

## Summarised Friday Sermon

26<sup>th</sup> January 2007

### THE DAY OF ASYURA AND ITS LESSONS

- This Monday, the Day of Asyura will dawn upon us. It is the tenth day of Muharram, the first month of the Islamic calendar. The Day of Asyura is a day of historical significance as many important events occurred on this day.
- It was reported that Prophet Noah's ark came ashore on Mount Judi on the Day of Asyura and also that Prophet Musa a.s was saved by Allah from Pharaoh on this day.
- The Prophet s.a.w said in a hadith narrated by Ibn Majah: "Fast in those sacred months." The four sacred months are Rejab, Zulkaedah, Zuhijjah dan Muharram. And the Day of Asyura occurs on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of Muharram
- But fasting is encouraged not just on the Day of Asyura, we are also encouraged to fast on the first 10 days of Muharram, and on the 13, 14 dan 15 days Muharram. Let us grasp this golden opportunity to start the New Year by showing servitude to Allah and by doing that, the rest of this year will see us getting closer to Allah.
- The command to fast in the month of Ramadan was revealed by Allah on the second year of Hijrah. In the first year, the Prophet s.a.w command Muslims to fast on the Day of Asyura and the significance of this day that to fast is that this is the day which Allah s.w.t saved Prophet Musa a.s and his people, and the day Allah drowned the Pharaoh and his army.
- We must push aside any feelings of embarrassment and shyness when we are studying and gleaning knowledge from other communities, regardless of race and religion. Allah s.w.t gives knowledge to whomever He wishes, regardless of race and religion.
- We cannot be stingy from sharing knowledge to others, even though they are not of the same race or religion. The Jews themselves did not withhold information from our Prophet s.a.w on their reason for fasting on the Day of Asyura. Thus, we are required to share with others, especially the non-Muslims, the beauty, purity and simplicity of Islam.



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