

10 DAYS OF DHUL HIJJAH

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Allah The Most High, creates that which He wills and gives prominence to that which He wills, He created the skies and made the seventh the most prominent, He created the heavens and gave prominence to al-Firdaus, and He also created time and days and gave prominence to the month of Ramadan, the day of Jummah, the night to the Qadr and the ten days of Dhul Hijja

A Muslim lives in blessings if his/her time is spent in worship "And he who does good will have ten times as much in his credit" (5:160)

The greatest blessing and the greatest rewards one could attain are by spending the ten days of Dhul Hijja in worship. These days are blessed days during which Allah has assigned abundant reward and one could exercise many types of worship in order to reap rewards. These days are blessed because many forms of worship take place during them like no other days: prayers, fasting, Zakah (alms), sacrifice and also Hajj, in addition to the supplications and the forms of remembrance of Allah (talbiya).

These days are the most beloved to Allah. They are a time of competing towards reaping as much reward as possible. The Prophet SAW said: "There are no days, during which good actions are more beloved to Allah than those ten days" (i.e 10 days of dhul Hijja)

The ninth day of the day of Arafa is the day of forgiveness and great reward. Allah forgives the past year and the following year for those who fast on this day.

The tenth day, the day of Eid al Adha, the day of sacrifice, this is also a day of great reward and forgiveness. The Prophet said: "the best of days is the day of sacrifice". In addition, many worships fall on this day, the tawaf (circumambulation of Kaaba), the Eid prayer, shaving the head, the sacrifice and throwing the stones. Moreover, for those who will sacrifice it is disliked for them to cut their nails or hair during those ten days, until they have made the sacrifice, the Prophet SAW said: "when the ten days come, those who will sacrifice should not cut their nails or hair".

Giving in charity (sadaqah) and fasting are also advised during those days as they help cleanse one from sin and bring one closer to Allah.

Oh Muslims:

We must not let these ten days of immense reward and forgiveness go by without utilising them to the utmost, Allah said: "That they may witness benefits provided for them, and celebrate the name of Allah through the days appointed"

In addition, we need to remember Allah and praise him (tahmeed) saying 'alhamdulillah, testify to His oneness (tahleel) saying 'la ilaha ila Allah' and announcing aloud the greatness of Allah (takbeer) by saying 'Allahu akbar'. The companions, during those days went out to the markets just to perform these remembrances in order to reap the rewards of those great ten days. The greatest of remembrance is in recitation of the Qur'an - blessings, mercy, guidance and healing for the hearts.

Oh Allah grant us guidance, and bless us with the ability to worship you, Oh Allah forgive us all and make us amongst the righteous.