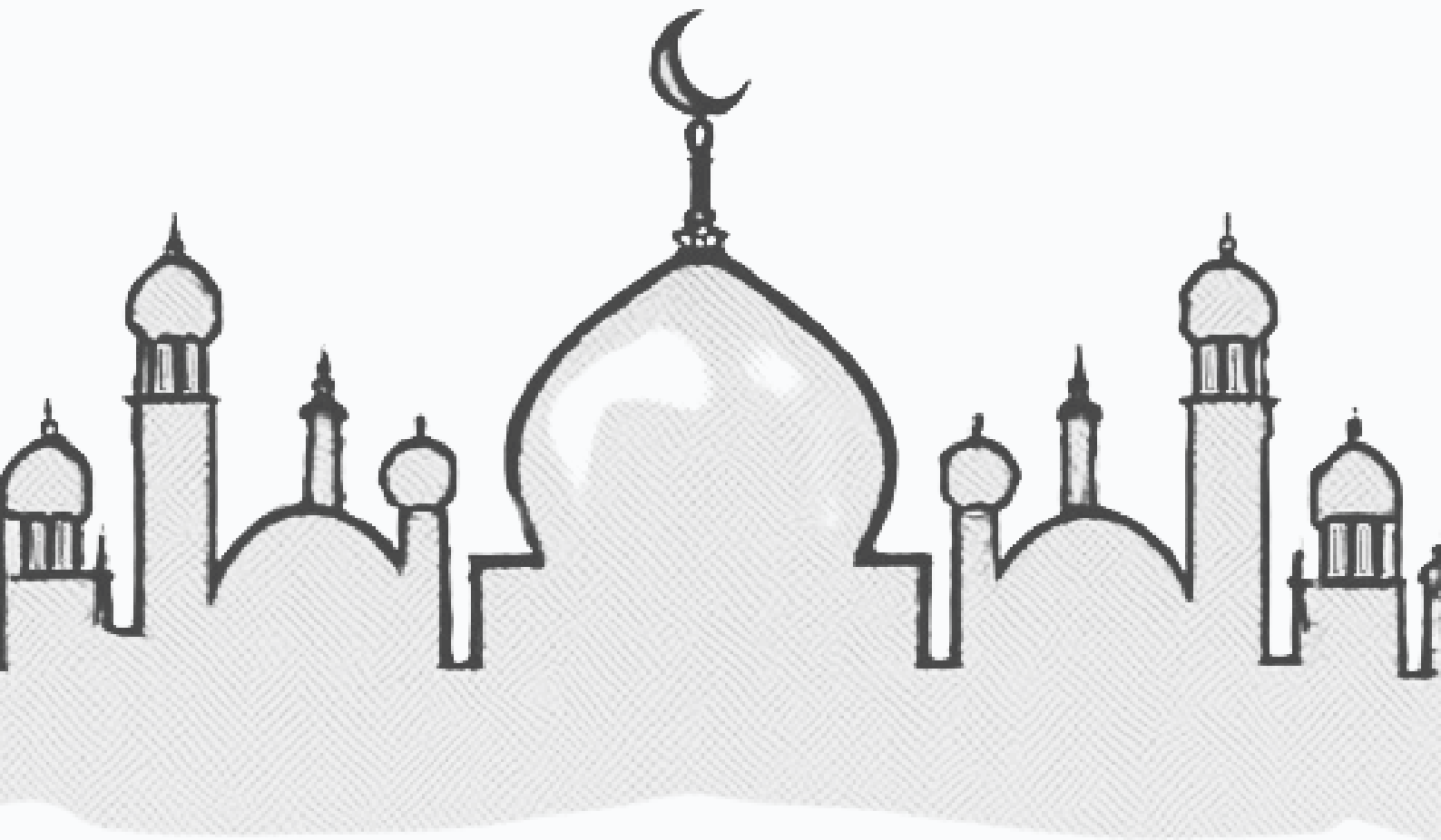


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# The Prophet's ﷺ Salaah in Ramadan

Ḥudhayfah (R.A.) reported: “I came to the Prophet ﷺ one night in Ramadan. He stood to pray, and when he said the opening takbīr, he said:

اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ ذُو الْمَلَكُوتِ وَالْجَبْرُوتِ وَالْكِبْرِيَاءِ وَالْعَظَمَةِ

‘Allāh is the Greatest, the Possessor of absolute dominion, irresistible power, majesty, and greatness.’

He then recited Sūrat al-Baqarah, followed by Sūrat al-Nisā’, and then Sūrat Āl ‘Imrān. He did not pass by any verse containing a warning except that he paused and reflected at it. He then bowed and said:

سُبْحَانَ رَبِّيَ الْعَظِيمِ

‘Glory be to my Lord, the Most Great,’

for a length of time equal to how long he had been standing.

He then raised his head and said:

سَمِعَ اللَّهُ لِمَنْ حَمِدَهُ رَبَّنَا لَكَ الْحَمْدُ

‘Allāh hears the one who praises Him. Our Lord, to You belongs all praise,’

for a duration equal to his standing.

He then prostrated and said:

سُبْحَانَ رَبِّيَ الْأَعْلَى

‘Glory be to my Lord, the Most High,’

for a length of time equal to his standing.

He then raised his head and said:

رَبِّ اغْفِرْ لِي

‘My Lord, forgive me,’

for a length of time equal to his standing.

He then prostrated again and said:

سُبْحَانَ رَبِّيَ الْأَعْلَى

‘Glory be to my Lord, the Most High,’

for the same length of time.

He then raised his head and stood up. He prayed only two rak‘ahs, until Bilāl came and informed him that it was time for the prayer.”

(Musnad Aḥmad, ḥadīth no. 23447)

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## A Month Centered Around the Qur'an

ʿĀ'ishah R.A. used to recite the Qur'an at the beginning of the day during the month of Ramadan, and when the sun had risen, she would sleep. (Laṭā'if al-Ma'ārif)

2

## Putting Everything Else Aside for the Qur'an

When Ramaḍān began, Sufyān al-Thawrī R.A. would set aside all other acts of worship and focus entirely on reciting the Qur'an. Similarly, Imām Mālik R.A. would pause teaching ḥadīth and guiding students, dedicating himself fully to Qur'an recitation. (Laṭā'if al-Ma'ārif)

3

## How Much Qur'an They Used to Recite

Al-Aswad R.A. would complete the Qur'an every two nights during Ramaḍān. (Laṭā'if al-Ma'ārif)

Imām al-Shāfi'ī and Imam Abu Hanifah would complete sixty full recitations of the Qur'an during Ramaḍān, all outside of ṣalāh. (Laṭā'if al-Ma'ārif)

Ibn 'Aṭā' used to complete one full recitation of the Qur'an every day, and during Ramaḍān he completed ninety full recitations. (Siyar A'lām al-Nubalā')

4

## Giving Even More in the Last Ten Nights

Qatādah R.A. would normally complete the Qur'an once every seven days. During Ramaḍān, he would complete it every three days, and in the last ten nights, he would complete it every single night. (Laṭā'if al-Ma'ārif)

Ibrāhīm al-Nakha'ī R.A. would complete the Qur'an once every three days during Ramaḍān. When the last ten nights began, he would complete it every two nights and would perform ghusl each night to remain alert and focused on worship. (Musannaf 'Abd al-Razzāq)

5

## Their Nights Were Alive With Worship

Ibn Sīrīn R.A. would spend the nights of Ramaḍān in worship. (Ṣifat al-Ṣafwah)

Al-Ḥasan al-Baṣrī R.A. reported: The people used to stand in prayer during Ramadan. They would pray 'Ishā' when a quarter of the night had passed, then leave, with only a quarter of the night remaining. (Musannaf 'Abd al-Razzāq)



6

## Learning, Teaching, and Reflecting on the Qur'an

Qatādah R.A. would teach the Qur'an extensively during the month of Ramaḍān. (Laṭā'if al-Ma'ārif)

Ibn 'Aṭā' R.A. spent over ten years reading the Qur'an slowly and thoughtfully, focusing on understanding and reflecting on its meanings. (Siyar A'lam al-Nubalā')

7

## Worshipping Together and Leading Others

Imām al-Bukhārī R.A. would gather his students on the first night of Ramaḍān and lead them in prayer, reciting twenty verses in each rak'ah. (Şifat al-Şafwah)  
Abū al-Ashhab reported that Abū Rajā' R.A. used to lead them in prayer during Ramaḍān and would complete the entire Qur'an with them every ten days. (Şifat al-Şafwah)

8

## Reciting With the Heart, Not Just the Tongue

Sa'īd ibn 'Ubayd reported: "I saw Sa'īd ibn Jubayr R.A leading the people in prayer during Ramadan. While praying, he would repeatedly recite the verse:

إِذِ الْأَغْلَالُ فِي أَعْنَاقِهِمْ...

'When the shackles will be around their necks...' (Qur'an 40:71)

and also the verse:

يَا أَيُّهَا الْإِنْسَانُ مَا غَرَّكَ بِرَبِّكَ الْكَرِيمِ، الَّذِي خَلَقَكَ فَسَوَّاكَ

'O mankind! What has deceived you concerning your Lord, the Most Generous, Who created you and proportioned you?' (Qur'an 82:6-7)

He would repeat these verses two or three times out of deep reflection." (Musannaf 'Abd al-Razzāq)

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## Habits That Became Stronger in Ramadan

'Abd Allāh ibn Mas'ūd R.A. would recite the Qur'an once every week, and during Ramaḍān he would complete it every three days. (Hilyat al-Awliyā')

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## Completing the Qur'an With Du'ā' and Reflection

During the early pre-dawn hours, Imām al-Bukhārī R.A. would recite between one-third and half of the Qur'an, completing a full recitation every three nights. He would say that with every completion of the Qur'an, a supplication is accepted. (Siyar A'lam al-Nubalā')



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