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## Celebrating the return of the pilgrims from Hajj

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In the Name of Allaah the most Kind the most Merciful

**Questioner:** A phenomenon is spreading in the village especially after the return of the pilgrims from Mecca.

**Shaykh Ibn Uthaymeen (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ):** This year?

**Questioner:** No; almost every year. They prepare feasts, calling them: ‘sacrifice for the pilgrims’ or ‘a celebration for the pilgrims’ or ‘safety of the pilgrims’. And this meat may be from the meat of the udhiyah, or it may be meat which has been newly sacrificed. And this involves a type of extravagance. Thus what is your viewpoint from the standpoint of the legislation and from the social standpoint?

**Shaykh Uthaymeen (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ):** He is asking about when the pilgrims return from Hajj, and the towns people have a celebration for him, and honour him, and sacrifice an animal for him. So he is asking about the ruling concerning this. There is no problem with this. There is no problem with honouring the pilgrims upon their return; because this expresses congratulations to them and it also encourages them to perform Hajj. But the wastefulness which you alluded to and the extravagance, this is what is prohibited. This is because extravagance is prohibited whether it is for this occasion or other occasions. Allaah the Blessed and Exalted said:

وَلَا تُسْرِفُوا إِنَّهُ لَا يُحِبُّ الْمُسْرِفِينَ

[And be not extravagant. Indeed, He does not like those who waste by extravagance.]<sup>2</sup>

And Allaah the Exalted said:

إِنَّ الْمُبَدِّرِينَ كَانُوا إِخْوَانَ الشَّيَاطِينِ

[Indeed, the wasteful are brothers of the devils.]<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah the Most High have mercy on him

<sup>2</sup> سورة الأنعام – Soorah al-An’aam [6:141]

<sup>3</sup> سورة الإسراء – Soorah al-Israa [17:27]

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But if the party is appropriate, having enough for those present, or just a little more, then there is no problem with this from the standpoint of the legislation and from a social aspect. And perhaps this occurs in the villages but this is missing in the cities. We see many people come from Hajj and parties are not established for them; but in the small villages this is may be found. And there is no problem with this. The people in the village are generous and none of them like to fall short in giving other their rights.

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