

## KHANQAAH-E- AKHTARI

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*Assalaam-u-alaikum*

Just a few words that came to mind. I think Insha-Allah if read a few days, weeks, months & maybe 11 months hence will somehow make a small (althought I hope it will be a large difference) next year ALLAH willing.

“O ALLAH!!! You sent to us a most honorable guest and highly distinguished guest, who came to us willingly with the most precious and abundant gifts. Your guest embraced us with open arms, showered us with mercy and forgiveness, tolerance and ease, enveloped our sins and shortcomings and concealing these vices and disobedience which our Nafs overpowers us with”.

“O, my Creator and the Creator of the Heavens and Earth. Instead of being grateful to have the opportunity to host this great and rare guest. I was totally ungrateful complaining all the time, why? Maybe I have not realized that a host will have to go the extra mile to satisfy the guest. Instead, Icomplained of the long days, the heat of Summer (of course not unbearable, maybe I should have thought of the heat of Hell!), before I complained. The thirst and hunger I complained of because I am so used to indulging in food and drink all the time. I seldom think of the poor, destitute, orphan, widow and wayfarer, and this is exactly what the guest came to remind me off”.

The guest is of-course the Month of AL-QURAAN, the month of RAMADAAN. “O, guest of IMPORTANCE, I have not been able to fulfill my responsibility to you. I may have neglected the rights of my family and friends in order to fulfill your rights. I failed miserably spending my time in idle talk, looking and listening, smelling, touching that which was forbidden.

I heard the call to prayer five times a day, not even pondering the meaning, being unmindful. I slowly dragged my feet and left the “comfort” of my home to engage in some IBAADAH. I hope and pray that it was for ALLAH’S pleasure and not for show and pride. I performed Salaat and maybe read Quraan (of-course I made no or very little effort) to understand the content of the great Kitaab. Even, if I understood a little by the grace of the ALMIGHTY. I ask myself “Did it Leave a mark on my heart? If not then I have failed miserably!! The little time that I spent in the company of the pious was totally a boon that I cannot repay, or be grateful for surely these moments lost will never come again.

“O, most merciful, from amongst those who show mercy, I beg of you to let us host this guest time and time again. Insha-Allah, next time round, I will surely try to fulfill the rights of Ramadaan. Please, O, ALLAH do not deprive me of this opportunity”.

Fasting should have been a shield against the fire and a means of cleansing our Souls and increasing our TAQWA. Yet, to most, it made very little difference, we spent our wealth, energy, health and time being unmindful if these blessings will be with us for the following year, we know not.

“O, most Merciful, Loving, Caring, Sustaining ALLAH, I beseech Thee. Please accept our paltry, broken and unmindful efforts at satisfying your great guest. Forgive our shortcomings and let us realize the wisdom and wealth ofthis great guest. Please, O, ALLAH shower rains of your mercy on us. We ask forgiveness of our sins and beg of you emancipation from the terrible abode of the fire Please, ALLAH, accept this poor effort of ours and please give us the opportunity to host the guest of RAMADAAN again and make it surely that we fulfill the rights and recognize You ALLAH!