

ASHURA

The 10th of Muharram also known as the day of Ashura, is one of the most auspicious days in the Islamic Calendar.

Rasulullah ﷺ greatly emphasised the importance of fasting on this day. The Hadith states,

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

Rasulullah ﷺ further advised the Ummah to keep an additional fast a day before or after the 10th. The reason being, the Jews also fasted on the tenth. It was necessary that the Muslims be distinct and apart from the practices of the non-Muslims.

This leaves a powerful lesson for his Ummah. Muslims will, at any given time or place, be distinct and different from the practices, norms and culture of the non-Muslims.

**Ashura Fast: 9,10 Muharram = 19,20 Sep. (Wed/Thu)
or 10,11 Muharram = 20,21 Sep. (Thu/Fri)**

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

“Whoever increases (his expenditure) on his family on the day of Ashura, Allah will increase his sustenance on him for the entire year.” (Bayhaqi)



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