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Hastening to perform the obligatory Hajj

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Q: May I delay performing Hajj for one or two years, although I can perform it this year, for the sake of visiting my family? If I perform Hajj this year, I will be away from my wife and family for two years. The rites of Hajj will be in the middle of summer vacation and I will not be able to visit my family and perform Hajj at the same time. I will either perform Hajj or visit my family. Can I delay performing Hajj in order to visit my family? May Allah reward you greatly!

A: A Muslim should hasten to perform the obligatory Hajj as soon as one is able to. They do not know what impediments may arise preventing them in the coming years if they delay performing it. Allah (Exalted be He) states: [﴿And Hajj \(pilgrimage to Makkah\) to the House \(Ka'bah\) is a duty that mankind owes to Allāh, those who can afford the expenses \(for one's conveyance, provision and residence\)﴾](#) It was also reported that the Prophet (peace be upon him) stated: [﴿Hasten to perform Hajj - meaning the obligatory Hajj - for no one of you knows what will happen to them \(to prevent it\).﴾](#) (Related by Imam Ahmad)

May Allah grant us success! May peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family, and Companions!

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