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## **Chapter 18: The Adab of l'tikaf**

- 1. In al–Faqih: In his narration from Dawud ibn al–Hasin from Abi 'Abbas from Abi 'Abdillah (as) who said: The Holy Prophet (S) performed *i'tikaf* in the month of Ramad'an on the first ten days, then he performed *i'tikaf* the following year in the middle ten days and in the third year, he performed the *i'tikaf* on the last ten days and from then on he always performed his *i'tikaf* on the last ten days of the holy month of Ramad'an.2
- 2. Also: Abu 'Abdillah (as) said: The battle of Badr took place in the month of Ramad'an so the Holy Prophet (S) did not perform *i'tikaf* and the following year he performed *i'tikaf* for twenty days, ten for that year and ten to make up for the previous year which he missed.3

Note: This narration has also been mentioned by al-Kulayni.4

3. In al-Kafi: Narrated from al-Halabi from Abi 'Abdillah (as) who said: When the last ten days entered, the Noble Prophet (S) would perform *i'tikaf* in the masjid and a small tent made of fur was erected for him, and he gathered up his covers. Someone asked: "Did he disassociate himself from his wives?" He (as) replied: "No, he did not disassociate himself from his wives."5

Note: There are many similar narrations and some have been mentioned earlier and they have explained that the meaning of not disassociating with one's wives (during *i'tikaf*) refers to the permissibility of mingling and mixing with them without intimacy.6

- 1. An act of worship where one stays inside a mosque for between 3–10 days, fasts by day and worships by night (Tr.)
- 2. al-Faqih 2:189, Da`aim al-Islam 1:286, al-Kafi 4:175, al-Mustadrak 7:560
- 3. al-Faqih 2:183
- 4. al-Kafi 4:175, al-Mustadrak 7:560
- 5. al-Kafi 4:175
- 6. al-Faqih 2:184, Tahdhib al-Ahkam 4:287, al-Usul al-Sittata 'Ashar: 112

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