

THE DAY OF 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 mentioned in a Hadith regarding the importance of fasting on this day. **“I hope from Allah that fasting on the day of Ashura may atone for the sins of the preceding year.”** (Sahih Muslim)

Rasulullah ﷺ advised the Ummah to keep a fast either a day before or after the tenth. The reason being was that the Jews also fasted on the tenth. Hence, it was necessary that the Muslims be distinct & 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 = 9,10 Sept. (Mon/Tues)

Or 10,11 Muharram = 10,11 Sept. (Tues/Wed)

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 for the remainder of that year.” (Shu'abul Imaan)



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