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In the Name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful

Ramadhan and the generosity of the Prophet of Allah (PBUH)

The month of Ramadhan, ninth month of the Islamic Calendar, comes like sunshine touching the ocean with life coming from the Lord Almighty. It brings in its wake the trial of fasting which in turn acts as the means to attain God's approval and pleasure. Verily fasting is one of the greatest acts of worship which Allah (the Almighty God) has prescribed for His servants, and is one of the best means by which Muslim believers may come closer to their Creator and obtain His pleasure. They refrain from eating and drinking, and from indulging in pleasures, seeking the countenance of their Lord Almighty. Thus this action deserves to be for Allah alone, Who is the One Who will reward His servants immensely for it and bestow the greatest blessings upon them.

In a collection of sayings – Hadith – of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (pbuh), the companion of the Prophet of God, Ibn Abbas (ra) reported: *"The Prophet of Allah was the most generous of people, but he would be his most generous during Ramadhan when he would meet with (the angel) Gabriel. He would meet with him every night and recite the Quran. When Gabriel met him, he used to be more generous than a fast wind."* (Ref: Bukhari)

The wife of the Holy Prophet, Aisha (ra) is reported to have said: *"When Ramadhan would start, the Prophet would release all prisoners of war and fulfil the need of every person who would ask him for something."*

Being Generous and giving without keeping count are such attributes which God Almighty loves that the Muslims manifest in themselves. Allah is indeed

the Most Generous and the Supreme Donator, and this generosity is especially multiplied in the month of Ramadhan. Similarly, the Messenger of Allah's generosity used to be great in the month of Ramadhan.

There are many reasons and indications behind the prophet's purpose of spending much in charity in the month of Ramadhan. Some of them are:

- The month of Ramadhan is blessed and honourable, and rewards for generosity therein are multiplied. Hazrat Muhammad (pbuh) has said: "The best charity is what is given in Ramadhan." (Ref: Tirmidhi)

- It is a source of help and support, especially to the one who is observing the fast. To encourage this, Hazrat Muhammad (pbuh) has said: "The one who nourishes someone who is fasting will be rewarded like him, without diminishing his rewards in any way." (Ref: Ahmad)

When someone who is fasting abandon eating and drinking to his fill during Ramadhan, and prefers to give these food and drinks to others, thus this sacrifice, this deprivation of things desired (i.e, food and drink) will be God-willing, source of blessings and rewards for him.

- The month of Ramadhan is a month of charity and forgiveness. Allah blesses with His forgiveness those who are filled with faith and liberate them from the fire of Hell. Thus, anyone who forgives and is generous during this month, Allah shall forgive him and show Himself generous to him and give him such blessings and rewards which

are beyond his expectation.

- Charity and fasting are the greatest and most efficacious barriers to safeguard a person from the fire of Hell. About fasting, Hazrat Muhammad (pbuh) has said: *"Fasting is a shield and a protection against the fire of Hell."* (Ref: Ahmad)

He (pbuh) also said about *charity*: "Charity extinguishes sins like water extinguishes fire." (Ref: Ahmad, Ibn Majah & Tirmidhi)

Indeed the Prophet of Allah Muhammad (pbuh) is that model whom every Muslim is called to follow so that we may be blessed with the qualities of the Prophet for the betterment of society and our own life.

All thanks to the Lord of the Worlds, our Supreme Creator who gave all His creatures round the world the golden opportunities, again and again to do such acts of devotion so as to attain to Him, in humility and a pure heart, for His pleasure.

Hazrat – Honourable title for the prophets and chosen people of God

(pbuh) – May the peace & blessings of Allah be upon him (ra) - May Allah be pleased with him/her

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