

112089 - If You Die in Ramadan, Do You Enter Paradise without Accountability?

the question

The Messenger (blessings and peace of Allah be upon him) said: "When Ramadan 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 Ramadan will enter Paradise without being brought to account?

Summary of answer

The fact that the gates of Paradise are opened in Ramadan does not mean that the one who dies in Ramadan will enter Paradise without being brought to account.

Detailed answer

Shaykh Muhammad ibn Salih Al-`Uthaymin (may Allah have mercy on him) said:.

"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 Ramadan will enter Paradise without being brought to account; rather those who will enter Paradise without being brought to account are those whom the Messenger (blessings and peace of Allah be upon him) 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."

And Allah knows best.