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I'tikaf

Ahadith 22

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In the name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful

The I'tikaf in the last ten days of Ramadan.

Hadith # 2025

Narrated `Abdullah bin `Umar:

Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) used to practice I'tikaf in the last ten days of the month of Ramadan.

Hadith # 2026

Narrated `Aisha:

The Prophet (ﷺ) used to practice I'tikaf in the last ten days of Ramadan till he died and then his wives used to practice I'tikaf after him.

Hadith # 2027

Narrated Abu Sa`id Al-Khudri:

Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) used to practice I'tikaf in the middle ten days of Ramadan and once he stayed in I'tikaf till the night of the twenty-first and it was the night in the morning of which he used to come out of his I'tikaf. The Prophet (ﷺ) said,

"Whoever was in I'tikaf with me should stay in I'tikaf for the last ten days, for I was informed (of the date) of the Night (of Qadr) but I have been caused to forget it. (In the dream) I saw myself prostrating in mud and water in the morning of that night. So, look for it in the last ten nights and in the odd ones of them."

It rained that night and the roof of the mosque dribbled as it was made of leaf stalks of date-palms. I saw with my own eyes the mark of mud and water on the forehead of the Prophet (i.e. in the morning of the twenty-first).

A menstruating woman is permitted to comb the hair of a man in I'tikaf.

Hadith # 2028

Narrated `Aisha:

The Prophet (ﷺ) used to (put) bend his head (out) to me while he was in I'tikaf in the mosque during my monthly periods and I would comb and oil his hair.

Mu'takif not to enter the house except for a need.

Hadith # 2029

Narrated `Aisha:

Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) used to let his head in (the house) while he was in the mosque and I would comb and oil his hair. When in I'tikaf he used not to enter the house except for a need.

The taking of a bath by a Mu'takif.

Hadith # 2030, 2031

Narrated `Aisha:

The Prophet (ﷺ) used to embrace me during my menses. He used to put his head out of the mosque while he was in I'tikaf, and I would wash it during my menses.

The I'tikaf at night.

Hadith # 2032

Narrated Ibn `Umar:

`Umar asked the Prophet (ﷺ) "I vowed in the Pre-Islamic period of ignorance to stay

in I'tikaf for one night in Al-Masjid al-Haram."

The Prophet (ﷺ) said to him, "Fulfill your vow."

Women's I'tikaf

Hadith # 2033

Narrated `Amra:

Aisha said, "the Prophet (ﷺ) used to practice I'tikaf in the last ten days of Ramadan and I used to pitch a tent for him, and after offering the morning prayer, he used to enter the tent."

Hafsa asked the permission of `Aisha to pitch a tent for her and she allowed her and she pitched her tent. When Zainab bint Jahsh saw it, she pitched another tent. In the morning the Prophet (ﷺ) noticed the tents. He said, "What is this?" He was told of the whole situation.

Then the Prophet (ﷺ) said, "Do you think that they intended to do righteousness by doing this?" He therefore abandoned the I'tikaf in that month and practiced I'tikaf for ten days in the month of Shawwal."

Tents in mosque

Hadith # 2034

Narrated `Aisha:

The Prophet (ﷺ) intended to practice I'tikaf and when he reached the place where he intended to perform I'tikaf, he saw some tents, the tents of `Aisha, Hafsa and Zainab. So, he said, "Do you consider that they intended to do righteousness by doing this?"

And then he went away and did not perform I'tikaf (in Ramadan) but performed it in the month of Shawwal for ten days.

Mu'takif going to the gate of the mosque.

Hadith # 2035

Narrated `Ali bin Al-Husain:

Safiya, the wife of the Prophet (ﷺ) told me that she went to Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) to visit him in the mosque while he was in I'tikaf in the last ten days of Ramadan. She had a talk with him for a while, then she got up in order to return home. The Prophet (ﷺ) accompanied her. When they reached the gate of the mosque, opposite the door of Um-Salama, two Ansari men were passing by and they greeted Allah's Apostle.

He told them: Do not run away! And said, "She is (my wife) Safiya bint Huyai."

Both of them said, "Subhan Allah, (How dare we think of any evil) O Allah's Messenger (ﷺ)!" And they felt it.

The Prophet said (to them), "Satan reaches everywhere in the human body as blood reaches in it, (everywhere in one's body). I was afraid lest Satan might insert an evil thought in your minds."

Coming out of I'tikaf in the morning of the twentieth (of Ramadan)

Hadith # 2036

Narrated Abu Salama bin `Abdur-Rahman:

I asked Abu Sa`id Al-Khudri, "Did you hear Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) talking about the Night of Qadr?"

He replied in the affirmative and said, "Once we were in I'tikaf with Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) in the middle ten days of (Ramadan) and we came out of it in the morning of the twentieth, and Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) (of Ramadan) and said, 'I was informed (of the date) of the Night of Qadr (in my dream) but had forgotten it. So, look for it in the odd nights of the last ten nights of the month of Ramadan.

I saw myself prostrating in mud and water on that night (as a sign of Night of Qadr). So, whoever had been in I'tikaf with Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) should return for it.'

The people returned to the mosque (for I'tikaf). There was no trace of clouds in the sky. But all of a sudden a cloud came and it rained. Then the prayer was established (they stood for the prayer) and Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) prostrated in mud and water and I saw mud over the forehead and the nose of the Prophet.

I'tikaf of a woman who has bleeding in between her periods

Hadith # 2037

Narrated `Aisha:

One of the wives of Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) practiced I'tikaf with him while she had bleeding in between her periods and she would see red (blood) or yellowish traces, and sometimes we put a tray beneath her when she offered the prayer.

The visit of the wife to her husband in I'tikaf

Hadith # 2038

Narrated `Ali bin Al-Husain (from Safiya the Prophet's wife):

The wives of the Prophet (ﷺ) were with him in the mosque (while he was in I'tikaf) and then they departed and the Prophet (ﷺ) said to Safiya bint Huyai, "Don't hurry up, for I shall accompany you," (and her dwelling was in the house of Usama).

The Prophet (ﷺ) went out and in the meantime two Ansari men met him and they looked at the Prophet (ﷺ) and passed by. The Prophet (ﷺ) said to them, "Come here. She is (my wife) Safiya bint Huyai." They replied, "Subhan Allah, (How dare we think of evil) O Allah's Apostle! (we never expect anything bad from you)."

The Prophet (ﷺ) replied, "Satan circulates in the human being as blood circulates in the body, and I was afraid lest Satan might insert an evil thought in your minds."

Is it permissible for the Mu'takif to defend himself?

Hadith # 2039

Narrated `Ali bin Al-Husain from Safiya:

Safiya went to the Prophet (ﷺ) while he was in I'tikaf. When she returned, the Prophet (ﷺ) accompanied her walking. An Ansari man saw him. When the Prophet (ﷺ) noticed him, he called him and said, "Come here. She is Safiya. . And Satan circulates in the body of Adam's offspring as his blood circulates in it."

Sub narrator asked Sufyan, "Did Safiya visit him at night?" He said, "Of course, at night."

Whoever went out of his I'tikaf in the morning

Hadith # 2040

Narrated Abu Sa`id:

We practiced I'tikaf with Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) in the middle ten days (of Ramadan). In the morning of the twentieth (of Ramadan) we shifted our baggage, but Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) came to us and said,

"Whoever was in I'tikaf should return to his place of I'tikaf, for I saw (i.e. was informed about the date of) this Night (of Qadr) and saw myself prostrating in mud and water."

When I returned to my place the sky was overcast with clouds and it rained. By Him Who sent Muhammad with the Truth, the sky was covered with clouds from the end of that day, and the mosque which was roofed with leafstalks of date palm trees (leaked with rain) and I saw the trace of mud and water over the nose of the Prophet (ﷺ) and its tip.

I'tikaf in the month of Shawwal

Hadith # 2041

Narrated `Amra bint `Abdur-Rahman from `Aisha:

Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) used to practice I'tikaf every year in the month of Ramadan. And after offering the morning prayer, he used to enter the place of his I'tikaf.

`Aisha asked his permission to let her practice I'tikaf and he allowed her, and so she pitched a tent in the mosque. When Hafsa heard of that, she also pitched a tent (for herself), and when Zainab heard of that, she too pitched another tent.

When, in the morning, Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) had finished the morning prayer, he saw four tents and asked, "What is this?" He was informed about it.

He then said, "What made them do this? Is it righteousness? Remove the tents, for I do not want to see them."

So, the tents were removed. The Prophet (ﷺ) did not perform I'tikaf that year in the month of Ramadan, but did it in the last ten days of Shawwal.

I'tikaf without fasting

Hadith # 2042

Narrated `Abdullah bin `Umar:

`Umar bin Al-Khattab said, "O Allah's Messenger (ﷺ)! I vowed in the Pre-Islamic period to perform I'tikaf in Al-Masjid-al-Haram for one night."

The Prophet (ﷺ) said, "Fulfill your vow." So, he performed I'tikaf for one night.

Vow in the pre-Islamic period to perform I'tikaf

Hadith # 2043

Narrated Ibn `Umar:

`Umar had vowed in the Pre-Islamic period to perform I'tikaf in Al-Masjid-al-Haram.

Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) said to `Umar, "Fulfill your vow."

I'tikaf in the middle ten days of Ramadan

Hadith # 2044

Narrated Abu Huraira:

The Prophet (ﷺ) used to perform I'tikaf every year in the month of Ramadan for ten days, and when it was the year of his death, he stayed in I'tikaf for twenty days.

Who intended I'tikaf and then changed his mind

Hadith # 2045

Whoever intended I'tikaf and then changed his mind

Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) mentioned that he would practice I'tikaf in the last ten days of Ramadan. `Aisha asked his permission to perform I'tikaf and he permitted her. Hafsa asked `Aisha to take his permission for her, and she did so. When Zainab bint Jahsh saw that, she ordered a tent to be pitched for her and it was pitched for her. Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) used to proceed to his tent after the prayer. So, he saw the tents and asked, "What is this?" He was told that those were the tents of Aisha, Hafsa, and Zainab.

Allah's Apostle said, "Is it righteousness which they intended by doing so? I am not going to perform I'tikaf." So he returned home. When the fasting month was over, he performed I'tikaf for ten days in the month of Shawwal.

A Mu'takif can let his head in the house for washing

Hadith # 2046

Narrated `Urwa:

Aisha during her menses used to comb and oil the hair of the Prophet (ﷺ) while he used to be in I'tikaf in the mosque. He would stretch out his head towards her while she was in her chamber.

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