

3. Those who consume alcohol.
4. Those that disobey their parents.
5. Those who wear their trousers, kurta, lungi etc, below their ankles.
6. Those who commit adultery and murders.
7. Those that sever (break) family ties.

From the above, we can gauge the severity of these sins and need to perpetually abstain from them as they are so grave that even when Allah Ta'aala's mercy comes to the fore, they still pose an obstacle for forgiveness.

Note: Every Muslim should value this night and turn towards Allah Ta'aala with sincere regret and shame over sins committed and make a promise never to return to sin. Every Muslim should seek forgiveness for oneself and the rest of the Muslims, living and deceased. Have firm hope and resolution in the heart that Allah Ta'aala will surely show mercy and forgiveness.

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15th night of Sha'baan

Rasulullah (Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam) said: "The whole Ummah will enter Jannah, but those who denied." The prophet (Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam) was asked, "Ya Rasulallah, who are the deniers?" The prophet (Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam) replied, "Whosoever follows me will enter Jannah and whosoever disobeys me, has denied."

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15th night of Sha'baan

Allah Ta'aala has presented his bondsmen with some special occasions with the golden opportunity of earning the mercy and forgiveness of Allah Ta'aala. Explicit examples of these occasions are the month of Ramadhaan, Laylatul Qadr and also the night of 15th of Sha'baan. Several Ahaadith extol the tremendous merits of this occasion. Amongst them is the fact that countless people are forgiven by Allah Ta'aala during this blessed night. It is due to this reason that it is called "The night of Bara'at" (i.e. the night wherein judgement of saviour from Jahannam and punishment is passed). Allama Ibnu-Taymiyyah (R.A), a scholar notorious for refuting innovation, also accepts the virtue of the night of Bara'at, he says, "So many Ahaadith and reports exist regarding the excellence of the 15th night of Sha'baan that one is compelled to accept that this night possesses some virtue".

(Faydhul Qadeer)

Special virtue of the 15th night of Sha'baan

Contrary to other nights wherein Allah Ta'aala descends to the lowest Heaven to bestow His special blessings during the last third of the night, on the night of Baraat the special rain of mercy and forgiveness from Allah Ta'aala begins to shower down right from the beginning of the night and continues up till dawn (Unlike other nights wherein

Allah Ta'aala descends to the lowest Heaven during the last third of the night) the sins of countless people are pardoned. Furthermore, the number of pronouncements seeking out those who want forgiveness supersede those which occur on the other nights.

(Hafiz Zaynud-deen Iraqi, Faydhul Qadeer, Vol 2, pg 317)

The virtue of this night is that from the very beginning of the night Allah Ta'aala turns with special mercy and attention towards the creation and forgives those who repent and seek forgiveness. Therefore, every Muslim should value this night and turn towards Allah Ta'aala with sincere regret and shame over sins committed and make a promise never to return to sin. Every Muslim should seek forgiveness for oneself and the rest of the Muslims, living and deceased. Have firm hope and resolution in the heart that Allah Ta'aala will surely show mercy and forgiveness.

Unfortunate people

It is understood from Ahaadith that even on this night, some are deprived of Allah's forgiveness. They are as follows:-

1. Idolaters.
2. Those that harbour enmity against others.