

Hadith on Salat Layl

There are many hadith that emphasize the importance of Salat Layl. Some of them are as follows.

1. *Three things bring happiness to the heart of a believer:*

a) *Meeting brethren in faith*

b) *Breaking the fast*

c) *Waking up in the later part of the night for Salat Layl*

Holy Prophet (s)

2. *Jibrael continued to advise me about staying up at night until I thought that the virtuous ones of my Ummah do not sleep.*

Holy Prophet (s)

3. *The honor and greatness of a believer lies in his praying at night.*

Imam as-Sadiq (a)

4. *I detest that a man who has recited the Qur'an, wakes up at night but does not rise until the morning when he wakes up for Salaat of Subh.*

Imam as-Sadiq (a)

5. *Allah says; "Wealth and children are an ornament of the life of this world" (18:46), but the eight raka'ats recited by a servant at the end of the night are an ornament of the Hereafter.*

Imam as-Sadiq (a)

6. *Two raka'ats of prayer recited in the darkness of the night are more beloved to me than the world and all that is in it.*

Holy Prophet (s)

7. *The rising by night is healthy for the bodies.*

Imam Ali (a)

8. *Salatul Layl brightens the faces, makes the night pleasant, and attracts sustenance.*

Imam as-Sadiq (a)

9. *When the servant of Allah turns to his Lord in the middle of the dark night, and whispers to Him, Allah establishes His light in his heart . . . then He tells the angels: O my angels, look at my servant. He has turned to Me in the middle of the dark night while the false ones are playing, and the heedless ones are sleeping; bear witness that I have forgiven him.*

Holy Prophet (s)

10. *Whoever has been granted the chance to recite Salat ul Layl, a male servant or a female one, and he(or she) rises for Allah sincerely, does proper wudhu , prays salaah for Allah with a true intention, a sound heart, a humble body and a tearful eye, Allah will place behind him nine rows of angels. The number of angels in each row cannot be counted except by Allah. One side of each row is in the East, and the other is in the West. Then when he completes his prayer, he gets the reward of all of the angels in the rows.*

Holy Prophet (s)

11. There is no good deed except that its reward has been outlined in the Qur'an, except the Salat ul Layl. Almighty Allah has not specified its reward due to its greatness with Him. He says (about the reward of those who recite Salat ul Layl):

So no soul knows what is hidden for them of that which will refresh the eyes; a reward for what they did. (32: 17)

Holy Prophet (s)

12. A man came to Imam Ali (a) and said: *I have been denied the chance to recite Salat ul Layl.* The Imam replied: *Your sins have prevented you.*

13. *Whoever tells himself he will wake up for Salat ul Layl but sleeps through the time, his sleep will be charity and the reward of what he intended will be written for him.*

Holy Prophet (s)

14. *Do not disregard the reciting of Salat ul Layl, for the one who is denied Salat ul Layl is in a great loss.*

Imam as-Sadiq (a)

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