

How the Companions greeted the month of Ramadhaan

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In the Name of Allaah the most Kind the most Merciful

Questioner: The pious predecessors—O noble Shaykh—have guidance in greeting this blessed month. So how was the guidance of the Companions (رضي الله عنهم)¹ in greeting this month?

Shaykh bin Baaz (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ)²: They greeted the month with joy, happiness, and enjoining each other to righteous actions during the month; because it is a great month. To reach it is a gift from Allaah. The Prophet (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ)³ used to congratulate his Companions. He would say:

The month of Ramadan has come to you. It is a blessed month. Allaah has made its fasting obligatory, and its night prayer as a supererogatory act of worship.

Thus the believer rejoices and welcomes this month. And he strives to perform righteous actions during this month, and he is happy with it. As was the case with the Prophet (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) he would congratulate his Companions.

¹ (رضي الله عنهم) (rad iyallahu 'anhum) May Allaah the Most High be pleased with them

² (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah the Most High have mercy on him

³ (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) (sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam) May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him