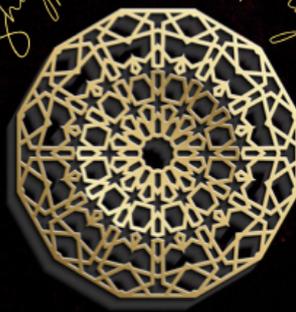


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SALĀM (PEACE)

UNTIL THE APPEARANCE OF DAWN

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“**Salām (Peace) until the appearance of Dawn**”
(*Al-Qadr 97: 5*)

Laylatul Qadr

The scholars of Tafsīr (Qur’ānic Exegesis) have mentioned different explanations for the saying of Allāh, the Most High, “*Salām (Peace) until the appearance of Dawn*” (*Al-Qadr 97: 5*).

1. It (Laylatul Qadr) is safe (**Sālimah**) from every kind of harm and evil due to its abundant goodness.

[Imām As-Sa’dī in his Tafsīr: *Taysīr Al-Karīm Ar-Rahmān fī Tafsīr Kalām Al-Mannān*].

2. Allāh, the Most High, has described it (Laylatul Qadr) as **Salām** due to the large number of people who on this night are free and safe from sins and the punishments for these sins.

[Imām Al- ‘Uthaymīn in his Tafsīr: *Tafsīr Al-Qur’ān Al-Karīm*, Juzz (part) ‘Amma].

The following three explanations were mentioned by *Shaykh Sulaymān Ar-Ruhaylī* in his explanation of Surat Al-Qadr:

3. Some scholars have said that it (Laylatul Qadr) is **Salām** means that it is (**Sālimah**) safe and secure from the plots and the plans of the devils.

4. Some Mufasssirūn (Qur’ānic Exegetes) have mentioned that **Salām** here refers to the angels giving **Salām** to the believers, [i.e. the angels on this night - as they descend and pass by the

believers - greet the believers with the greeting of Islām: Assalamu ‘Alaykum]. So it is the night of **Salām** in which the angels give **Salām** in abundance to the believing servants of Allāh.

5. Other Mufasssirūn mentioned that **Salām** here refers to the angels giving each other **Salām** as they meet each other at the time of descent. And due to the fact that on this night they descend in huge numbers, there is not any time during this night that is devoid of this **Salām**.

N.B. Point 1 above was also mentioned by Shaykh Sulaymān Ar-Ruhaylī during his Tafsīr lesson.

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