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In the name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful

LAILA-TUL-QADR: THE DAWN OF A NEW DAY

When the Holy month of Ramadan comes, it brings in its wake loads of blessings to nourish the souls of the Muslim believers. Out of the overall blessings of Ramadan is the Night of Power (*Laila-tul-Qadr*). Almighty God says in the Holy Quran:

"In the name of Allah, the Gracious, the Merciful. Surely We revealed it on the Night of Power; And what will make you understand what the Night of Power is? The Night of Power is better than a thousand months. The angels and the Spirit descend therein by the permission of their Lord for every matter. Peace it is until the emergence of dawn." (Chapter 97).

The Holy Prophet of Islam, Hazrat Muhammad (pbuh) is recorded to have said: *"This month (i.e. the Ramadan) has begun and there is a night in it better than one thousand months. (So) any-one deprived of its (blessings) is actually deprived of all goodness. Indeed, He is truly deprived who is kept away from its good."* (Sunan Ibn Majah).

The goodness of such a Glorious Night is verily found in the piety and

sincerity of the believer in seeking it for the pleasure of God Almighty (Allah). Such goodness is the transformation of the believer and his constant efforts in perfecting his life by following the blessed example of his role model, the Holy Prophet Muhammad (pbuh).

The Night of Power represents such a depth of darkness that only the Divine Light can pierce and overcome. It is a hopeful night in which God inspires His chosen people and bless them to bless mankind through their piety, fear and love of Allah, and devotion. It is such a Night wherein the angels inspire the hearts of many to change their lives for the best and to strive to make God Almighty the focal point of their lives. The *Laila-tul-Qadr* is an assurance from God for the sincere Muslims that the morrow shall be better for them; a new dawn shall dawn on them and like a plant which nourishes itself on sunlight, likewise the afflicted hearts of the believers shall basked in the light of the Divine, gaining the spiritual power to devote themselves all the more in the service of God Almighty. By being truly Muslims, submitting wholeheartedly to Allah; and serving

mankind, the Muslims shall progressively feel the glow of a new feeling illuminating themselves: that of being content with God Almighty and God Almighty be content with them.

May our lives, Oh Muslims be dedicated for the pleasure of Allah, by training ourselves through our acts of worship and service to mankind to march the higher step of spirituality to attain to the proximity of Allah and gaining His love. If Ramadan (*including the exclusive Night of Power*) has come, it represents yet another opportunity for us to reform ourselves and be true to God, mankind and to ourselves also and to display such high morals that shall prove truly that we are indeed the true followers of the noble prophet of Islam, Hazrat Muhammad (pbuh) and the prophets of God of yore. It is a new opportunity for us to rise like a new dawn in our spirituality and loyalty to Allah and all His commandments and to find peace in fulfilling our duties as Muslims and Servants of Allah. *Insha-Allah, Ameen.*

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