

Virtues of *Dhu Al-Qa'dah*

The *Hadith Sharif* has it that if anyone fasts for a day during the month of *Dhu Al-Qa'dah*, Allāh the Almighty writes for him in lieu of every moment the recompense of the acceptance of a Hajj and setting free of a slave in return for every breath. – (*Risala Fada'il as-Shuhur*)

An *Hadith Sharif* has it: “One moment of worship in this month is better than a worship of thousand years” It also says: “On a Monday during this month fasting is better than worship for a thousand years.” - (*ibid*)

The *Hadith Sharif* has it: “If one performs four units (ra'kats) of *Nawafil* prayer on the first night of *Dhu Al-Qa'dah*, reciting in each unit after *Surah Al-Fatiha*, *Surah Al-Ikhlās* twenty three times. Allāh the Almighty will construct for him four thousand houses made of red rubies, each house containing thrones made of pearls and on each throne will be sitting a Hur (the Heavenly maiden) whose forehead will be brighter than the Sun.” – (*ibid*)

A Narration (*Riwayah*) has it: “If anyone performs during every night of the month of *Dhu Al-Qa'dah* two units of a *Nawafil* prayer reciting in each unit after *Surah Al-Fatiha*, *Surah Al-Ikhlās* three times, he will gain the recompense of a martyr and a *Hajj* for each night. If anyone performs four units of *Nawafil* prayer every Friday of this month, reciting in each unit *Surah Al-Fatiha* followed by *Surah Al-Ikhlās* twenty one times, Allāh the Almighty writes for him the recompense of a *Hajj* and an 'Umra.’” – (*ibid*)