

Laylatul Baraa'ah

The Night of Emancipation

The 15th night of Sha'baan is known as Laylatul Baraa'ah or the Night of Emancipation. Rasulullah ﷺ has stated:

“Allah Ta'ala looks upon all His creation on the middle Night of Sha'baan and forgives them all, except the one who associates partners with Him or the one who has hatred in his heart (against a Muslim).” (Saheeh ibn Hibban)

There are those who cast doubts about the significance of this night. They would be wise to consider the words of Shaikh Ibn Taymiya (RA) and Shaikh Albani (RA), whom they consider as Imaams.

Shaikh Ibn Taymiya (RA) writes in his *Al-Fataawal Kubra*, **“As for the middle night of Sha'baan, indeed it holds virtue.”**

Shaikh Albani (RA) when discussing the Ahadith regarding the 15th night of Sha'baan writes, **“In essence, the Hadith, considering the different narrations, is *Sahih* (rigorously authenticated) without any doubt.”** He further says that those who deny the virtue of this night, then it is due to their haste in passing rulings and the absence of effort in researching the Ahadith. (*Silsilatul Ahadithis Sahihah*)

The 15th night of Sha'baan is indeed an auspicious night. It is a night of forgiveness and mercy. Let us be of those fortunate ones who maximise the benefits of this night and thereby welcome Ramadhan spiritually rejuvenated.

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