



ANSWER

وَلَيَالٍ عَشْرٍ

and by the Ten Nights [89:2]



COMMENTARY

(and by the Ten Nights...89:2) According Sayyidnā Ibn 'Abbās *radi'allāhu 'anhu*, Qatādah, Mujāhid, Suddi, Dahhāk, Kalbī and other leading commentators, the 'ten nights' refers to the [first] ten nights of Dhul Hijjah. It is recorded in Hadīth that the Holy Prophet ﷺ said that, the first ten days of Dhil Hijjah are the most meritorious days for Allah's worship. Every fast of the day is equivalent to fasts of the whole year. Worshipping Allah every night during this period is equivalent to worshipping Him on the night of Qadr. [Transmitted by Tirmidhi and Ibn Mājah with a weak chain of authorities from Abū Hurairah *radi'allāhu 'anhu* - Mazharī].

Abū-z-Zubair narrated from Sayyidnā Jabir *radi'allāhu 'anhu* that the Holy Prophet ﷺ said: 'I swear by the dawn and by the Ten Nights' refers to the first ten days of Dhul Hijjah. Sayyidnā Ibn 'Abbās *radi'allāhu 'anhu* said that these are the ten nights that are mentioned in the story of Prophet Mūsā *'alayhis salām*: '...then We supplemented them with ten' [7:142]. Thus these are the ten nights in the whole year which are most meritorious. Imām Qurtubī says that the Hadīth reported by Sayyidnā Jābir *radi'allāhu 'anhu* indicates that the ten nights of Dhul Hijjah are most meritorious, and that the same ten nights of Dhul Hijjah were designated for Prophet Mūsā *'alayhis salām*.

And Allah Ta'ālā knows best.

