

Taraweeh is 20 Rakaats!

Taraweeh Salaah is Sunnah Muakkadah (an emphasised Sunnah). One who discards it deliberately and repeatedly becomes sinful.

Taraweeh in Ramadhan was established by Rasulullah ﷺ himself. Thereafter, it was Sayyiduna Umar رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ who had unified the Ummah upon the performance of twenty Rakaats of Taraweeh behind an Imaam. His decision was met with unanimous approval of all the Sahaabah رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُمْ and Tabi'een of that era. From that time till today, this remained the uninterrupted practice of the entire Ummah. The Hadith states:

“Hold firmly to my Sunnah and that of the rightly guided Khulafaa.” (Sayyiduna Abu Bakr رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ, Sayyiduna Umar رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ, Sayyiduna Uthman رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ, and Sayyiduna Ali رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ). (Abu Dawud)

Furthermore Ibn Abbas رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ states, **“Rasulullah ﷺ used to perform twenty Rakaats and the Witr Salaah in Ramadhan.”** (Musannaf ibn Abi Shaybah)

Ramadhan is a golden opportunity that arrives once a year. Why compromise our reward by being neglectful and lazy? The idea to curtail the number of rakaats stems from the inherent laziness and desire of man not to fulfil his Deeni obligations. Ramadhan is the time to train ourselves to overcome these lowly tendencies and strive for the hereafter.



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