

Hastening to Break The Fast Is A Sign That A People Are Upon Khair (Good)

On the authority of Sahl ibn Sa'd as-Saa'idee (Radiya-llahu 'an-hu), who said that the Messenger of Allah (Salla-llaahu alayhi wa Sallam) said: 'The people will remain upon **Khair** (Good) [i.e. upon a condition that is *pleasing* to Allah] as long as they continue to **hasten** in breaking the fast (**al-Fitr**) [because by doing so, they preserve the **Sunnah**].' [al-Bukhaaree, no. 1957; Muslim, no. 2417]

Extra Hadeeth: On the authority of Abu `Atiyyah, who said: I and Masrooq entered upon Aa'ishah (Radiya-llahu 'an-haa) and said: '**O Mother of the Believers** (*Umm al-Mu'mineen*)! Two men from the companions of Muhammad (Salla-llaahu alayhi wa Sallam) - one of them *hastens* the breaking of the fast and *hastens* to the performance of the *Salat* (Prayer), and the other *delays* in breaking the fast and *delays* the *Salat* (Prayer)'. She (Aa'ishah) (Radiya-llahu 'an-haa) said: '*Which of them hastens* the breaking of the **fast** and **hastens** to the performance of the **Salat** (Prayer)?' He (Abu `Atiyyah) said: 'We said: **Abdullah**, i.e. Ibn Mas'ood (Radiya-llahu 'an-hu).' She (Aa'ishah) (Radiya-llahu 'an-haa) said: '*Just like this* was what the Messenger of Allah (Salla-llaahu alayhi wa Sallam) used to do'. Abu Kuraib (a narrator) added: 'The other one was Abu Moosaa (Radiya-llahu 'an-hu)'. [Muslim, no. 2419]

Rulings Derived from this Hadeeth

1. The **commendability** (*al-Is-tih-baab*) of *hastening* to break the fast, when one is *certain* of the *setting of the sun* (*Ghuroob ash-Shams*) - either by **seeing it** (*Ru'yah*) or by being **informed** (of it) by a **trustworthy** (*Thiqah*) person.
2. **Hastening** to break the fast (*at-Ta'jeel*) is a proof (*Daleel*) of the continuance of **al-Khair** (Good) with those who *hasten* it, and the removal of **al-Khair** (Good) from those who *delay* it.
3. The **Khair** (Good) which is pointed to in this Hadeeth is **It-ti-baa' as-Sunnah** (Adherence to or following of the **Sunnah**), along with the fact that it [i.e. hastening to break the fast] is of the things which are beloved/pleasing to the souls.
4. This Hadeeth is one of the **Mu'jizaat** (Miracles or Signs of the truthfulness) of the Prophet (Salla-llaahu alayhi wa Sallam). Indeed, **delaying** the breaking of the fast (*Ta'kheer al-Iftaar*) [a practice foretold by the Prophet (Salla-llaahu alayhi wa Sallam)] has come to be practiced by the *Raafidah*, who are one of the misguided sects. And they have *no example to follow* (**Qud-wah**) [of those who preceded them] in this practice except **al-Yahood** (the Jews) who *do not* break their fast until the stars appear (in the sky) [long after sunset].

'*Umdah al-Ahkaam*', by al-Imaam Abdul-Ghaneer ibn Abdul-Waahid al-Maqdisee, along with its *Sharh* (Explanation) '*Tayseer al-'Allaam*', by Shaykh Abdullah ibn Abdur-Rahmaan ibn Saalih Aali Bassaam. Hadeeth No. 189 [p. 437]