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VIRTUES OF THE FIRST TEN DAYS OF DHUL-HIJJAH

اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ، اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ
لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ
اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ، وَبِاللَّهِ الْحَمْدُ

Dhul-Hijjah is the last month of the Islamic calendar. Literally, it means "hajj." Obviously, this name of the month indicates that the great annual worship of "hajj" is performed in this month, which gives it special significance.

First Ten Days

The first ten days of Dhul-Hijjah are among the most magnificent days in Islamic calendar.

- **“There are no days in which righteous deeds are more beloved to Allah than these ten days.....”** (meaning of a part of Hadith given in Bukhaari)
- “On no days is the worship of Allah desired more than in the first ten days of Zul-Hijjah. The fast of each of these days is equal to the **fast of a whole year** and the Ibaadah (worship) of each of these nights is equal to the **Ibaadah of Laylatul-Qadr**. (meaning of a Hadith in Tirmidhi and Ibne-Maajah).
- Sawm (fast) on the Day of Arafah (i.e. the 9th Zul-Hijjah). “.... It **compensates for the (minor) sins of the past year and the coming year**”. (meaning of a part of Hadith given in Muslim)
- “Whoever stays awake & makes Ibaadah on the **nights of Eid-ul-Fitr and Eid-ul-Adhaa**, his heart will not die on the day when all the hearts will be dead”. (Targheeb, Fazail-e-A’maal)
- “Jannah is Waajib for those who stay awake with the intention of making Ibaadah on the following **nights: 8th, 9th, 10th of Zul-Hijjah**, the night of Eidul Fitr and the night of the 15th of Sha’baan”. (Targheeb, Fazail-e-A’maal)

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Engage in Good Deeds:

Every Muslim should avail of this wonderful opportunity, by performing during this period, as much Iba'dah (acts of worship) to Allah as he or she can.

- Recite **Tasbeeh** (سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ), Tahleel (لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ), Tahmeed (أَلْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ) and Takbeer (اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ)
- Recite the **Qur'an**, reflect on its meaning, understand it, and then implement it in your daily life.
- Send **Salawaat** and Salaam on The Prophet (Sall-Allahu alayhi wa sallam)
- **Taubah** - We should repent sincerely to Allah and to give up all kinds of disobedience and sins.
- **Shukr** - one of the best forms of worshipping Allah is to thank Him deeply and sincerely.
- Give **sadaqa**, honor parents, uphold ties of kinship, enjoin good and forbid evil.
- **Da'wah**- worry and concern of Rasool Sall-Allahu alayhi wa sallam
- **Du'a** for **Hayat-e-Tayyebah** (Hidayah, Aa'fiyah, Barakah, peace, Mustajaab-e-Dua) in Dunya and **forgiveness and high-ranks** of Jannah; Dua for the Ummah.
- **Deen for lifetime**- make golden intentions for yourself, family, community and the whole Ummah!

The Fast of 9th Dhul-Hijjah

Abu Qatadah (RA) relates that The Prophet Sall-Allahu alayhi wa sallam was asked about the sawm (fast) on the Day of Arafah (i.e. the 9th Zul-Hijjah). He Sall-Allahu alayhi wa sallam said: **"It compensates for the (minor) sins of the past year and the coming year"**. (Muslim)

Takbir-ut-Tashriq

Beginning from the *Fajr* of the 9th Dhul-Hijjah up to the 'Asr prayer of the 13th, recite the *Takbir of Tashriq after every fard prayer* [whether you are performing *salah* with Jama'ah (collectively) or on your own (individually) - male should recite it in a loud voice, while females should recite it in a low voice]

**Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar, La Ilaha Illallahu, Wallahu Akbar,
Allahu Akbar wa lillahilhamd.**

(There is no god but Allah and Allah is the greatest, Allah is the greatest and to Allah belongs all praise.)

On the Eid day

The following acts are *Sunnah* on the day of *Eidul-adha*:

1. To wake up early in the morning.
2. To clean one's teeth with a *miswak*
3. To take bath.
4. To put on one's best available clothes.
5. To use perfume.
6. Not to eat before the *Eid* prayer.
7. To recite the *Takbir of Tashriq* in a loud voice while going to the *Eid* prayer.

Recommended Reading: Zulhijjah: Eidul-Adha, Hajj, Sacrifice, etc. by Mufti Taqi Usmani

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