

An aerial, sepia-toned photograph of the Kaaba in Mecca, Saudi Arabia. The Kaaba is the central focus, a large, dark, rectangular structure with a prominent archway at the top. It is surrounded by a dense crowd of people and other buildings within the Grand Mosque of Mecca. The surrounding area is filled with intricate architectural details and a complex network of streets and courtyards.

# **Virtues of the Ten Days of Dhul-Hijjah**

## **& The Day of 'Arafah**

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

إِن الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ، نَحْمَدُهُ وَنُسْتَعِينُهُ وَنَسْتَغْفِرُهُ، وَنَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنْ  
شُرُورِ أَنْفُسِنَا، وَمِنْ سَيِّئَاتِ أَعْمَالِنَا مِنْ يَهْدِهِ اللَّهُ فَلَا  
مُضِلَّ لَهُ، وَمَنْ يَضِلَّ فَلَا هَادِيَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ  
وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ.

﴿ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تُقَاتِهِ وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ ﴾  
[ آل عمران : ١٠٢ ]

﴿ يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ اتَّقُوا رَبَّكُمُ الَّذِي خَلَقَكُمْ مِنْ نَفْسٍ وَاحِدَةٍ  
وَخَلَقَ مِنْهَا زَوْجَهَا وَبَثَّ مِنْهُمَا رِجَالًا كَثِيرًا وَنِسَاءً وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ  
الَّذِي تَسَاءَلُونَ بِهِ وَالْأَرْحَامَ إِنَّ اللَّهَ كَانَ عَلَيْكُمْ رَقِيبًا ﴾ [ النساء : ١ ]

﴿ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَقُولُوا قَوْلًا سَدِيدًا (٧٠)  
يُصْلِحْ لَكُمْ أَعْمَالَكُمْ وَيَغْفِرْ لَكُمْ ذُنُوبَكُمْ وَمَنْ يُطِيعِ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ  
فَقَدْ فَازَ فَوْزًا عَظِيمًا ﴾ [ الأحزاب : ٧٠-٧١ ]

أما بعد : فإن أصدق الحديث كتاب الله، وخير الهدي هدي  
محمد ﷺ، وشر الأمور محدثاتها، وكل محدثة بدعة،  
وكل بدعة ضلالة، وكل ضلالة في النار.

Allāh ﷻ says:

﴿إِنَّ عِدَّةَ الشُّهُورِ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ اثْنَا عَشَرَ شَهْرًا

فِي كِتَابِ اللَّهِ يَوْمَ خَلَقَ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضَ

مِنْهَا أَرْبَعَةٌ حُرُمٌ ﴿﴾

**Verily, the number of months with Allāh is twelve months [in a year], as it was decreed by**

**Allāh on the Day He created the heavens and the earth; of them four are Sacred.**

(Dhul-Qa'dah, Dhul-Hijjah, Muḥarram, Rajab)

[Sūrah at-Tawbah 9:36]

## The First Ten Days of Dhul-Hijjah

قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ: " مَا مِنْ أَيَّامٍ الْعَمَلُ الصَّالِحُ فِيهَا أَحَبُّ إِلَى اللَّهِ مِنْ هَذِهِ الْأَيَّامِ " يَعْنِي: الْعَشْرَ، قَالُوا: " يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ! وَلَا الْجِهَادُ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ؟ " قَالَ: " وَلَا الْجِهَادُ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ، إِلَّا رَجُلٌ خَرَجَ بِنَفْسِهِ وَمَالِهِ فَلَمْ يَرْجِعْ مِنْ ذَلِكَ بِشَيْءٍ. "

[ ابن ماجه (١٧٢٧) ]

The Messenger of Allāh ﷺ said: "There are no days during which righteous deeds are more beloved to Allāh than these days," meaning the [first] ten days [of Dhul-Hijjah]. They (i.e., the Companions) said: "O' Messenger of Allāh! Not even Jihād in the cause of Allāh?" He ﷺ said: "Not even Jihād in the cause of Allāh, except for a man who goes out with himself and his wealth and does not return with either."

[Ibn Mājah (1727)]

**Ibn Hajar رحمه الله stated:**

الَّذِي يَظْهَرُ أَنَّ السَّبَبَ فِي امْتِيَّازِ عَشْرِ  
ذِي الْحِجَّةِ لِمَكَانِ اجْتِمَاعِ أُمَّهَاتِ الْعِبَادَةِ  
فِيهِ وَهِيَ : الصَّلَاةُ وَالصِّيَامُ وَالصَّدَقَةُ  
وَالْحَجُّ ، وَلَا يَتَأْتِي ذَلِكَ فِي غَيْرِهِ .

**The reason the First Ten Days of Dhul-Hijjah are distinguished [in excellence] from what is apparent, is because of what they gather of the main foundational acts of worship therein, such as the Prayer, Fasting, Charity and Hajj, which are not found [altogether] in other than them.**

[ فتح الباري (٢/٤٦٠) ]

The Messenger of Allāh ﷺ said:

مَنْ كَانَ لَهُ ذَبْحٌ يَذْبَحُهُ، فَإِذَا أَهْلُ

هِلَالُ ذِي الْحِجَّةِ، فَلَا يَأْخُذَنَّ مِنْ شَعْرِهِ،

وَلَا مِنْ أَظْفَارِهِ شَيْئًا حَتَّى يُضْحِيَ.

Whoever has an animal to sacrifice when  
the crescent moon of Dhul-Hijjah appears,

he should not cut his hair nor trim his  
nails until he has offered his sacrifice.

[Ṣaḥīḥ Muslim (1977)]

[ صحیح مسلم (۱۹۷۷) ]

The Messenger of Allāh ﷺ said:

مَنْ كَانَ لَهُ سَعَةٌ وَلَمْ يَضَحْ،

فَلَا يَقْرَبُنَا مُصَلِّانًا.

Whoever can afford it but does not

offer a sacrifice, let him not come

near our Muṣallā (prayer place).

[ صحيح الجامع (٦٤٩٠) ]

**Shaykh al-'Uthaymīn رحمه الله said:**

**إني أحثُّ إخواني المسلمين على اغتنامِ هذه  
الفرصةِ العظيمةِ، وأن يُكثِّروا في عشرِ ذي الحجةِ  
من الأعمالِ الصالحةِ؛ كقراءةِ القرآنِ، والذكرِ  
بأنواعِهِ من تكبيرٍ وتهليلٍ وتحميدٍ وتسبيحٍ، والصدقةِ،  
والصيامِ، وكلِّ الأعمالِ الصالحةِ اجتهد فيها.**

**I urge my Muslim brothers to seize this great opportunity  
and to increase in righteous deeds during these ten days of  
Dhul-Hijjah [by way of] reciting the Qur'ān, making takbīr  
(uttering Allāhu-Akbar), tahlīl (uttering Lā ilāha ill-Allāh),  
taḥmīd (uttering Alḥamdulillāh), tasbīḥ (uttering  
Subḥān-Allāh), giving in charity, fasting and performing all  
[other] types of righteous deeds and exerting oneself therein.**

[ اللقاءات الشهرية (٩٠١٤) ]



Imām al-Bukhārī رحمه الله stated:

كان ابن عمر وأبو هريرة يخرجان

إلى السوق في أيام العشر يكبران

ويكبر الناس بتكبيرهما.

Ibn 'Umar and Abu Hurairah رضي الله عنهما used to go

out to the market saying the takbīr during the

ten days [of Dhul-Ḥijjah], and the people

would say the takbīr after their takbīr.

[ صححه الألباني في إرواء الغليل (٦٥١) ]

## Takbīrāt of Allāh for Dhul-Ḥijjah

كان ابن مسعود رضي الله عنه يقول:

الله أكبر الله أكبر، لا إله إلا الله،

والله أكبر الله أكبر، والله الحمد.

Ibn Mas'ūd <sup>رضي الله عنه</sup> used to say:

Allāhu-Akbar. Allāhu-Akbar. Lā ilāha ill-Allāh.

Wa-Allāhu-Akbar. Allāhu-Akbar.

Wa lillāhil-Ḥamd.

[ ابن أبي شيبة (١٦٨٢) ]

# The Day of 'Arafah

The 9th of Dhul-Hijjah

Allāh ﷻ says:

﴿وَشَاهِدٍ وَمَشْهُودٍ﴾

By the witnessing day (Friday)  
and by the witnessed day (the Day of 'Arafah). [al-Burūj 85:3]

The Messenger of Allāh ﷺ was asked about fasting on the Day of 'Arafah. He said, it expiates for the sins of the previous year and of the coming year. [Muslim]

The Messenger of Allāh ﷺ said:

The best Du'ā is the Du'ā on the Day of 'Arafah.  
And the best Du'ā that I and the Prophets before me said is:

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ  
لَهُ الْمُلْكُ وَلَهُ الْحَمْدُ  
وَهُوَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ

Lā ilāha ill-Allāh waḥdahū lā sharīka lah  
Lahu'l-mulk wa lahu'l-ḥamd  
wa huwa 'alā kulli shay'in qadīr

There is no deity worthy of worship other than Allāh,  
who is alone, having no partner.

His is the dominion, and to Him belongs all praise.

He is, of everything, All-Capable. [at-Tirmidhī]

The Messenger of Allāh ﷺ said:

There is no day on which Allāh frees more people from the Fire than the Day of 'Arafah. He draws near and expresses His pride to the angels saying: 'What do these people want?' [Muslim]

# The Best Du'ā on the Day of 'Arafah

The Messenger of Allāh ﷺ said:

خير الدعاء دعاء يوم عرفة،  
وخير ما قلت أنا والنبيون من قبلي :

The best Du'ā is the Du'ā on the Day of 'Arafah.  
And the best Du'ā that I and the Prophets  
before me said is:

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ  
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**Ibn Rajab رحمه الله said:**

**إخواني! إن حبستم العام عن الحج،**

**فارجعوا إلى جهاد النفس**

**فهو الجهاد الأكبر.**

**My [beloved] brothers! If you are confined and restricted from performing Hajj this year, then return [back] to striving and exercising self-restraint against the desires of your soul, for it is the greatest type of struggle.**

**[ لطائف المعارف (٥٥٧) ]**

والله أعلم

وصلَّى اللهُ وسلَّمَ على عبده ورسوله محمدٍ، وآله وصحبه أجمعينَ

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