

# The First Ten Days of Dhul Hijjah

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أَيَّامُ الْعَشْرِ

The most virtuous days of  
the world are the ten days



**Gratitude to Allah  
For Another Blessed  
Opportunity  
Another Sacred Month**  
*Dhul Hijjah*

**Ibn Abbas “ All of the  
good deeds are  
combined in these 10  
days in a way that they  
are not combined in  
any other time”**

(Shahadah, Salah, Fast, Charity Sadaqah, Hajj, Qurbani)

# The Benefits and Virtues of the four Sacred Months

1. **Muharram** - A sacred Month, The first month of the Islamic calendar. The best month to fast, after Ramadhan. Musa (peace be upon him) was Saved from Fir'awn and his army
2. Safar
3. Rabi-ul-Awwal- The month of the Holy Prophet's birth, Hijrah and death.
4. Rabiuth Thani
5. Jumadal Ula
6. Jumaduth-Thani
7. **Rajab**- A sacred Month
8. Sha'ban
9. Ramadhan- The Compulsory Fasts, The month in which the Quran was revealed
10. Shawwal – Eid-ul Fitr is celebrated, 6 fasts that make it equal in reward to 1 years fast
11. **Dhul Qadah** - A sacred Month, Preparations for Hajj
12. **Dhul Hijjah**- A sacred Month, Hajj is performed, Day of Arafah, Eid-ul Adha on the 10<sup>th</sup>, Qurbani (Sacrifice)

- Deeds are Multiplied.
- Sins are amplified.
- Ibn Rajab: “ be careful of the acts of disobedience because indeed they forbid the forgiveness in these seasons of mercy.
- Avoid such actions that would deprive us of this.

# Dhul Hijjah Is the Most Sacred Month

**Ibn `Umar** رضي الله عنهما **said:**

The Prophet ﷺ said at Mina, (His last Hajj)

"Do you know what day is today?" They (the sahabah) replied, "Allah and His Apostle know better,"

- He said "Today is 10th of Dhul-Hijjah, the sacred (forbidden) day.

Do you know what town is this town?" They replied, "Allah and His Apostle know better."

- He said, "This is the (forbidden) Sacred town (Makkah a sanctuary)."

And do you know which month is this month?" They replied, "Allah and His Apostle know better."

- He said, "This is the Sacred (forbidden) month ."
- He added, "Allah has made your blood, your properties and your honor Sacred to one another (i.e., Muslims) like the sanctity of
- **this day of yours (9<sup>th</sup> Day of Arafah)**
- **in this month of yours, (Dhul Hijjah)**
- **in this town of yours." (Makkah)** (Bukhari)

# Mentioned in the Quran

- Allah Swears by these days

وَالْفَجْرِ ﴿١﴾ وَلَيَالٍ عَشْرٍ ﴿٢﴾ وَالشَّفْعِ وَالْوَتْرِ ﴿٣﴾ وَاللَّيْلِ إِذَا يَسْرِ ﴿٤﴾

By the dawn, **by the ten Nights**, by the even [number] and the odd, by the night when it passes.

- Allah Ta'āla swears by it to show the importance and the value of the thing He is swearing on.
- Majority of the Scholars mention it to be the first ten Nights of Dhul Hijjah. Some say it's the last ten nights of Ramadhan, Some mentions it is both.
- The benefit of these ayahs
- Most people will not make use of these times and as a result of that will fall behind

وَيَذْكُرُوا اسْمَ اللَّهِ فِي أَيَّامٍ مَّعْلُومَاتٍ

And mention the name of Allah on appointed days

(Surah Hajj #28)

- Allah gave us these ten days so that we can mention His name in abundance.
- The Prophet ﷺ mentions when the ten days commence increase in tahleel, takbeer and tahmeed.
- Engage abundantly in reciting Subhanallah, Alhamdulillah, La ilaha illah and Allahu Akbar during these days.'
- Frequently recite such kalimahs as Laa ilaaha il-lal-laah, Alhamdu lil-laah and Al-laahu akbar.”
- Emphasis on the Quantity plus Quality
- Jannah is a vast plain, plants grow by Dhikr

# Mentioned in the Ahadeeth

## *The Prophet ﷺ mentions:*

- “There are no other days in which doing good actions are more beloved to Allah than the ten days of Dhul Hijah, (i.e. the first 10 days), the fast of one day from it equals to the fast of **one year** and the standing by night in worship on any of these nights equals to the standing of **Lailatul Qadr.**”  
(Tirmidhi #758)

- ‘There is no deed that is purer in the sight of Allah, nor greater in reward than a good deed which a person does in the ten days of Dhul Hijjah.’
- The mother of the believers, Hafsa radiyallāhu ‘anhā reports that Rasūlullāh ﷺ used to fast the (first) nine days of Dhul Hijjah. (Nasā’ee, Ahmad, Aboo Dāwood)
- If not all 9 days at least Monday, Thursday and the Day of ‘Arafah the 9<sup>th</sup> .  
(two intentions)

# The Prophet ﷺ mentions:

- It is reported by Abdullah Ibn Abbas رضي الله عنهما that the Prophet ﷺ said, “There is no deed that is better in the sight of Allah more greatly rewarded than a good deed done in the first ten days of Al-Adha”. It was asked, “not even the struggle in the path of Allah (Jihad) ? He said: (Yes), not even the struggle in the path of Allah, unless a man who goes out (in the path of Allah) with his life and property and does not return with any of them. (dies as a Martyr)

# The Day of 'Arafah

- The most blessed day of the year. 9<sup>th</sup> of Dhul Hijjah
- Hajj is 'Arafah (the core of Hajj, these moments on this day)
- Allah completed/perfected the religion on this day 9<sup>th</sup> of Dhul Hijjah
- Allah boast to the Angels of His servants that gather in a disheveled manner calling upon Him.
- There is no day in which Allah sets free more souls from the fire of hell than on the day of Arafah. On that day, Allah draws near to the earth, and by way of exhibiting His greatness and grandeur, says to the angels, “What is the desire of these servants of mine?” (Muslim)
- In another tradition, the Messenger of Allah ﷺ is reported to have said, ‘Besides the day on which the battle of Badr occurred, there is no other day on which Shaitan is seen more humiliated, rejected, depressed and more enraged (angered) than on the day of Arafah. All of this occurs only because of the abundance of Allah’s mercy and His forgiveness to His servants which descend on this day’ (Miskah)



# Fasting on The Day of 'Arafah

- The 9<sup>th</sup> of Dhul Hijjah
- He ﷺ said, "Fast the Day of Arafah, for indeed I anticipate that Allah will forgive (the sins) of the year after it, and the year before it."
- He ﷺ said: 'Whoever fasts the Day of 'Arafah, his sins of the previous and following year will be forgiven.' (Ibn Majah)
- 3 years of forgiveness by fasting in two days

*It is therefore recommended to observe the fast of 9<sup>th</sup> of Arafah and 10<sup>th</sup> of Muharram 'Ashura.*

- Fasting, Making Dua, Praying and staying away from sin is important
- If a person cannot fast due to a valid reason (i.e., menses, sickness), Allah would give them the reward for it fully. InshaAllah

# Taqbeerut Tashreeq

- It is wajib (compulsory) upon males and females to recite this takbeer audibly **once** after every fard salah
- From after the Fajr salah on the 9<sup>th</sup> of Dhul Hijjah until after the Fard of Asr salah on the 13<sup>th</sup> of Dhul Hijjah .
- Females should recite the Takbeer silently
- It should be recited immediately after concluding the Fard prayer.

اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ.  
لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ.  
اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ وَلِلَّهِ الْحَمْدُ .

Allāh is the Greatest, Allāh is the Greatest.  
There is no deity besides Allāh and Allāh  
is the Greatest. Allāh is the Greatest and  
all praises are for Allāh only.”.

# Deprived of The Blessings

- It is reported from Abu Darda رضي الله عنه a great companion of the Prophet ﷺ used to say, “Pay special attention to the fast of the 10 days of Dhul Hijjah. During these days, supplicate much to Allah for His forgiveness and give much sadaqah/charity, for I have heard the Prophet ﷺ saying, ‘Woe unto that person who is deprived of the blessings and goodness of these 10 days.’”

# **Some Acts Of Worship**

- **Fast all nine days or at least Monday, Thursday and 'Day of Arafah'**
- **Read/Listen/Ponder on the verses of the Qur'an**
- **Do Extra Adhkar and Taqbeer- Istighfaar/Darud etc.**
- **Increase in Nawaafil/optional Prayers - Tahajjud etc.**
- **Make Sincere Repentance**
- **Increase in doing ALL good deeds**
- **Give Charity**
- **Attend Eid prayers**
- **Slaughter an animal and distribute the meat (Sacrifice)**
- **Preserve ties of kinship**
- **Teach the Kids about Dhul-hijjah**
- **Thank Allah**

These traditions show how virtuous and blessed the days and the nights of the first 10 days of Dhul Hijjah are in the sight of Allah. As such, We as Muslims should take maximum benefit of such precious and valuable time and do as much good deeds as possible.

May Allah grant us the sincerity, strength and ability.

May Allah accept our worship  
Ameen