

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ وَعِتْرَتِهِ بِمَدَدِ كُلِّ مَنْزِلٍ مِمَّا أَنْتَ أَهْلُهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ
الْعَزِيزُ الْغَنِيُّ وَآتِنَا رَبِّهِ - ﷺ

VIRTUES OF THE MONTH

Dzil Hajjatul Haraam ذِي الْحِجَّةِ الْحَرَامِ

The Holy Qur-aan says: "Allaah عزوجل has, therefore, a right on the people that the one who can afford to reach the House should perform Hajj there, and the one who disobeys (this commandment should know that) Allaah عزوجل is Self-Sufficient and does not need any creature of the worlds." (Soorah #3, Aayah #97)

Hadeeth Shareef:

The Beloved of Allaah عزوجل, Hadrat Sayyidina wa Maulaanaa Muhammad Mustafa صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ said: "O people! Hajj has been enjoined on you as a duty so perform Hajj." (Saheeh Muslim)

Hajj therefore is a Fardh (compulsory) on those who can afford to perform it.

Hadeeth Shareef:

The Beloved of Allaah عزوجل, Hadrat Sayyidina wa Maulaanaa Muhammad Mustafa صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ said: "The person who in spite of possessing necessary means to perform Hajj and a conveyance that can carry him to the House of Allaah عزوجل does not perform Hajj, may die a Jew or a Christian, for according to verse number 97 of Soorah Al-Imraan, performing of Hajj by such a person is a duty enjoined on him by Allaah عزوجل."

Those performing Hajj should become well acquainted with the various injunctions of Sharee'ah so that they can perform this once in a life time duty appropriately and receive the favor of acceptance by our Lord the Creator of the Universe. There are many good books available giving full details about laws (Sharee'ah) which govern this important duty. A good resource is the book Everyday Fiqh by Mohammad Yusuf Islahi (two volumes) and should be easily available from any Islaamic book supplier. If you have problems obtaining it, please let us know. InshaAllaah Ta'aalaa we shall be glad to help.

For the purpose of our publication, we shall enumerate some virtues of this great month:

Hadeeth Shareef:

Hadrat Abu Hurairah رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ narrates that the RasoolAllaah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ said: In these ten days (first ten days of Dzil Hajjatul Haraam), the degree to which they are dear to Allaah عزوجل are not greater on any other days. Hard work should be attempted by people to become His worshippers. Fasting on every day of these ten days is equal to one year's fasting and every Qiyaamul Lail is equal to the Qiyaam of Lailatul Qadr. (Tirmidhi Shareef - Tarteef Shareef, pg. 849)

Hadeeth Shareef:

Hadrat 'Ali رضي الله عنه has narrated that the Beloved of Allaah ﷺ, Hadrat Sayyidina wa Maulaanaa Muhammad Mustafa ﷺ said: When the first ten days of Dzil Hajjatul Haraam arrive, work hard in your worship because Allaah ﷻ has given these days virtues and the sanctity of its nights are equal to the sanctity of its days. Anyone who offers 4 Rakaa'ahs during the last one third of any of the ten nights and in each Rakaa'ah recites Soorah Al-Faatihah once, Soorah Al-Falaq once, Soorah An-Naas once, Soorah Al-Ikhlaas 3 times, Aayatul Kursee 3 times and after the end of the Salaah raises both hands in supplication and recites:

سُبْحَانَ ذِي الْعِزَّةِ وَالْجَبَرُوتِ سُبْحَانَ ذِي الْقُدْرَةِ وَالْمَلَكُوتِ سُبْحَانَ الْحَيِّ الَّذِي

لَا يَمُوتُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ يَحْيِي وَيُمِيتُ وَهُوَ حَيٌّ لَا يَمُوتُ سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ الْحَمْدُ

لِلَّهِ كَثِيرًا طَيِّبًا مَبْرُورًا عَلَى كُلِّ حَالٍ اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ كَبِيرًا رَبَّنَا جَلَّ جَلَالُهُ وَقُدْرَتُهُ بِكُلِّ مَكَانٍ

Transliteration: Subhaana Dzil 'Izzati wal Jabaroot. Subhaana Dzil Qudrati wal Malakoot. Subhaanal Hayyil Ladzee Laa Yamoot. Laa Ilaaha Illaa Huwa Yuhyee wa Yumeet. Wa Huwa Hayyul Laa Yamoot. SubhaanAllaahi Rabbul 'Ibaadi wal Bilaadi wal Hamdu Lillaahi Katheeran Tayyibam Mubaarakan 'Alaa Kulli Haalin Allaahu Akbaru Kabeeran. Rabbanaa Jalla Jalaaluhoo wa Qudratuhoo Bi Kulli Makaan.

and then asks for anything in the Du'aa, there is a reward in this equal to the performance of Hajj of the Sanctified Baitullaah and the visit to the grave of RasoolAllaah ﷺ and Jihaad Fee Sabeelillaah (for the Pleasure of Allaah ﷻ) and he will receive whatever he has asked of Allaah ﷻ. If he offers this Salaat during every night of the first ten nights, Allaah ﷻ will allow entrance into the highest level of Paradise and will wipe out all his bad deeds and he will be told to start his deeds with a clean slate. Then when he fasts on the day of 'Arafaat (the 9th day of Dzil Hajj) and stands in Salaat during the night and supplicates and weeps and cries much in His Presence, then Allaah ﷻ addresses His angels saying: "O My angels, bear witness that I have forgiven him and included him among the Haajis of Baitullaah." The RasoolAllaah ﷺ then said the angels give good news to this Mu'min of what he received as a result of his Salaat and Du'aa. (Ghuniyatutalibeen - Tarteef Shareef, pgs. 851-852)

Hadeeth Shareef:

The Beloved of Allaah ﷻ, Hadrat Sayyidina wa Maulaanaa Muhammad Mustafa ﷺ said: Whoever fasts on the 1st day of Dzil Hajjatul Haraam, it is as if he participated in Jihaad in the path of Allaah ﷻ for two thousand years in a manner that he did not rest even for a moment, and the reward for fasting on the 2nd day is as if he worshipped Allaah ﷻ for two thousand years, and fasting on the 3rd day would be as if he has given freedom to 3,000 slaves of the time of the children of Isma'eel عليه السلام. For fasting on the 4th day, he receives rewards equal to 400 years of worship. For fasting on the 5th day, his rewards are equal to clothing 5,000 naked people and the fast of the 6th day is equal to the reward of 6,000 martyrs, and upon fasting the 7th day, all the 7 doors of Hell are made Haraam and for fasting 8 days, all the doors of Paradise are opened. In another narration, it is mentioned that fasting on the 1st day of Dzil Hajjatul Haraam is like completing recitation of 36,000 Holy Qur-aans. (Raahatul Quloob-Risaalah Fadailush Shuhoor)

Hadeeth Shareef:

Any person who on a Friday of Dzil Hajjatul Haraam offers 6 Rakaa'ah of Salaat and in each Rakaa'ah recites 15 times Soorah Al-Ikhlaas after Soorah Al-Faatihah and after the Salaam recites:

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ الْمَلِكُ الْحَقُّ الْمُبِينُ

Transliteration: *Laa ilaaha illAllaahul Malikul Haqqul Mubeen.*

and recites Salaat-un-Nabee (Durood) ten times, he will be the first to enter Paradise. (Raahatul Quloob - Risaalah Fadailush Shuhoor)

Hadeeth Shareef:

The Beloved of Allaah عَنْ وَجَل, Hadrat Sayyidina wa Maulaanaa Muhammad Mustafa صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ said that the person who offers 2 Rakaa'ah after Witr Waajib during every night of the 1st ten nights of Dzil Hajjatul Haraam and recites Soorah Al-Kauthar and Soorah Al-Ikhlaas each 3 times after Soorah Al-Faatihah will be allowed to enter the highest of the high places and for every hair he will receive one thousand good deeds and rewards equal to Sadaqah of 1,000 Dinar. (Raahatul Quloob - Risaalah Fadailush Shuhoor)

Hadeeth Shareef:

The Beloved of Allaah عَنْ وَجَل, Hadrat Sayyidina wa Maulaanaa Muhammad Mustafa صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ said: The person who offers 2 Rakaa'ah Nafil after sacrificing an animal and recites Soorah Ash-Shams 5 times after Soorah Al-Faatihah, he will be included with those who performed Hajj and his sacrifice will be accepted by Allaah عَنْ وَجَل and he will receive rewards for every hair of the animal he sacrificed. The Sahaabah RidwaanAllaahu Ta'aalaa 'Ajma'een asked: "O RasoolAllaah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ, if someone is poor and cannot sacrifice an animal, what should he do?" The RasoolAllaah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ said: "If that person offers 2 Rakaa'ah Nafil after coming home from Salaatul 'Eid and in each Rakaa'ah recites Soorah Al-Kauthar 3 times after Soorah Al-Faatihah, Allaah عَنْ وَجَل will give him the reward of sacrificing camels." (Raahatul Quloob - Risaalah Fadailush Shuhoor)

Hadeeth Shareef:

The Beloved of Allaah عَنْ وَجَل, Hadrat Sayyidina wa Maulaanaa Muhammad Mustafa صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ said: The reward of performing Ghasl (shower) on the day of 'Eid-ul-Adhaa is as if someone has dove into the River of Mercy and all his sins have been forgiven. He صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ has also said: The person who puts on new clothes on 'Eid-ul-Adhaa and gives away his old clothes to a poor person in Sadaqah, Allaah عَنْ وَجَل will decorate him on the Day of Judgment with 70 garlands of Noor and he will stand under Lua Alhamd. For rubbing Atr (perfume) upon himself out of respect for the angels who will shake hands with Mu'mineen, he will receive in his book of deeds the reward of giving freedom to a slave. (Raahatul Quloob - Risaalah Fadailush Shuhoor)