



Dhul Hijjah (Zil Hajj)

Dhul Hijjah (Zil Hajj) is the 12th month in the Islamic lunar calendar. Zul Hajj means the month of Hajj.

FIRST TEN DAYS

The first ten days of Zul Hijjah are **the most virtuous days** out of the 360 days of the Islamic calendar. Allah has taken oath by the first ten nights of this month to emphasize its values. (Surah Al-Fajr, Qur'aan)

IBAADAH: The messenger, Sallallaahu Alayhi Wasallam has said, "There are no days in which righteous deeds are more beloved to Allah than these ten days..." (Bukhaari)

We should **recite abundantly**, "Subhaanallaah, Al-Hamdulillaah, Laa Ilaaha Illallaah and Allaahu Akbar." (Al-Mu'jamul Kabeer, Majma'uz Zawwaaid, Targheeb, Musnad Ahmad)

"Each day is equal to **a thousand days** (in virtue) and the day of 'Arafah (the 9th day) is equal to **ten thousand days!**" (Shu'abul Imaan, Targheeb)

It is Mustahab (preferable, but not required) for a person who intends doing Qurbani to abstain from trimming/removing hair or clipping nails from the first of Zul Hijjah to the 10th of Zul Hijjah till he does his Qurbani.

FASTING: Our Nabi (SAW) said, "One fast during these days (among the first 9 days) is equal to **the fasting of one complete year**, and the worship of one night during this period is equal to the worship of "**Lailatul-Qadr**". (Tirmizi, Ibn Maajah)

THE FAST OF YAUMUL ARAFAH (THE 9TH DAY OF ZUL HIJJAH)

The fast of Yawmul Arafah has been emphasized by Nabi, Sallallaahu Alayhi Wa Sallam, as a Mustahab (desirable) act. "Fasting this day becomes a cause of **forgiveness of sins committed in the past year and the future year.**" (Muslim)

DAYS OF TAKBEER AT-TASHREEQ

From the Fajr of the 9th Zul Hijjah up to the Asr Salah of the 13th, it is obligatory on every Muslim male to recite the Takbir-e-Tashreeq after every Fard Salaah (in congregation or alone) in the following words: Allaahu Akbar, Allaahu Akbar, Laa Ilaaha Illallaahu, Wallaahu Akbar, Allaahu Akbar wa Lillaahil Hamd. (There is no god but Allah and Allah is the greatest, Allah is the greatest and to Allah belongs all praise.) (Shaami vol. 1 pg. 406, Multaqal Abhur, Majma'ul Anhur & ad-Durrul Muntaqa, Vol: 1, Pg: 259-260, D.K.I)

Males Muslims should recite it in a loud voice, while females (though not mandatory) should recite it in a low voice.

EID

Every Muslim should spend the night before Eid in lots of worship then pray the Eid Salah and celebrate the happiness.

QURBAANI (UDHIYAH)

Qurbaani is the Sunnah of Ibraaheem (AS) and **for every hair on the animal, there will be a reward** for the person doing Qurbaani... (Ibn Maajah, Targheeb)

There is **nothing dearer to Allah** during the days of Qurbani than the sacrificing of animals. The sacrificed animal shall come on the Day of Judgment with its horns, hair, and hooves (to be weighed). The sacrifice is accepted by Allah before the blood reaches the ground. Therefore sacrifice with an open and happy heart. (Tirmizi, Ibne Maajah)