

The Ten days of Dhul Hijjah; a time to become beloved to Allah!

The ten most blessed days of the year have arrived!

From the entire three hundred and sixty days of the Islamic calendar, **there is no other set of ten days that is more virtues, than the first ten days of Dhul Hijjah.**

(Lataiful Ma'arif)

These are so great, that Nabi (sallallahu'alayhi wasallam) said: **'These ten days are the best days in the world.'**

(Musnad Bazzar; Targhib, Hadith: 1727)

All Deeds are most beloved to Allah on these days

During this time of the year, any good deed one does, is most **loved** by Allah Ta'ala; be that even a deed as easy as a subhanallah.

There is no better time in the whole year for one to do good than these blessed days [and nights], other than on Laylatul Qadr.

Sayyiduna 'Abdullah ibn 'Abbas (radiyallahu'anhuma) reports that Rasulullah (sallallahu'alayhi wasallam) said:

'There are no other days in which Allah loves good deeds than on these [10] days.'

(Sahih Bukhari, Hadith: 969)

- One version adds: '...so frequently recite therein: *Subhanallah, Alhamdulillah, la ilaha illallah* and *Allahu Akbar*.

(Al-Mu'jamul Kabir, Hadith: 11116, Majma'uz Zawwaid, vol.4 pg.17 and Targhib, Hadith: 1725. Also see Musnad Ahmad, vol.2 pg.75)

Sayyiduna Anas (radiyallahu'anhu) says;

It was understood about these days, that each day is equal to **a thousand days** [in virtue] and the day of 'Arafah [the 9th of Dhul Hijjah] is equal to ten thousand days!

(Shu'abul Iman; see Targhib, Hadith: 1730)

Become the beloved of Allah!

These days ahead of us actually offer us the grand opportunity of becoming beloved to Allah Ta'ala.

In the above narrations we learn the following:

- These days are most **beloved** to Allah
- Good deeds on these days are also most **beloved** to Allah
- Frequently recite the dhikrs: *Subhanallah, Alhamdulillah, la ilaha illallah* and *Allahu Akbar*.

In an authentic (*sahih*) narration, Nabi (sallallahu'alayhi wasallam) has labelled these four dhikrs as: the most **beloved** of statements to Allah.

(Sahih Muslim, Hadith: 5566)

- All of this culminate with the tenth day; the day of 'Eidul Adha. **The day of slaughter**. On this day, the most **beloved** deed is to slaughter an animal for Allah's sake.

One who implements the above, can go a long way in achieving the love of Allah Ta'ala.

We have done enough of those deeds that Allah Ta'ala despises and hates. This is our chance to rectify that...

Do what is beloved to Allah, on the days that are most beloved to Allah, and we ourselves can become beloved to Allah Subhanahu wa Ta'ala.



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