

DHUL-HIJJAH 1444H



# The Blessed 10 Days

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# IMPORTANCE OF THE FIRST 10 DAYS

IN THE QUR'AN AND SUNNAH

The first ten days of Dhul-Hijjah are so significant that Allah oath by them in the Noble Qur'an:

وَالْفَجْرِ . وَلَيَالٍ عَشْرٍ . وَالشَّفْعِ وَالْوَتْرِ

'By the dawn. And (by) ten nights [first ten days of Dhul-Hijjah].  
And (by) the even [10th Dhul-Hijjah: Eid al-Adha] and the odd [9th Dhul-Hijjah: The Day of 'Arafah]'.  
[Al Fajr 1-3]

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Dhul-Hijjah is a sacred month where sins are to be vigilantly avoided and rewards for good deeds are multiplied.



The Prophet Muhammad ﷺ stated that doing good actions in these ten days is purer, more beloved and carries more reward with Allah than any other day in the entire Islamic year.

The Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said:

**"There are no days in which righteous deeds are more beloved to Allah than in these days (i.e. the first ten days of Dhul Hijjah)"**

*They said, 'Not even fighting for the sake of Allah?'*

He ﷺ said,

**"Not even fighting for the sake of Allah, except in the case of a man who went out to fight giving himself and his wealth up for the cause and came back with neither".**

[Abu Dawud]



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# INCREASE YOUR DHIKR

## IN THESE MOST BLESSED DAYS

We are encouraged to increase our remembrance of Allah in these ten known days:

لِيَشْهَدُوا مَنَفِعَ لَهُمْ وَيَذْكُرُوا اسْمَ اللَّهِ فِي أَيَّامٍ مَّعْلُومَاتٍ  
عَلَىٰ مَا رَزَقَهُمْ مِّنْ بَهِيمَةِ الْأَنْعَامِ فَكُلُوا مِنْهَا وَأَطِيعُوا  
الْبَائِسَ الْفَقِيرَ

'That they may witness benefits for themselves and that they mention the name of Allah on known days [the first 10 days of Dhul Hijjah] over what He has provided for them of [sacrificial] animals. So eat of them and feed the unfortunate poor'.

[Al Hajj-28]

## DID YOU KNOW?

Ibn 'Umar and Abu Hurairah used to go out in the market place during the ten days and say Takbir and the people would say Takbir when they said Takbir'. [Bukhari]

## DHIKR RECOMMENDATION

The Messenger of Allah ﷺ said,

There are no days greater in the sight of Allah and in which righteous deeds are more beloved to Him than the ten days (of Zulhijjah), so during this time recite four words are dearest to Allah:

**Subhan'Allah**  
(Glory be to Allah)

**Alhamdulillah**  
(All praise is for Allah)

**La ilaha illa'Llah**  
(There is no God but Allah)

**Allahu Akbar**  
(Allah is the Greatest)



# FASTING IN THE MONTH OF DHUL-HIJJAH

One of the wives of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said:

**The Messenger of Allah ﷺ used to fast the first nine days of Dhul-Hijjah, the Day of 'Ashura (10th al-Muharram) and three days of every month: the first Monday of the month and two Thursdays**

[Nasa'i]

## DID YOU KNOW?

Fasting one of these days is equivalent to fasting for one year [Ibn Majah]



**Dhul-Hijjah is a sacred month where sins are to be vigilantly avoided and rewards for good deeds are multiplied.**



If you struggle to fast all nine days then please don't miss out on fasting the Day of 'Arafah (9th Dhul Hijjah) where you can have a staggering two years' worth of sins forgiven!

The Messenger of Allah ﷺ was asked about fasting on the day of 'Arafah (9th Dhul Hijjah) and he said,

**"Fasting on the Day of 'Arafah atones for the sins of two years, the one past and the one coming"**

[Muslim]

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# PERFORMING HAJJ AND 'UMRAH

"THE DELEGATES OF ALLAH" [IBN MAJAH]

We are commanded by Allah to perform the Hajj at least once in our lives if we are able to do so:

فِيهِ آيَاتٌ بَيِّنَاتٌ مَّقَامُ إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَمَنْ دَخَلَهُ كَانَ  
آمِنًا وَلِلَّهِ عَلَى النَّاسِ حِجُّ الْبَيْتِ مَنِ اسْتَطَاعَ  
إِلَيْهِ سَبِيلًا وَمَنْ كَفَرَ فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ غَنِيٌّ عَنِ الْعَالَمِينَ

**"In it (al-Masjid al-Haram) are clear signs [such as] the standing place (Maqam) of Ibrahim [as]. And whoever enters it shall be safe. And [due] to Allah from the people is a pilgrimage to the House –for whoever is able to find a means to do it. But whoever disbelieves– then indeed, Allah is free from need of the worlds."**

[Ali 'Imran: 97 ]



# IMMENSE REWARDS FOR THE PILGRIMAGE

The Messenger of Allah ﷺ said,

**"[The performance of] the 'Umrah [minor pilgrimage] to the [next] 'Umrah is an expiation for the sins committed between them. And the reward of Hajj Mabrur [the one accepted by Allah] is nothing except Paradise"**

[Bukhari & Muslim]

## FOUR ACTS THAT CARRY THE REWARD OF HAJJ

Only a small percentage of the Ummah perform Hajj and 'Umrah every year, but Allah offers us the reward of Hajj for the following righteous deeds:

**"Whoever goes out from his house after performing ablution to perform a compulsory prayer (in congregation in a masjid), his reward will be like the one who goes for Hajj after wearing Ihram (robes worn by pilgrims)"**

[Abu Dawud]

**"Whoever prays Fajr in congregation and then sits remembering Allah until (approximately 15 mins after) the sun has risen, then he prays two rak'ahs (units of Ishraq prayer), then for him is the reward like that of a (complete) Hajj and 'Umrah"**

[Tirmidhi]

**"(Saying) Subhan-Allah, Al-Hamdu lillah and Allahu Akbar thirty-three times each after every (compulsory) prayer"**

[Bukhari]

**"Whoever goes to the masjid for the sole purpose of learning or teaching what is good, he receives the reward of a Hajj pilgrim who completed his Hajj"**

[Tabarani]





# THE DAY OF 'ARAFAH 9<sup>TH</sup> OF DHUL HIJJAH

## THE GREATEST DAY OF FORGIVENESS

The Messenger of Allah ﷺ said,

**"There is no day when Allah sets free more servants from the Fire than on the Day of 'Arafah. Indeed, He draws near and then boasts of them to the angels then says, 'What do these want?'"**

[Muslim]

### FASTING

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[Muslim]

### MAKE DU'A

The Messenger of Allah ﷺ said,

**"The best supplication is the supplication of the day of 'Arafah. And the best of what I and the Prophets before me have said is, "There is no god but Allah, Alone, without partner, to Him belongs the kingdom, and to Him belongs all praise, and He is Powerful over all things".**

[Tirmidhi]



# THE DAY OF SACRIFICE

## EID AL-ADHA 10<sup>TH</sup> OF DHUL HIJJAH



The Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said,

**The greatest day in the sight of Allah,  
Blessed and Exalted is He, is the Day of Sacrifice  
(10th of Dhul Hijjah) and next the day of resting**

[Abu-Dawud]



### DID YOU KNOW?

"If you see the new moon of Dhul Hijjah and one of you wants to offer a Qurbani, then he **should not cut his hair or nails**"

[Muslim]

1. Wear special clothes [Ibn Khuzaimah]
2. Use your best perfume [Hakim]
3. Eat after the prayer [Ahmad]
4. Recite Takbir [Hakim]
5. Use different routes to and from the Eid prayer [Ibn Majah]



Sunnah on Eid Day?





# THE IMMENSE REWARDS OF SACRIFICING

The Messenger of Allah ﷺ said,

**“A human does no action on the Day of Nahr (sacrifice) more beloved to Allah than spilling blood. On the Day of Judgement, it will appear with its horns, hair and hooves. Indeed, the blood will be accepted by Allah from where it is received before it even falls upon earth, so let your heart delight in it”**

[Tirmidhi]







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