



*Virtues and Rulings of
the First Ten Days of
Dhul-Hijjah*

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Significance of Deeds Performed During 'Ashra-e-Dhul-Hijjah

Rasulullah Sallallahu Alyhi Wasallam said:

None of the virtuous acts performed on other days are superior to those performed during these days (i.e. the first 10 days of *Dhul Hijjah*). *Saheeh al-Bukhari*

Rasulullah Sallallahu Alyhi Wasallam said:

There are no days more beloved to Allah that He be worshipped in them, than the ten days of *Dhul Hijjah*, fasting on each day is equivalent to fasting for a year, and standing each night (in prayer) is the equivalent of standing on the Night of power (*lailatul-qadr*). *Sunan at-Tirmidhi, Sunan Ibn Majah, Bayhaqi*

It has reported in a *hadith* of *Rasulullah Sallallahu Alyhi Wasallam* that one should recite *tasbeeh*, *takbeer* and *tahleel* abundantly i.e.: (*Musnad Ahmad, Mu'jam al-Kabeer at-Tabarani*)

سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ، الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ، لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ، اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ

Fasting on the day of 'Arafah

صِيَامُ يَوْمِ عَرَفَةَ، أَحْتَسِبُ عَلَى اللَّهِ أَنْ يُكَفِّرَ السَّنَةَ الَّتِي قَبْلَهُ، وَالسَّنَةَ الَّتِي بَعْدَهُ

The Prophet ﷺ said, I seek from Allah that fasting on the day of 'Arafah may atone for the sins of the preceding and the coming years. *Saheeh al-Muslim*

It has been reported in a *hadith* that the fast on the day of 'Arafah is equal to fasting one thousand days. (*Shu'ab-ul-Eeman*)

Takbeer-e-Tashreeq

وَادْكُرُوا اللَّهَ فِي أَيَّامٍ مَّعْدُودَاتٍ (البقرة: 203)

The 'given number of days' refer to أيام التشريق (Ayyam at-Tashreeq) during which it is *wajib* (mandatory) to recite the following *takbeer*:

اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ، اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ، لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ، وَاللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ، اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ، وَيَلِيوُ الْحَبْدُ

Hazrat Ali Razi Allah Ta'ala Anhu used to read this *takbeer* from the *fajr* of 'arafah (i.e. 9th Dhul Hijjah) until after the *asr* of the last day of *tashreeq* (i.e. 13th Dhul Hijjah).

Ulamah Kiram have mentioned that it is *wajib* on every person to recite it once after every *salah*. Men shall recite aloud while women should recite quietly.

Virtues of Performing Sacrifice

Rasulullah Sallallahu Alyhi Wasallam said:

From the actions on the day of *nahr*, a human does nothing more beloved to Allah than spilling (a sacrificial animal's) blood. On the Day of judgement, it will appear with its horns, hair, hooves and indeed the blood will be accepted by Allah, from where it is received before it even falls upon the earth, so let your heart delight in it. (Sunan at-Tirmidhi)

The Companions of Rasulullah Sallallahu Alyhi Wasallam asked: O Messenger of Allah, what are these sacrifices? He responded: the *Sunnah* of your father Ibrahim. They said: What is there for us in them, O Messenger of Allah? He said: for every hair, an additional rank. They said: What about the wool, O Messenger of Allah? He said: for every hair of the wool, an additional rank. Sunan Ibn Majah

Hazrat Umm-e-Salma RaziAllah Ta'ala Anha narrates that *Rasulullah Sallallahu Alyhi Wasallam* said: One who intends to perform *qurbani* (sacrifice) shall not get his hair cut or nails trimmed in the month of *Dhul Hijjah*, until he sacrifices the animal. (Saheeh al-Muslim 2:160)

A person who has not cut his hair or nails with the intention of performing *qurbani*, from the first day of *Dhul Hijjah* until the days of *qurbani*, then he may cut his hair and nails whenever he wishes after sacrificing the animal. This is because this ruling is applicable until the *qurbani* has been performed. It is imperative to note that as per the Islamic Shariah it is *haram* (unlawful) and a major sin to shave the beard or keep it less than the length of one's fist.

Important Masail (Rulings)

So offer *salah* to your lord and sacrifice. (Surah al-Kauthar: 2)

Rasulullah Sallallahu Alyhi Wasallam said: Whoever can afford it, but does not perform the sacrifice, let him not come near our place of worship.

Rasulullah Sallallahu Alyhi Wasallam stayed in Madinah for ten years performing the *Udhiyah*. (Sunan at-Tirmidhi)

The *Ulama Kiram* mention that a person who owns wealth equal to *nisab* has to perform *Qurbani*. In this *nisab*, gold, silver, cash and other belongings more than one's needs, will also be counted i.e. if he or she owns wealth which equals the value of 612.36 grams of silver then it is *wajib* on him/her to perform the *Qurbani*.

Method of Slaughtering

In order to slaughter an animal, one should lay the animal down on the ground facing *Qiblah* and recite:

إِنِّي وَجَّهْتُ وَجْهِيَ لِلَّذِي فَطَرَ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضَ حَنِيفًا، وَمَا أَنَا مِنَ الْمُشْرِكِينَ،
إِنَّ صَلَاتِي وَنُسُكِي وَمَحْيَايَ وَمَمَاتِي لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَبِذَلِكَ أُمِرْتُ
وَأَنَا مِنَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ، اللَّهُمَّ مِنْكَ وَلَكَ بِاسْمِ اللَّهِ، وَاللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ»

One should recite the following supplication after slaughtering (if the person who performed the slaughter himself, then recite):

اللَّهُمَّ تَقَبَّلْهُ مِنِّي

If another person is performing the slaughter on someone's behalf, then mention the name of that person in this place: ...اللَّهُمَّ تَقَبَّلْهُ مِنْ

كَمَا تَقَبَّلْتَ مِنْ حَبِيبِكَ مُحَمَّدٍ وَخَلِيلِكَ إِبْرَاهِيمَ عَلَيْهِمَا السَّلَامُ وَ



The parts of an animal prohibited for consumption include: flowing blood, penis, testicles, vulva (external parts of female genitalia), glands, urinary bladder and gall-bladder.

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