

Account for person who dies in Ramadhāan

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In the name of Allaah, the Most Merciful, the Bestower of Mercy

Question: The Messenger (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ)¹ said: “When Ramadhāan comes, the gates of Paradise are opened and the gates of Hell are closed and the devils are chained up.” Does this mean that the one who dies in Ramadhāan will enter Paradise without being brought to account?

Shaykh al-Uthaymeen (رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ)²:

Praise be to Allaah.

That is not the case. Rather what this means is that the gates of Paradise are opened to encourage people to strive hard, so that they can enter it, and that the gates of Hell are closed, so as to encourage the believers to refrain from sin, so that they will not go through these gates. That does not mean that the one who dies in Ramadhāan will enter Paradise without being brought to account; rather those who will enter Paradise without being brought to account are those whom the Messenger (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) described when he said: “They are the ones who do not ask others to perform ruqyah for them, or believe in omens, or use cautery, and they put their trust in their Lord”, in addition to their doing the righteous deeds that are enjoined upon them.

¹ (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) (sallallaahu ‘alayhi wa sallam) May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him

² (رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah the Most High have mercy on him