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**RAJAB**



**DHUL QA'DA**



**DHUL HIJJAH**

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# THE FOUR SACRED MONTHS

Muharram, Rajab, Dhul Qa'da and Dhul Hijjah are the four sacred months.

Of the twelve months of the Islamic calendar, four months are regarded as sacred months.

Because of their special significance, the rewards for good deeds are increased during these months.

At the same time, one should take care to abstain from sins during these months because their consequences are also significantly worse.

This is the opinion of Abdullah bin Abbas Radiyallahu anhu as well. Similar is the case with Makkah Mukarrama, where the rewards of good deeds are increased and the punishment for sins is more severe.

*(Tafseer Ibn Katheer Vol.2 Pg. 554)*



The grave of  
**Abdullah bin Abbas**  
Radiyahallahu anhu in Ta'if



Believed to be the grave of Abdullah bin Abbas Radiyahallahu anhu

The exact location of the grave is unknown. The locals believe that the grave is next to the Abdullah bin Abbas Radiyahallahu anhu library.  
Allah Ta'ala knows best.



**Q**atadah Rahmatullah alaihi says, “The sin for an injustice during these months is greater than the same sin during other months. Although injustice always remains a major sin, Allah Ta’ala is at liberty to add gravity to whatever He pleases.”

He states further, “Allah Ta’ala has accorded special virtue to some of His creation above the rest. He has given special virtue to the messengers (the angels that bring the message i.e. Jibrail Alayhis salam) from among the other angels, and to the messengers (prophets) from mankind. He has given special virtue to His speech over that of others (revelation), and He has selected the Masajid to grant His special merit from among all other places. From among the months, He has accorded special virtue to the month of Ramadhan, and the four sacred months, from among the days, He has selected the day of Jumu’ah (Friday), and from among the nights, He has selected the night of Qadar for special merit.”

One should therefore attach value to those things that Allah Ta’ala has given value. Intelligent people realise that the things that are really important are those things to which Allah Ta’ala granted importance.”

*(Tafseer Ibn Katheer Vol.2 Pg. 554)*



It is therefore necessary that Muslims exert themselves to carry out good deeds during the months of Muharram, Rajab, Dhul Qa'da and Dhul Hijjah. Imam Jassas Razi Rahmatullah alaihi writes in his book "Ahkamul Qur'an", that the speciality of these months is that whoever engages in Ibadah, will be inspired to engage in Ibadah during the remaining months of the year as well. Similarly, the person who makes an effort to abstain from sin during these months, will find it easy to abstain from sin during the other months of the year. Therefore, failure to derive benefit from these months is a great loss indeed. (Ma'ariful Qur'an Vol 4 Pg 373)



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