IMPORTANCE OF MUHARRAM

• "Verily, the number of months with Allah is twelve (in a year): It was so ordained, by Allah on the Day when He created the heavens and the earth; of them, four are sacred. That is the right religion, so wrong not yourselves therein..."

[al-Tawbah 9:36]

• These four months, according to the Prophet (Sal Allahu Alaiyhi wa sallam) are Dhul-Qa'dah, Dhul-Hijjah, Muharram and Rajab. (Bukhari)

DO EXTRA GOOD DEEDS THIS MONTH

- Good deeds during this month bring a greater reward than in other months. They are weightier in the sight of Allah and bigger in ajr, out of the Mercy and Generosity of al-Rahman, al-Kareem.
- Ibn 'Abbaas said: "Good deeds done during the four sacred months bring a greater reward." (Tafseer Ibn Katheer)
- So pay extra attention and take advantage of every opportunity you find to do good deeds and don't let it go.
 - Do your best
 - Pay extra attention to Salah,
 - Reciting Qur'an
 - Giving charity
 - Keeping up ties of Kinship
 - Helping someone out
 - Simply just being nice to your family
- Included in the good deeds is also fasting.

FAST ON DAY OF 'AASHOORAA (10TH MUHARRAM)

• Ibn 'Abbas said:

"The Prophet (Sal Allahu Alaiyhi wa sallam) came to Madinah and saw the Jews fasting on the day of 'Aashooraa'. He said, 'What is this?'
They said, 'This is a righteous day, it is the day when Allah saved the Children of Israel from their enemies, so Musa fasted on this day.'
He (Sal Allahu Alaiyhi wa sallam) said, 'We have more right to Musa than you,' so he fasted on that day and commanded (the Muslims) to fast on that day." (Bukhari)

Abu Hurairah narrated that:

Allah's Messenger (S) said: "The most virtuous fasting after the month of Ramadan is that of Allah's month of Al-Muharram. And the most virtuous Salat after the obligatory is the night prayer." (At Tirmidhi)

It is Mustahabb to fast on 9th Muharram as well

• Ibn 'Abbas RA said: "When the Messenger of Allah (Sal Allahu Alaiyhi wa sallam) fasted on 'Aashooraa' and commanded the Muslims to fast as well, they said, 'O Messenger of Allah, it is a day that is venerated by the Jews and Christians.'

The Messenger of Allah (Sal Allahu Alaiyhi wa sallam) said, 'If I live to see the next year, in'sha Allah, we will fast on the ninth day too.' But it so happened that the Messenger of Allah (Sal Allahu Alaiyhi wa sallam) passed away before the next year came." (Muslim).

• You can also fast on the 11th of Muharram, in addition to fasting on the 10th, if for some reason you couldn't fast on the 9th. (islamqa.com)