



VIRTUES & RULINGS OF THE FIRST TEN DAYS OF DHUL-HIJJAH

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SIGNIFICANCE OF DEEDS PERFORMED DURING THE 'ASHRA DHUL-HIJJAH

Hazrat Rasulullaah Sallallahu Alaihi Wa Sallam said:

None of the virtuous acts performed on other days are superior to those performed during these days (i.e. the first 10 days of Dhul Hijjah).

(Saheeh al-Bukhari)

Hazrat Rasulullaah Sallallahu Alaihi Wa Sallam said: There are no days more beloved to Allah that He be worshipped in them, than the first ten days of Dhul Hijjah, fasting on each day is equivalent to fasting for a year, and standing each night (in prayer) is the equivalent of standing on the Lailatul-Qadr. (Sunan at-Tirmidhi, Sunan Ibn Majah, Bayhaqi)

It is reported in a hadith of Rasulullah Sallallahu Alaihi Wa Sallam that one should recite Tasbeeh, Tahmeed, Tahleel and Takbeer abundantly i.e.:

سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ، الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ، لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ، اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ

(Musnad Ahmad, Mu'jam al-Kabeer Tabarani)

IMPORTANT RULING REGARDING CUTTING HAIR AND NAILS

Hazrat Umm-e-Salma RaziAllah Ta'ala Anha narrates that Hazrat Rasulullah Sallallahu Alaihi Wa Sallam said: One who intends to perform Qurbani (sacrifice) shall not get his hair cut or nails trimmed in the month of Dhul Hijjah, until he has sacrificed the animal. (Saheeh al-Muslim)

A person who has not cut his hair or nails with the intention of performing qurbani, from the first day of Dhul-Hijjah until the days of qurbani, then he may cut his hair and nails whenever he wishes after sacrificing the animal. This is because this ruling is applicable until the qurbani has been performed. It is imperative to note that as per the Islamic Shariah it is haram (unlawful) and a major sin to shave the beard or keep it less than the length of one's fist.

FASTING ON THE DAY OF 'ARAFAH

صِيَامُ يَوْمِ عَرَفَةَ، أَحْتَسِبُ عَلَى اللَّهِ أَنْ يُكَفِّرَ السَّنَةَ الَّتِي قَبْلَهُ، وَالسَّنَةَ الَّتِي بَعْدَهُ

The Prophet ﷺ said, "Fast on the Day of Arafah, for indeed I anticipate that Allah will forgive (the sins) of the year after it, and the year before it".

(Saheeh al-Muslim)

It has been reported in a hadith that the fast on the day of 'Arafah is equal to fasting for one thousand days. (Shu'ab-ul-Eeman)

TAKBEER-E-TASHREEQ

وَادْكُرُوا اللَّهَ فِي أَيَّامٍ مَعْدُودَاتٍ (البقرة: ٢٠٣)

In this Ayah, the 'given number of days' refer to ايام التشريق (Ayyam at-Tashreeq) during which it is Wajib (mandatory) to recite the following takbeer:

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

Hazrat Ali RaziAllah Ta'ala Anhu used to recite this takbeer (after every Salah) from the Fajr of 'Arafah (i.e. 9th of Dhul Hijjah) until after the 'Asr of the last day of Tashreeq (i.e. 13th of Dhul Hijjah).

Ulama Kiram have mentioned that it is Wajib on every person to recite it once after every Salah. The men shall recite loudly while women should recite it quietly.

VIRTUES OF PERFORMING SACRIFICE

Hazrat Rasulallah Sallallahu Alaihi Wa Sallam said: No deed done on the day of Nahr is more beloved to Allah than spilling (a sacrificial animal's) blood. On the Day of Judgement, it will appear with its horns, hair, hooves and indeed the blood will be accepted by Allah even before it falls upon the earth. So let your heart rejoice when you do it. (Sunan at-Tirmidhi)

The Companions of Hazrat Rasulallah Sallallahu Alaihi Wa Sallam asked:

O Messenger of Allah, what are these sacrifices? He responded: The Sunnah of your father Ibrahim. They said: What is there for us in them, O Messenger of Allah?' He said: For every hair, an additional rank. They said: What about the wool, O Messenger of Allah? He said: For every hair of the wool, an additional rank. (Sunan Ibn Majah)

Hazrat Umm-e-Salma RaziAllah Ta'ala Anha narrates that Hazrat Rasulallah Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam said: Whoever who intends to perform Qurbani (sacrifice) shall not get his hair cut or nails trimmed in the month of Dhul Hijjah, until he has sacrificed the animal. (Saheeh al-Muslim)

IMPORTANT MASAIL (RULINGS)

"So offer salah to your lord and sacrifice". (Surah al-Kauthar)

Hazrat Rasulallah Sallallahu Alaihi Wa Sallam said: Whoever can afford it, but does not perform the sacrifice, let him not come near our place of worship.

Hazrat Rasulallah Sallallahu Alaihi Wa Sallam stayed in Madinah for ten years performing the Udhiyah. (Sunan at-Tirmidhi)

The Ulama Kiram have stated that if a person owns wealth equal to Nisab, then it is Wajib on him or her to offer Qurbani.

So if a Baligh person owns any wealth which equals the value of 612.36 grams of silver then it is Wajib on him/her to perform the Qurbani.

Furthermore, if a person owns (apart from the gold, silver and cash) other extra belongings and articles which are not in his or her necessities then that too will be counted and if it equals to the value of Nisab then Qurbani will be Wajib on him or her.

METHOD OF SLAUGHTERING

In order to slaughter an animal, one should lay the animal down on the ground facing the Qiblah and recite:

إِنِّي وَجَّهْتُ وَجْهِيَ لِلَّذِي فَطَرَ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضَ حَنِيفًا، وَمَا أَنَا مِنَ الْمُشْرِكِينَ، إِنَّ صَلَاتِي
وَنُفْسِي وَمَحْيَايَ وَمَمَاتِي لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَبِذَلِكَ أُمُوتُ وَأَنَا مِنَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ،
اللَّهُمَّ مِنْكَ وَلَكَ بِاسْمِ اللَّهِ، وَاللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ

And then cut the throat of the animal such that the four arteries i.e. first the respiratory, second the food passage and two arteries on either sides of the respiratory track. Even if three of the arteries are cut off, then too the animal will be considered lawful for consumption. After slaughtering one should recite the following supplication (if the person who performed the slaughter himself, then recite):

اللَّهُمَّ تَقَبَّلْهُ مِنِّي

If the sacrifice is on someone's behalf, then mention the name of that person in this place:

The name of the person....اللَّهُمَّ تَقَبَّلْهُ مِنْ

ثُمَّ كَمَا تَقَبَّلْتَ مِنْ حَبِيبِكَ مُحَمَّدٍ وَخَلِيلِكَ إِبْرَاهِيمَ عَلَيْهِمَا الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ. then recite

THE PARTS OF AN ANIMAL PROHIBITED FOR CONSUMPTION INCLUDE FOLLOWING:

Blood, Penis, Testicles, Vulva (external parts of female genitalia), Glands, Urinary Bladder and Gall-bladder.

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