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I'tikaf

The Messenger of Allah, *salla Allahu 'alaihi wasallam*, said, “Whoever observes i'tikāf for one day seeking Allah's pleasure, Allah creates between him and the fire of Hell, three trenches, the width of each greater than the distance between the heaven and the earth” (al-Mustadrak and at-Tabarani) ... In another hadith, it is stated, “Whoever observes i'tikāf for ten days of Ramadan, gets a reward equivalent to that of two Hajj and two Umrahs” (al-Baihaqi).

Q: When does the masnoon i'tikaf start?

The mu'takif (one performing i'tikaf) must enter the masjid before maghrib of the 21st night of Ramadan. (Note: the night comes before the day, thus the 20th iftar will be in the masjid) The mu'takif may not leave the masjid area except for a valid reason.

Q: What should I do and not do during i'tikaf?

A: There is **no** specific 'amal for i'tikaf. It is *mustahab* (preferable) to recite the Quran as much as possible, send extensive durud (*salawat 'alan Nabi g*), offer *nafisal* in addition to *fardh* (like Tahajjud, Ishraq, Awwabeen, Salat ut Tasbeeh, etc.), make dua excessively, especially at iftar time, perform as much *ibadaat* as possible in search of Lailatul Qadr on the odd nights, and to read authentic books of the Deen. If Ulama are present, the mu'takif should gain the most benefit and try to learn the Deen from them. The mu'takif must refrain from backbiting, falsehood, lying, controversies, and verbal disputes.

Masjid Darul Ehsan suggested Tarteeb Insha'Allah:

Fajr
Recite Surah Yaseen
Companions of the Prophet (Lecture)
Dua
Ishraq
Rest
Zuhr
Workshop (Bayan an
Dua
Quran (1 juz)
Rest
Asr
Seerah
Dua
Quran (1 juz)
Maghreb
Iftaar
Isha
Taraweeh
Quran (1juz)
Tahajjud
Suhoor