

# The Day of Aashura

The 10<sup>th</sup> of Muharram is known as the day of Aashura. When Rasulullah ﷺ came to Madinah, he found the Jews fasting on Aashura. Rasulullah ﷺ enquired as to the reason for fasting to which they replied, “This is a blessed day. On this day, Allah saved Moosa عليه السلام and drowned the family of Fir’aun. Moosa عليه السلام thereafter fasted on this day in gratitude to Allah.” Rasulullah ﷺ said, “I am closer to Moosa عليه السلام than you.” He ﷺ then fasted on that day and commanded the Muslims to fast as well. (Bukhari)

Rasulullah ﷺ in another Hadith stated,

**“The fast of Aashura wipes out the sins of a year.”** (Muslim)

Rasulullah ﷺ further advised keeping an additional fast a day before or after the 10<sup>th</sup> as the Jews fasted on the 10<sup>th</sup> only. It was necessary that Muslims be distinct and apart from the practice of non-Muslims.

**Aashura Fast: 9, 10 Muharram = 23, 24 Oct. (Fri/Sat)  
or 10, 11 Muharram = 24, 25 Oct. (Sat/Sun)**

Additionally, the day of Aashura is an excellent opportunity to spend on one's family. Rasulullah ﷺ has stated,

**“Whoever is generous to his family on the Day of Aashura, Allah will be generous to him for the rest of the year.”** (Targheeb, classified Authentic)



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