

Question:

Assalaamu Alaikum

Salam all brothers -&- sisters

Could you please provide evidence from Quran and Sunnah as to the Shabraat, many muslims claim there is NO such night ...Is this correct?

Jazakallah Khair

Answer:

Assalamu Aleikum

Sheikh Omar was asked this question and he said something along the lines of the following:

The Messenger Muhammad (saw) informed us that on the night of the 15th of Shabaan Allah (SWT) reviews the actions of his servants, however this is informative (Ikhbari) and there is no request in the divine texts (whether the Qur'an, Sunnah, Ijma As-Sahabah or Qiyas) to make Qiyyam specifically on that night.

As for fasting the following day according to the Shaafis and Malikis all fasts were abrogated by the legislation of the fasting of ramadaan upon the believers; apart from that of Mondays and Thursdays and the six days of Shawaal. Whereas for Hafanis the fasts which were obligatory before, such as that in shabaan, are now recommended including to fast on the 15th of Shabaan.

The fact that Allah (SWT) is reviewing our actions has led some Sufi minded people to suggest that it would be nice for Allah (SWT) to find us in prayer while he is doing this review. In response Sheikh Omar said that this review of our actions is the business of Allah (SWT) and we cannot fool Allah (SWT) by staying all night in prayer on that night while we do not do our obligations every day as requested normally. We are thereby only fooling ourselves despite the fact that there needs to be detailed evidence for any action in Islam for it not to be rejected on the day of Judgement.

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