

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ جَعَلَ الْبَيْتَ الْحَرَامَ مَثَابَةً لِّلنَّاسِ وَأَمْنًا، وَفَرَضَ عَلَى
الْعِبَادِ فِيهِ مَنْسَكًا وَحَجًّا، وَجَزَاهُمْ عَلَيْهِ ثَوَابًا وَأَجْرًا وَلِلَّهِ عَلَى النَّاسِ حِجُّ
الْبَيْتِ مَنِ اسْتَطَاعَ إِلَيْهِ سَبِيلًا وَمَنْ كَفَرَ فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ غَنِيٌّ عَنِ الْعَالَمِينَ نَحْمَدُهُ
عَلَى مَا شَرَعَ مِنَ الشَّرَائِعِ، وَمَا هَدَى إِلَيْهِ مِنَ الْمَنَاسِكِ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ
إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ؛ جَعَلَ الْحَجَّ مَظْهَرًا مِنْ مَظَاهِرِ تَوْحِيدِهِ، وَرُكْنًا
مِنْ أَرْكَانِ دِينِهِ، وَبُرْهَانًا عَلَى عُبُودِيَّتِهِ؛ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ؛ بَيْنَ
فَرَضِ الْحَجِّ فَقَالَ: أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ قَدْ فَرَضَ اللَّهُ عَلَيْكُمُ الْحَجَّ، فَحُجُّوا وَعَلَّمَ
النَّاسَ مَنَاسِكَهُمْ وَهُوَ يُودِّعُهُمْ فَقَالَ: لِتَأْخُذُوا مَنَاسِكَكُمْ؛ فَإِنِّي لَا أَدْرِي
لَعَلِّي لَا أَحُجُّ بَعْدَ حَجَّتِي هَذِهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ وَسَلَّمْ وَبَارَكَ عَلَيْهِ وَعَلَى آلِهِ
وَأَصْحَابِهِ وَاتَّبَاعِهِ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ.

Hajj: The Journey Of A Lifetime

- Hajj was once a lifetime dream and ambition, but now it's possibly the last thing, and if done, then a status symbol and title; **Haji**. We've become accustomed to life in clicks and swipes, and expect that Hajj to be a panacea for all our **'Piety'** needs.
- **Hajj is symbolic of two Prophets**; Prophet Ibrahim عليه السلام and Prophet Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم. Hajj was the culmination of a lifetimes work, effort, sacrifice and achievements, and not just something which happened after a few weeks or months.
- Ibrahim عليه السلام born in Babylon in a society prevalent with paganism and idolatry. Disowned by his family and community. Undeterred he smashed the idols, and was thrown into the blazing fire, **"Allah said, 'O fire, be coolness and safety upon Ibrahim.'** then exiled from his homeland.
- He travelled to Levant and debated with celestial worshippers. **"Indeed, I have turned my face toward He who created the heavens and the earth"** Then moved to another challenge facing tyrant Nimrud.
- Finally blessed with a son, Allah سبحانه commanded to take them both to a barren desert with no food, water, shelter or people. **"Our Lord, I have settled some of my descendants in an uncultivated valley near Your sacred House"**
- Allah عز وجل provided for Ismail and Hajar and they settled in Makkah with Zamzam. **"And when he reached with him the age of exertion, he said, 'O my son, indeed I have seen in a dream that I sacrifice you,"**

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- Years pass and by now Isma‘il عليه السلام had grown into a man **“And when Ibrahim was raising the foundations of the House and Isma‘il, 'Our Lord, accept this from us. Indeed You are the Hearing, the Knowing.”**
- **“And proclaim to the people the Hajj, they will come to you on foot and on every lean camel; they will come from every distant pass”**
- Our own Prophet ﷺ received revelation in the Cave of Hira‘ and was then ordered to call his family to Islam, **“And warn, your closest kindred.”** After this, he stood on the Mount of Safa and openly invited his tribesmen to Islam. He was mocked, ridiculed and assassination attempts were made. The Muslims suffered economic sanctions and underwent much difficulty and emigrated from Makkah.
- The Prophet ﷺ lost his uncle Abu Talib, his wife Khadijah, two daughters and all of his sons during his lifetime. His other uncle, Hamzah was martyred. He ﷺ was poisoned, lived with very few material possessions and weeks would pass by in his house without a fire being lit.
- After over twenty years of striving for the sake of Allah ﷻ, the Prophet ﷺ performed his first and only Hajj, telling the people, **“Perhaps I will not meet you again after this year.”**
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Is Eid al-Adha and Hajj Connected?

- Ramadan and Eid al-Adha began 2nd year (AH) After Hijrah
- Hajj became Obligatory in **9th Year** (AH) After Hijrah
- For 7 Years the Prophet ﷺ celebrated Eid al-Adha on the 10th of Dhul Hijjah
- Eid al-Adha is Fixed to your local moon date of 10th Dhul Hijjah and Not Hajj

Takbir al-Tashriq:

وَاذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ فِي أَيَّامٍ مَّعْدُودَاتٍ

“And remember Allah during numbered days.” (2:203)

“ الله أكبر .. الله أكبر .. لا إله إلا الله ، الله أكبر .. الله أكبر .. والله الحمد “

Qurabni/Udhiya – Established Sunnah; “A reward for every hair on the skin/strand of wool of the sacrificed animal.” [Bukhari]. Animal be free of defects/diseases.