



Rasulullah (sallallahu ‘alaihi wasallam) said: “Observe the fast of ‘Aashura and oppose the Jews by fasting a day before it or after it (as well) i.e. the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> of Muharram.” (Musnad Ahmad #2154)

While reaping the virtues of fasting on the day of ‘Aashura, an important lesson is emphasised by means of this fast; this is the lesson of firmly maintaining one’s Islamic identity at all times and totally refraining from imitating the disbelievers, even in an act of worship.

We should calmly consider the following: Does a Muslim woman clad in her tight-fitting tops and pants, revealing half her body, resemble the pure and chaste daughters and wives of Rasulullah (sallallahu ‘alaihi wasallam), or is she closer in resemblance to the shameless women of the West? Does such dressing identify one with Muslims or with the enemies of Islam and Muslims?

On the one hand, we swear the Zionist and those who are persecuting the Muslims, but on the other hand we follow their every style and trend!