

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

أَلْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ كَمَا هُوَ أَهْلُهُ وَالصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَى سَيِّدِ وُلْدِ آدَمَ كَمَا يُحِبُّ وَيَرْضَى بِأَنْ يُصَلِّيَ عَلَيْهِ

Allah Almighty, in Whose Name we begin, The Most Compassionate,  
The Most Merciful

All Praise is due to Allah Almighty, Countless Peace and Blessings be upon  
His Beloved Messenger – *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* – his family & his  
companions – *may Allah be pleased with them all*

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## The Fast of Shawwal

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It is mentioned that once Hadrat Sayyiduna Sufyan Thouri - *may Allah be pleased with him* - stayed in Mecca Shareef for three years. While he was in Mecca Shareef there was a person who used to come to the Haram Shareef, perform the Tawaaf and read two rak'ah of Salaah. He then used to also then greet the great Saint and then leave for his house.

Hadrat Sayyiduna Sufyan Thouri - *may Allah be pleased with him* - became quiet fond of this person. However, one day, the person did not come and on inquiry, it was found that the person had become ill. Hadrat Sayyiduna Sufyan Thouri - *may Allah be pleased with him* - then went to meet this person. He told to the great Saint, “Hadrat! When I pass away, you must personally give me Ghusal. You must also please read my Janazah and then bury me yourself. Please do not leave me alone and continue to stay at my grave giving Talkeen so that when the Munkar and Nakeer comes, I am able to answer the questions.”

When the person passed away, Hadrat Sayyiduna Sufyan Thouri - *may Allah be pleased with him* - carried out all his last wishes. He then slept next to the grave of this person. However, in his dream, the great Saint heard someone saying, “O Sufyan! There is no need for your Talkeen for this person. We have Ourselves graced this person with Our love and have taught him the Talkeen ourself.”

Hadrat Sayyiduna Sufyan Thouri - *may Allah be pleased with him* - then asked the reason for this person’s great status and the Voice declared, “He has received this Barakah through keeping the six fast in Shawwal with the fast of Ramadaan. Through this, he has acquired this Barakah.”

The great Saint states that when he awoke, he could not see anyone. He had seen this dream on three occasions while he slept. Hadrat Sayyiduna Sufyan Thouri - *may Allah be pleased with him* - then made Du’a to Allah to also bless him with keeping this fast. (Nawaadir Al Qalyubi)