

Men of night

There are different signs represent the degree of the men who pray at night:

What was narrated after my master Ibrahim Ad'desooky:

One of the judges of Alexandria opposed one of his followers and he started to insult them, one of them informed Sheikh (Ibrahim Ad'desooky), he gave him a piece of paper and said to him: Give it to the judge to read what is written in it.

When he gave the paper to the judge, the judge got more and more stubborn and he didn't open or read it, he thought that it was nonsense and he said that he wouldn't open it until he collects people; he collected people to read the message. After people had been collected, he started to talk and abuse righteous people and their lovers, he said in a ridiculous and sarcastic way:

"That who alleges that he is a righteous man Ibrahim Ad'desooky sent me this small paper; I want to read it to you." He opened it and found some wise lines of poetry by my master Ibrahim, he says:

"Arrows of night don't miss their aims, if they strained by the strings of submission (arrows of night i.e. supplications late at night as they are arrows goes to chests). They are directed to their aims by men who bow and prostrate for long time. If they string and throw an arrow, there is no use of using armors."

It is astonishing, though we shouldn't be astonished by the conditions of righteous people, when the man uttered these words (If they string and threw an arrow), an arrow got out of the paper and went into his chest and out of his back and he died at once.

Glory to Allah, how Allah willed his death when reading these words and the arrow came out when uttering the word (arrow), but don't be astonished as Allah says:

39-34: "They will get everything they wish, at their Lord."

This is the time of grants.

So when imam Abul-Aza'em at the beginning of his call when he was a teacher of Arabic in El-Minya, he used to go to any town on Thursdays and go to the mosque and teach people what Allah grants him about the religion of Allah, understanding

the book of Allah and the secrets of Ahadeeth of the messenger of Allah, and he insisted on staying in the mosque at night, at the time of early dawn, he used to climb the minaret and supplicated Allah, e.g.:

"Oh my Lord, by the grants at the time of early dawn when its suns light for those who toil to go to Allah,"

These are the times of supplication.

So all righteous people are called by the camp of meeting Allah at the time of late night, so our Master Suleiman Ibn-Dawood's mother said to him:

"Oh son, the cock shouldn't be more understanding than you, it stays up at the early dawn."

Righteous people used to get up when they hear the cocks; they were as their alarms unless they have alarms in their hearts, so imam Abul-Aza'em said:

"Whoever doesn't pray at night at his beginning, he won't have a sitting with Allah at his end."

Whoever wants to have a sitting in a position of honor or with those people who lead a righteous life and are charitable, he should pray at night as this is the time of being with Allah and this was the way of our master the messenger of Allah. We used to pray at night in Ramadan, oh brothers we should keep to praying at night.

Question : What about remembrance?

The answer: Performing prayers is remembrance as it includes everything, in it there is remembrance, reciting Koran, meditation, contemplation, submission, supplication and also physical exercises, it is a collective kind of worship, the best remembrance is that is in prayers as Allah says:

20-14: "And observe the Contact Prayers (Salat) to remember Me."

The best recitation is that is in prayers as Allah says:

35-29: "Surely, those who recite the book of God and observe the Contact Prayers (Salat),"

Recitation here is that in prayers.