

Sharing Iftar with Others

The Almighty and Praised One has said,

"O people! You are the ones who stand in need of Allah, while Allah is the self-Sufficient One, the Praised" (Holy Qur'an, 35: 15).

Islam, which has carried the banner of protecting the poor, the indigent, the orphans, and the wayfarers, has urged the faithful to share the *iftar* with one another, to visit each other, and to invite others to break their fast with them. Islam, which does not favor an Arab over a non-Arab except on the basis of piety, according to the tradition of His greatest Prophet Muhammad ibn Abdullah (S), has established the fast in order to remind the rich of what the poor have to endure.

The greatest Prophet Muhammad ibn Abdullah (S) has said, "No poor person feels hungry except due to what another rich one is enjoying." Islam has informed us of all of this through the Islamic code of ethics, i.e., the Holy Qur'an, and through the revered Sunnah of the Prophet (S) and his progeny (as), about whom the greatest Prophet Muhammad (S) has said, "I am leaving among you the Two Weighty Things: the Book of Allah, and my progeny, that is, my family; you shall never go astray so long as you follow them both."

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