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**DHUL HIJAH**

**the best 10 DAYS**

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THE FIRST 10 DAYS**

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**A COMPREHENSIVE GUIDE**

# THE IMPORTANCE OF THE FIRST TEN DAYS

IN THE QUR'AN & SUNNAH

The first ten days of Dhul Hijjah are so significant that Allah swears by them in the Noble Qur'an:

'By the dawn. **And (by) ten nights** [first ten days of Dhul Hijjah]. **And (by) the even** [10<sup>th</sup> Dhul Hijjah: Eid al-Adha] **and the odd** [9<sup>th</sup> Dhul Hijjah: the Day of 'Arafah]'.  
[The Noble Qur'an, 89:1-3]



Whilst the last ten nights of Ramadan are the best nights of the year, the first ten days of Dhul Hijjah are the best days of the year. Automate your Zakat and Sadaqah over these ten blessed days.

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The Prophet (saw) stated that doing good actions in these ten days is purer, more beloved and carries more reward with Allah than any other days in the entire Islamic year:

The Messenger of Allah (saw) said,

**"There are no days in which righteous deeds are more beloved to Allah than in these days (i.e. the first ten days of Dhul Hijjah)".**

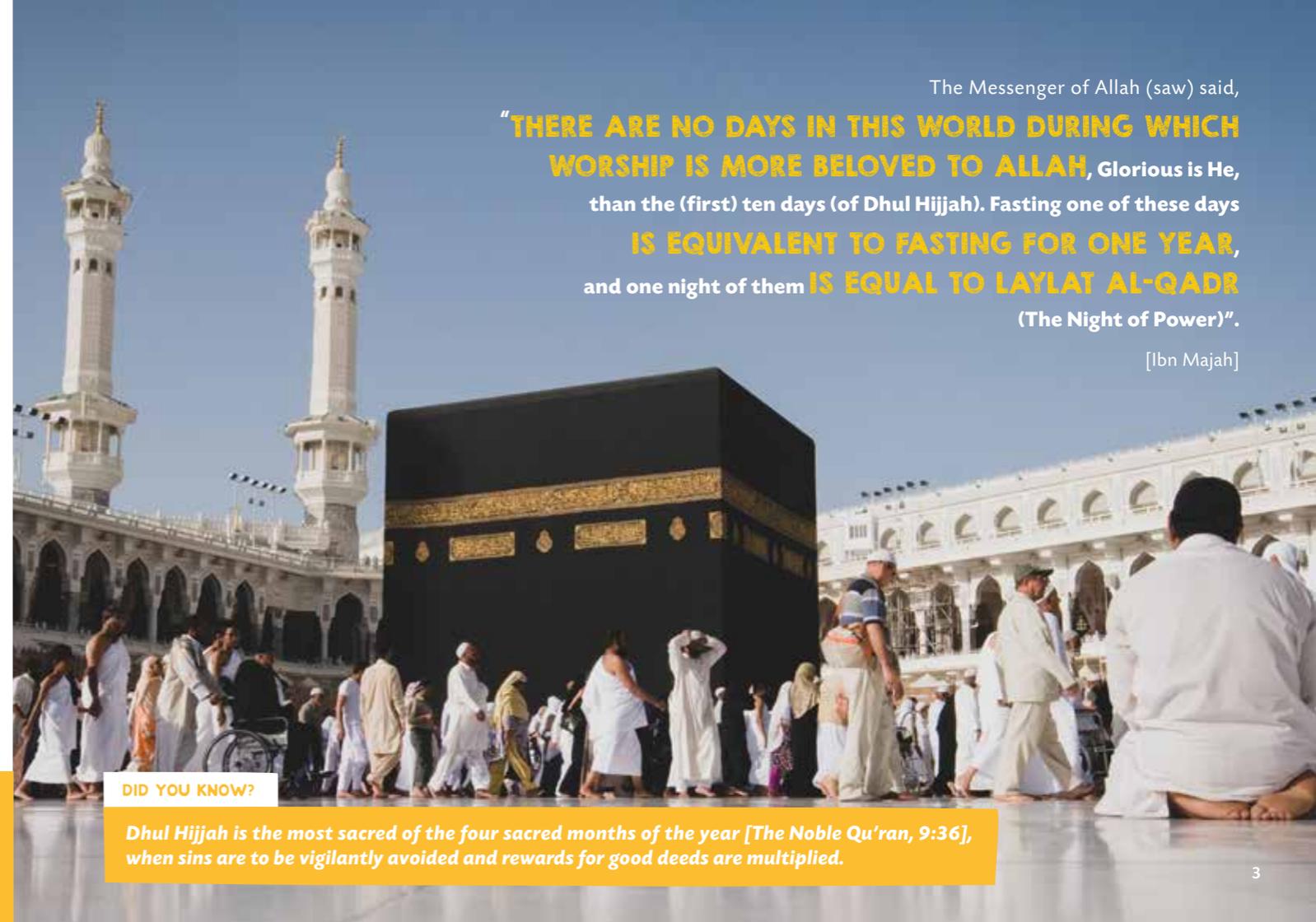
They said, 'Not even fighting for the sake of Allah?'

He [saw] said,

**"Not even fighting for the sake of Allah, except in the case of a man who went out to fight giving himself and his wealth up for the cause and came back with neither".**

[Abu Dawud]

**DID YOU KNOW?**  
These are the best 10 Days of the entire Islamic year because they combine all five pillars of Islam in them!



The Messenger of Allah (saw) said,

**"THERE ARE NO DAYS IN THIS WORLD DURING WHICH WORSHIP IS MORE BELOVED TO ALLAH, Glorious is He, than the (first) ten days (of Dhul Hijjah). Fasting one of these days IS EQUIVALENT TO FASTING FOR ONE YEAR, and one night of them IS EQUAL TO LAYLAT AL-QADR (The Night of Power)".**

[Ibn Majah]

**DID YOU KNOW?**

**Dhul Hijjah is the most sacred of the four sacred months of the year [The Noble Qu'ran, 9:36], when sins are to be vigilantly avoided and rewards for good deeds are multiplied.**

# INCREASE YOUR DHIKR

IN THESE MOST BLESSED DAYS

We are encouraged to increase our remembrance of Allah (swt) in these ten **known** days:

'That they may witness benefits for themselves and that they mention the name of Allah on **known** days [the first 10 days of Dhul Hijjah] over what He has provided for them of [sacrificial] animals. So eat of them and feed the unfortunate poor'.

[The Noble Qur'an, 22:28]

**DHIKR** recommended by the Prophet (saw) for the first ten days of Dhul Hijjah:

The Messenger of Allah (saw) said,

"There are no days greater in the sight of Allah and in which righteous deeds are more beloved to Him than the ten days (of Dhul Hijjah), so during this time recite:

**TAHLIL** (*La ilaha ill-Allah – there is no god but Allah*),

**TAKBIR** (*Allahu Akbar – Allah is the Greatest*) and

**TAHMID** (*Al-Hamdu lillah – All praise belongs to Allah*)

in abundance.

[Tabarani]

## DID YOU KNOW?

'Ibn 'Umar (ra) and Abu Hurairah (ra) used to go out in the market place during the ten days and say Takbir and the people would say Takbir when they said Takbir'. [Bukhari]

## REMEMBER TO RECITE!

'Allahu Akbar!  
Allahu Akbar!  
La ilaha illa-Allahu  
wAllahu Akbar!  
Allahu Akbar  
wa lillahil Hamd!'

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after each fard prayer starting from Fajr of 9<sup>th</sup> of Dhul Hijjah up to and including 'Asr of 13<sup>th</sup> Dhul Hijjah. 23 prayers in a row.

## FAST THE FIRST NINE DAYS OF DHUL HIJJAH

Remember it is haram to fast over the days of Eid [10-13<sup>th</sup> Dhul Hijjah]

One of the wives of the Prophet (saw) said,

'The Messenger of Allah (saw) used to fast the first nine days of Dhul Hijjah, the Day of 'Ashura (10<sup>th</sup> al-Muharram) and three days of every month: the first Monday of the month and two Thursdays'.

[Nasa'i]

If you struggle to fast all nine days then please don't miss out on fasting the Day of 'Arafah (9<sup>th</sup> Dhul Hijjah) where you can have a staggering two years' worth of sins forgiven!

The Messenger of Allah (saw) was asked about fasting on the day of 'Arafah (9<sup>th</sup> Dhul Hijjah) and he said,

'It expiates the sins of the preceding year and the coming year'.

[Muslim]

"Fasting one of these days is equivalent to fasting for one year".

[Ibn Majah]

DID YOU KNOW?

# PERFORMING HAJJ & 'UMRAH

“THE DELEGATES OF ALLAH” [IBN MAJAH]

We are commanded by Allah to perform the Hajj at least once in our lives if we are able to do so:

**‘In it (al-Masjid al-Haram) are clear signs [such as] the standing place (Maqam) of Ibrahim [as].**

**And whoever enters it shall be safe.**

**And [due] to Allah from the people is a pilgrimage to the House – for whoever is able to find a means to do it. But whoever disbelieves – then indeed,**

**Allah is free from need of the worlds’.**

[The Noble Qur’an, 3:97]

## DID YOU KNOW?

The Prophet (saw) *‘performed one Hajj and four ‘Umrahs’*. [Tirmidhi]

## IMMENSE REWARDS FOR THE PILGRIMAGE

The Messenger of Allah (saw) said,

**“(The performance of) the ‘Umrah (minor pilgrimage) to the (next) ‘Umrah is an expiation for the sins committed between them. And the reward of Hajj Mabrur (the one accepted by Allah) is nothing except Paradise”.**

[Bukhari and Muslim]

## FOUR ACTS THAT CARRY THE REWARD OF HAJJ

Only a small percentage of the Ummah perform Hajj and ‘Umrah every year, but Allah offers us the reward of Hajj for the following righteous deeds:

1

**“Whoever goes out from his house after performing ablution to perform a compulsory prayer (in congregation in a masjid), his reward will be like the one who goes for Hajj after wearing Ihram (robes worn by pilgrims)”.**

[Abu Dawud]

2

**“Whoever prays Fajr in congregation and then sits remembering Allah until (approximately 15 mins after) the sun has risen, then he prays two rak’ahs (units of Ishraq prayer), then for him is the reward like that of a (complete) Hajj and ‘Umrah”.**

[Tirmidhi]

3

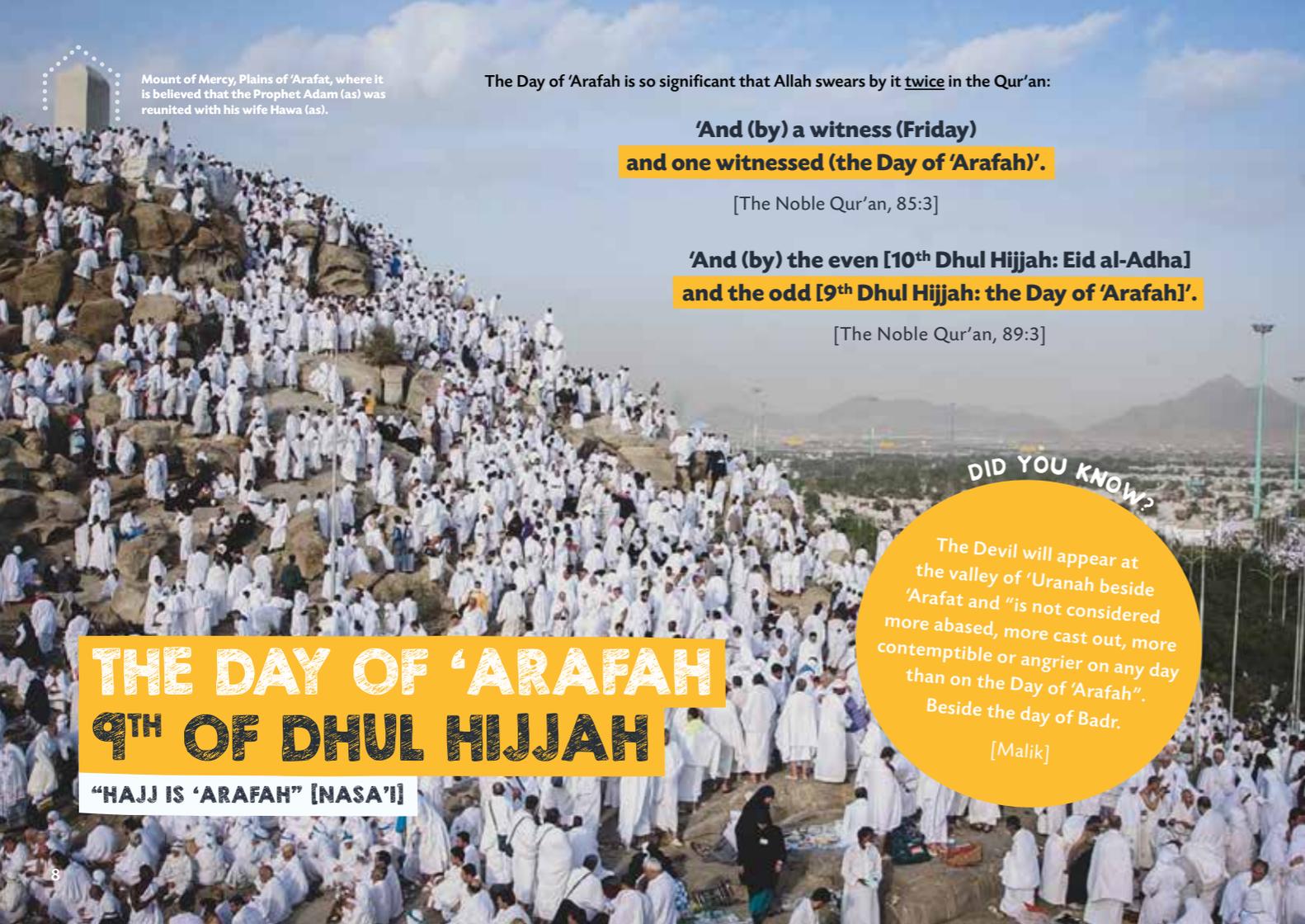
**“(Saying) Subhan-Allah, Al-Hamdu lillah and Allahu Akbar thirty-three times each after every (compulsory) prayer”.**

[Bukhari]

4

**“Whoever goes to the masjid for the sole purpose of learning or teaching what is good, he receives the reward of a Hajj pilgrim who completed his Hajj”.**

[Tabarani]



Mount of Mercy, Plains of 'Arafat, where it is believed that the Prophet Adam (as) was reunited with his wife Hawa (as).

The Day of 'Arafah is so significant that Allah swears by it twice in the Qur'an:

**'And (by) a witness (Friday)  
and one witnessed (the Day of 'Arafah)'.**

[The Noble Qur'an, 85:3]

**'And (by) the even [10<sup>th</sup> Dhul Hijjah: Eid al-Adha]  
and the odd [9<sup>th</sup> Dhul Hijjah: the Day of 'Arafah]'.**

[The Noble Qur'an, 89:3]

### DID YOU KNOW?

The Devil will appear at the valley of 'Uranah beside 'Arafat and "is not considered more abased, more cast out, more contemptible or angrier on any day than on the Day of 'Arafah".  
Beside the day of Badr.

[Malik]

## THE DAY OF 'ARAFAH 9<sup>TH</sup> OF DHUL HIJJAH

"HAJJ IS 'ARAFAH" [NASA'I]

## THE GREATEST DAY OF FORGIVENESS

The Messenger of Allah (saw) said,

**"There is no day when Allah sets free more servants from the Fire than on the Day of 'Arafah. Indeed, He draws near and then boasts of them to the angels then says, 'What do these want?'"**

[Muslim]

### FAST

The Messenger of Allah (saw) was asked about fasting on the Day of 'Arafah so he said,

**"It expiates the sins of the preceding year and the coming year".**

[Muslim]

### MAKE DU'A

The Prophet (saw) said,

**"The best supplication is the supplication of the day of 'Arafah. And the best of what I and the Prophets before me have said is,**

**"La ilaha ill-Allah, wahdaHu la sharika laHu, laHul-mulku wa laHul-hamdu, wa Huwa 'ala kulli shai'in Qadir".**

**"There is no god but Allah, Alone, without partner, to Him belongs the kingdom, and to Him belongs all praise, and He is Powerful over all things".**

[Tirmidhi]

### DID YOU KNOW?

1. Allah took the oath of 'Am I not your Lord?' [The Noble Qur'an, 7:172] from the children of Adam (as) in Na'man, i.e. 'Arafah. [Ahmad]
2. The verse declaring, 'This day I have perfected your religion for you, completed My favours upon you, and have chosen for you Islam as your religion'. [The Noble Qur'an, 5:3] was revealed on the Day of 'Arafah, on a Friday. [Bukhari]

# THE DAY OF SACRIFICE EID AL-ADHA

10<sup>TH</sup> OF DHUL HIJJAH

This greatest day is sworn by Allah in the Qur'an:

**And (by) the even [10<sup>th</sup> Dhul Hijjah: Eid al-Adha] and the odd [9<sup>th</sup> Dhul Hijjah: the Day of 'Arafah]'.**

[The Noble Qur'an, 89:3]

DID YOU KNOW?

*"If you see the new moon of Dhul Hijjah and one of you wants to offer a Qurbani, then he should not cut his hair or nails".*

[Muslim]

**It is Sunnah on Eid day to:**

1. Wear special clothes [Ibn Khuzaimah]
2. Use your best perfume [Hakim]
3. Eat after the prayer [Ahmad]
4. Recite Takbir [Hakim]
5. Use different routes to and from the Eid prayer [Ibn Majah]

The Prophet (saw) said,  
**"The greatest day in the sight of Allah, Blessed and Exalted is He, is the Day of Sacrifice (10<sup>th</sup> of Dhul Hijjah) and next the day of resting".**

[Abu Dawud]

## THE IMMENSE REWARD OF SACRIFICING

The Messenger of Allah (saw) said,

**"A human does no action on the Day of Nahr (sacrifice) more beloved to Allah than spilling blood. On the Day of Judgement, it will appear with its horns, hair and hooves. Indeed, the blood will be accepted by Allah from where it is received before it even falls upon earth, so let your heart delight in it".**

[Tirmidhi]

## SACRIFICING TWICE LIKE THE PROPHET (SAW)

Abu Talhah (ra) said,

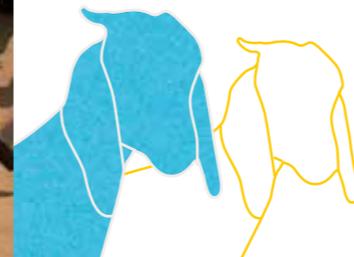
**'The Prophet (saw) sacrificed for the one who could not sacrifice from his Ummah, one who bore witness to the Oneness of Allah and [his] Prophethood'.**

[Tabarani and Ahmad]

Anas ibn Malik (ra) said,

**'The Prophet (saw) used to offer two rams as sacrifices and I also offer two rams for sacrifice'.**

[Bukhari]



# the best 10 DAYS

Automate your Zakat and Sadaqah donations and maximise your rewards during the first 10 days of Dhul Hijjah.



## 1. CHOOSE YOUR CAUSE

Allocate your Zakat and Sadaqah donations to up to five emergency zones, including Yemen and Syria.



## 2. SELECT WHEN TO GIVE

2. Spread your donations over the first 10 days of Dhul Hijjah. You can divide your donations up equally, or give more on the Day of 'Arafah and Eid al-Adha.



## 3. AUTOMATE YOUR DONATIONS

Process and complete your payment. Alhamdulillah, you won't miss out on the rewards of giving in Dhul Hijjah!

*Automate your donations now!*

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