahy* to  
mankind, many of the  
Companions started  
sobbing and crying,

feeling guilty of all the sins and wrongdoing that they had committed.

Among them was ‘Umar bin al-Khattaab  
*radiyAllaahu ‘anh,*

feeling humiliated  
knowing that Allah  
*Subhaanahu Wata 'aala*  
will display his wicked  
acts to all creations.

# 5- Accountability Of Deeds By Weight Measurement.

All of mankind's deeds performed in their entire lives will be weighed and measured on a large scale.

Such is the explanation on matters pertaining to accountability. Hopefully with this explanation, it will increase our remorse and penitence, and increase our

good deeds in having greater *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala*, and seeking atonement for our sins.

Among the deeds that the scholars would commit to in this month are:

1- Fasting. ‘A’ishah

*radiyAllaahu ‘anha* narrated:

*The Messenger (sallAllahu ‘alayhi wasallam) used to*

*fast until we thought he*

*would never break his fast,*

*and not fast until we*

*thought he would never fast. I never saw the Messenger of Allah fasting for an entire month except in Ramadaan, and I never saw him fast more than he did in Sha‘baan.*

*(al-Bukhaari and Muslim)*

Usaamah bin Zayd  
*radiyAllaahu ‘anhu*

narrated:

*“I said, ‘O Messenger of Allah, I do not see you fasting in any other month like you fast in Sha‘baan.’”*

*He said, ‘That is a month  
to which people do not  
pay attention, between  
Rajab and Ramadaan,  
and it is a month in  
which deeds*

*are lifted up to the Lord  
of the Worlds. I like for  
my deeds to be lifted up  
when I am fasting. ””*

*(Ahmad, an-Nasaa’ie, al-Bayhaqi,  
ibn Abi Shaybah: saheeh)*

2- Be in constant  
*instighfaar, salawaat, and*  
*dhikr.*

Since it is a noble month for  
Allah *Subhaanahu*  
*Wata ‘aala* and His  
Messenger,

hence we should increase our ‘ibaadah such as making *istighfaar*, sending *salawaat* upon the Prophet *sallAllahu ‘alayhi wasallam*, making *dhikr*, and *tasbeeh*.

3- Increase our recitation of al-Qur'an and giving charity.

Anas bin Malik *radiyAllaahu 'anh* narrates that the Companions *radiyAllaahu 'anhum ajma'een* were diligent in reciting al-Qur'an

after they have sighted the new moon of *Sha‘baan*.

Some Companions mentioned that *Sha‘baan* is the month of the reciters (of al-Qur‘an).

In addition, Muslims are encouraged to be more charitable in spending for the poor and needy so that the disadvantaged can better prepare for the coming of *Ramadaan*.

With the beautiful opportunity in this month, let us make *muhaasabah* upon our own selves and evaluate the deeds that we constantly perform, even though it may not contradict the *Sharee'ah*.

For example, the feast done in *Sha'baan*, providing food to the guests, but the most preferred is to provide *iftaar* to those fasting especially in *Ramadaan*. Therefore, do not make the feast of

*Sha ‘baan* as something  
that is *waajib*, for it can  
lead to being wasteful  
whenever several  
households are hosting  
guests on the same day.

The same goes out to visiting the grave, which is not something that is *waajib*. It is a *sunnah* that can be performed at any time. Therefore, we must hasten to make *tawbah* by

stop committing acts of  
disobedience, while  
imploring for His  
Forgiveness. Let us fulfill all  
of the *waajibaat*, and the  
responsibility of promoting  
good and preventing evil.

May all of us become among  
those having utmost *taqwa*,  
*ameen.*

*“And hasten to forgiveness from  
your Lord and a garden as wide  
as the heavens and earth,  
prepared for the righteous.”*

*(Aali-‘Imraan 3:133)*

# Conclusion:

1- Rasulullah *sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam* used to fast more during *Sha 'baan*.

2- Some acts/practices that were practices during *Sha'ban* may not contradict with the *Sharee'ah* but it cannot be considered as *waajib* or must be done only on the month of *Sha'ban*.

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ فِي الْفُرْقَانِ الْعَظِيمِ وَنَفَعَنِي  
وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ وَتَقَبَّلَ  
مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتُهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ. أَقُولُ  
قَوْلِي هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ لِي وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ  
الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ  
الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ  
إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ

**O Allah, You are the Almighty Lord, we are grateful unto You for having bestowed upon us Mercy and Blessings, nourishing us to strive to continue in strengthening the Muslim nation especially the state of Selangor, as an advanced, progressive, peaceful, and benevolent state.**

We beseech and beg You, Ya  
Allah, to strengthen our *imaan*,  
increase our good deeds,  
strengthen our unity, increase  
our provision, enrich us with  
beneficial knowledge, nourish  
our soul with beautiful *akhlaaq*,  
guide us to the Path that is  
**Pleasing to You,**

**protect us from Your severe tribulations such as the long drought, severe flooding, disease outbreak, violence and instability, poverty, and others, so that our land will become more peaceful and blessed.**

**Oh Allah, we ask You to open up the hearts of the Muslim *ummah* especially in Selangor, to fulfill their *zakaat* obligation as You had decreed in al-Qur'an. Bless the lives of those who have fulfilled their *zakaat* obligation, loving and caring for the poor and needy.**

**Purify their wealth and soul so  
that they will live according to  
that which pleases You. Protect  
the poor and needy from  
disbelief and everlasting poverty.**

*Allaahumma ameen*



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