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## The Manners and Virtues of *Hajj*

His Eminence Sheikh Ali ibn Abdur-Rahman Al-Hudhaifi, may Allah preserve him, delivered the Friday *khutbah* entitled, “The Manners and Virtues of *Hajj*”, in which he talked about the religious obligation of *hajj* (pilgrimage to Makkah) and the duties, conditions, and ethics that a Muslim must observe while performing it. He also talked about the manners and virtues of *hajj* that a Muslim must be aware of. After highlighting some of the virtues of *hajj*, he showed the order in which the acts of *hajj* are performed on the Day of the Sacrifice.

### Part One

Praise be to Allah. All bountiful, good, and blessed praise be to Allah, as much as our Lord loves and as much as would please Him, for He is the One Worthy of all praise in this world and in the hereafter. I thank Him for His innumerable favours. I bear witness that there is no god but Allah alone, Who has no partners. To Him belong the Most Beautiful Names. I also bear witness that our prophet and master, Muhammad, is His servant, chosen messenger, and beloved friend. O Allah! Bestow Your prayers, peace, and blessings upon Your servant and messenger Muhammad and upon his family and pious Companions.

Now then,

Fear Allah as He should be feared, and grasp the trustworthy handhold of Islam.

O Muslims!

Remember the great mercy of Allah, Exalted be He, upon you, as He has taught you what you did not know before and has blessed you with various acts of worship which are bound to cleanse you of vices and sins and give you the best rewards and benefits in this world and in the hereafter. If Allah, Exalted be He, had not taught us and guided us to good deeds, we would be indulging in all kinds of wicked and reprehensible acts. Allah, Exalted be He, says:

﴿... And had it not been for the Grace of Allah and His Mercy on you, not one of you would ever have been pure from sins. But Allah purifies (guides to Islam) whom He wills, and Allah is All-Hearer, All-Knower.﴾ (An-Nur: 21)

Allah, Exalted be He, also says:



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﴿... Nay, but Allah has conferred a favour upon you, that He has guided you to the Faith if you indeed are true.﴾ (Al-Hujurat: 17)

Allah, Exalted be He, also says:

﴿... And he for whom Allah has not appointed light, for him there is no light.﴾ (An-Nur: 40)

Allah, Exalted be He, also says:

﴿... but he whom He sends astray, for him you will find no Wali (guiding friend) to lead him (to the right Path).﴾ (Al-Kahf: 17).

*Hajj*, whether performed as an obligation or as a voluntary act, is one of the greatest acts of worship and one of the deeds that draw us nearer to Allah. Its great reward is obtained both in this world and in the hereafter. However, its benefits cannot be fully reaped except by those who perform it sincerely for Allah, act virtuously in it, and follow the *Sunnah* of the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, in all its rituals.

*Hajj* is a great gathering of Muslims that is attended by scholars and lay people, by rulers and subjects, by men and women, by the old and the young, by the sick and the healthy, and by the rich and the poor. It has its integrals, conditions, and duties as well as its manners, virtues, and noble ethics. Whoever observes and fulfils them all will have his sins forgiven, his good deeds multiplied, and his rank in Paradise raised higher. The Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said, “Whoever performs *hajj* (pilgrimage to Makkah), avoids intimate relations [with his wife] and does not commit sins will return home free from sins like the day his mother gave birth to him” (Reported by Al-Bukhari and Muslim). The Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, also said, “There is no reward for a *hajj* that is accepted by Allah except Paradise” (Reported by Al-Bukhari and Muslim).

The Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said to Amr ibn Al-‘As, may Allah be pleased with him, “Do you not know that [embracing] Islam wipes out all previous sins, that *hijrah* [the migration from Makkah to Al-Madinah at the beginning of the call to Islam] wipes out all the previous sins, and that *hajj* (pilgrimage) wipes out all previous sins?” (Reported by Muslim).

During *hajj*, all Muslims are unified by the bond of Islamic brotherhood. They show mercy and compassion to one another, help one another, and exchange visits and gifts with one another. Allah, Exalted be He, says:



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﴿The believers are nothing else than brothers (in Islamic religion) ...﴾ (Al-Hujurat: 10)

An-Nu'man ibn Al-Bashir, may Allah be pleased with him, narrated that the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said, "In their mutual kindness, compassion, and sympathy, the believers are like one body. When one of the limbs aches, the whole body responds to it with sleeplessness and fever" (Reported by Al-Bukhari and Muslim).

How beautiful the good manners, ethics, and virtues are that Muslims have been ordered to observe during *hajj* and at other times! But indeed they are more mandatory and more commendable during *hajj*.

One of these manners and commands is to abstain from arguing unjustly during *hajj*, as this leads to animosity, bigotry, and hatred. During *hajj*, people from different backgrounds meet together, and this is bound to give rise to arguments among them; therefore Muslims are commanded not to engage in any arguments when performing *hajj*. Allah, Exalted be He, says:

﴿The *Hajj* (pilgrimage) is (in) the well-known (lunar year) months (i.e. the 10<sup>th</sup> month, the 11<sup>th</sup> month and the first ten days of the 12<sup>th</sup> month of the Islamic calendar, i.e. two months and ten days). So whosoever intends to perform *Hajj* therein by assuming *Ihram*), then he should not have sexual relations (with his wife), nor commit sin, nor dispute unjustly during the *Hajj*. ...﴾ (Al-Baqarah: 197)

The virtues of *hajj* also include giving charity, offering food, greeting people, and talking gently to others. This is because *hajj* is a season of benevolence, charity, and purity. That is one of the interpretations of the phrase "a *hajj* that is accepted by Allah" (*hajj mabrur*), mentioned in the *hadith*. The good manners and ethics that Muslims are commanded to observe during *hajj* also include avoiding prohibited acts and false statements, increasing words of remembrance of Allah and *talbiyah* (saying, "*Labbayk Allahu labbayk*" (We have answered Your call, O Allah!)), and reciting the Qur'an as much as possible. The Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said, "The circumambulation of the *Ka'bah*, going between As-Safa and Al-Marwah, and stoning the pillars are all intended to establish the remembrance of Allah" (Reported by Ahmad; part of the *hadith* narrated by Aishah, may Allah be pleased with her). This applies to all the *hajj* rituals, for they have all been prescribed to establish the remembrance of Allah in the first place.

The virtues of *hajj* that pilgrims are commanded to follow also include bearing no grudge against Muslims and offering sincere advice to them. Freedom from grudges



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against others is one of the greatest blessings that Allah may bestow on a servant. Allah describes the believers as having no hatred in their hearts towards their fellow believers. Allah, Exalted be He, says:

﴿And those who came after them say: "Our Lord! Forgive us and our brethren who have preceded us in Faith, and put not in our hearts any hatred against those who have believed. Our Lord! You are indeed full of kindness, Most Merciful."﴾ (Al-Hashr: 10)

Within the community of Muslims, every Muslim is encompassed with mercy and protection. Allah, Exalted be He, says of those who repent of hypocrisy:

﴿Verily, the hypocrites will be in the lowest depth (grade) of the Fire; no helper will you find for them. Except those who repent (from hypocrisy), do righteous good deeds, hold fast to Allah, and purify their religion for Allah (by worshipping none but Allah, and do good for Allah's sake only, not to show-off), then they will be with the believers. And Allah will grant the believers a great reward.﴾ (An-Nisa': 145-146)

Abdullah ibn Mas'ud, may Allah be pleased with him, narrated that the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said, "There are three things because of which hatred does not enter the heart of a Muslim: having sincerity in all deeds for the sake of Allah, providing sincere advice to the rulers of the Muslims, and adhering to the *jama'ah* (main body of the Muslims), for their supplication surrounds everybody with them" (Reported by At-Tirmidhi, Ibn Majah, and Ahmad). This *hadith* means that when these three conditions are met by someone, namely having sincerity in one's acts, giving counsel to the rulers, and adhering to the main body of the Muslims by not rebelling against them, all traces of hatred, envy, contempt, malice, deception, and treachery will be removed from his heart. The presence of these three qualities in a Muslim is bound to protect him from Satan. By virtue of these qualities, a Muslim will be granted salvation and happiness and attain protection in the fortress of Islam.

Every Muslim rejoices at the gathering and unity of Muslims during *hajj*. He who completes the rituals of *hajj* has indeed done good to himself and to all Muslims, and he whose *hajj* is free from faults has attained safety in his life. As for those who come to the sacred sites of *hajj* with the intention of causing harm to Muslims, committing a sin, using *hajj* as a means to ends not approved by Islam, or turning the teachings of *hajj* into deviant or innovated acts, they have perpetrated an act of disbelief in Allah's Sacred City (Makkah). None of people's intentions and acts can be hidden from Allah, for He knows



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what is in the breasts. The Lord, Exalted be He, is the One Who punishes those who perpetrate acts of disbelief in His Sacred City. Allah, Exalted be He, says:

﴿... And whoever inclines to evil actions therein or to do wrong (i.e. practise polytheism and leave Islamic Monotheism), him We shall cause to taste from a painful torment.﴾ (Al-Hajj: 25)

O you who intend to commit evil deeds in the Sacred City! Remember that whoever has ordered you to disobey Allah will not by any means benefit you, nor will he prevent Allah's punishment from befalling you. At the end, you will regret obeying Satan.

This great annual Islamic gathering of *hajj*, this tightly-knit Islamic brotherhood, and this unity in performing the rituals of *hajj* all remind us of the benefits witnessed by Muslims on this occasion. In this gathering, the ignorant learn from the knowledgeable, Muslims get to know and support one another, and each one complements the other and compensates for his shortcomings. Muslims console one another during their moments of crisis, provide support to one another on the basis of religion, and co-operate in order to set right their worldly affairs. They have the advantage of having their supplications answered in these sacred sites. They will end up with the best of outcomes in the hereafter and will intercede for those they prayed for during *hajj*.

This scene of total unity, this blessed gathering, and this harmony of hearts between people from different races remind us of the disunity, disagreement, discord, and repulsion that have engulfed Muslims. This prompts every sincere Muslim to say, "If only all Muslims could unite and gather around the truth as they do in *hajj*!" One can only feel sorry for the state of disunity and discord between Muslims and is shocked at those sects that have diverged from the path of the righteous predecessors, strayed away from the correct interpretation of the Noble Qur'an and the Prophet's *Sunnah*, and opposed the well-versed scholars, thus wasting the opportunity of benefiting from their sound understanding of religion. Such sects have not only gone astray, but they have also deluded many of the Muslim youth by means of their adorned speech, taking them out of the sphere of correct belief to the trials of accusing Muslims of disbelief, killing people with explosions, and violating the sanctity of innocent people's blood. Our Messenger, peace and blessings be upon him, said in his Farewell Pilgrimage, "Do not revert to disbelief after me, by striking the necks of one another" (Reported by Al-Bukhari and Muslim).

O Muslims,

Examine the causes of dispute, division, and discord and the reasons behind deviant ideas, and strive to put an end to all that has caused deviation from the straight



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path and led to such deviant ideas. Every problem, no matter what its nature is, has a solution in the Qur'an and the *Sunnah* of the Allah's Messenger, peace and blessings be upon him. The *Ummah* is going through its worst ordeals and dilemmas and is awaiting your efforts and good deeds through which its affairs can be mended. Allah, Exalted be He, says:

﴿And hold fast, all of you together, to the Rope of Allah (i.e. this Qur'an), and be not divided among yourselves, and remember Allah's Favour on you, for you were enemies one to another but He joined your hearts together, so that, by His Grace, you became brethren (in Islamic Faith), and you were on the brink of a pit of Fire, and He saved you from it. Thus Allah makes His verses clear to you, that you may be guided. Let there arise out of you a group of people inviting to all that is good (Islam), enjoining *Al-Ma'ruf* (i.e. Islamic Monotheism and all that Islam orders one to do) and forbidding *Al-Munkar* (polytheism and disbelief and all that Islam has forbidden). And it is they who are the successful. And be not as those who divided and differed among themselves after the clear proofs had come to them. It is they for whom there is an awful torment. On the Day (i.e. the Day of Resurrection) when some faces will become white and some faces will become black; as for those whose faces will become black (to them will be said): "Did you reject Faith after accepting it? Then taste the torment (in Hell) for rejecting Faith." And for those whose faces will become white, they will be in Allah's Mercy (Paradise), therein they shall dwell forever.﴾ (Al 'Imran: 103-107)

May Allah bless you and me with the Great Qur'an and make us benefit from its verses and wise words and benefit from the guidance and right sayings of the Imam of Messengers. I have said what you have heard and I ask forgiveness of Allah for myself, for you, and for all Muslims for any sin we have committed. Ask Allah for forgiveness. He is the Oft-Forgiving, the Most Merciful.



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## Part Two

Praise be to Allah. Praise be to Allah, the Lord of the earth and the heavens, the Owner of Greatness, Majesty, and Grandeur. I bear witness that there is no god but Allah, the Owner of Benevolence and Grace; and I bear witness that our prophet and master, Muhammad, is His servant and messenger, the master of messengers and prophets. O Allah! Bestow Your prayers, peace, and blessings upon Your servant and messenger Muhammad and upon his family and pious Companions.

O Muslims!

Fear Allah and obey Him, for fear of Allah is the best provision for the Day of Judgment.

O Muslims!

Whoever among you has been favoured by performing *hajj* this year must perform it with the utmost care. He must observe its integrals, duties, and conditions and must not overlook its commendable acts. The most important of the integrals of *hajj* is standing on the Mount of 'Arafah on the ninth day of Dhul-Hijjah, that "witnessed day", in addition to performing *tawaf al-ifadah* (last circumambulation) and performing *sa'y* (going between the hills of As-Safa and Al-Marwah). Its most important duties include staying the night at Muzdalifah, stoning each of the three pillars in Mina during the *Tashriq* Days, and staying at Mina during the *Tashriq* Days (11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, and 13<sup>th</sup> of Dhul-Hijjah). The acts of *hajj* on the tenth day of Dhul-Hijjah (the Sacrifice Day) are generally done in this order: throwing seven pebbles at the large pillar (*al-jamrah al-kubra*) at Mina, slaughtering the sacrificial animal, having one's head shaven or one's hair cut short (or doing that oneself), performing *tawaf az-ziyarah*, and performing *sa'y* for those who have not performed it before. There is no harm whatsoever in changing this order. *Sa'y*, however, must be performed after circumambulation (*tawaf*).

Do good while performing *hajj*. Allah, Exalted be He, says:

﴿... And whatever good you do, (be sure) Allah knows it. And take a provision (with you) for the journey, but the best provision is *At-Taqwa* (piety, righteousness). So fear Me, O men of understanding!﴾ (Al-Baqarah: 197)

O Muslims!

Act upon the advice of the Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, in the Farewell Pilgrimage. Abu Umamah, may Allah be pleased with him, said, "I heard the Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, say during his pilgrimage, 'Fear your Lord, offer your five [obligatory prayers], fast your month



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[of Ramadan], obey your rulers, and you will enter your Lord's Paradise" (An authenticated *hadith*, reported by At-Tirmidhi and Ahmad).

You, Muslim fellows, are now in the first ten days of the month of Dhul-Hijjah. Therefore, do as many good deeds as you can. Abdullah ibn Abbas, may Allah be pleased with him and his father, narrated that the Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, said, "There are no days in which doing righteous deeds is more beloved to Allah than the first ten days of Dhul-Hijjah." The Prophet's Companions asked, "Not even fighting in the cause of Allah?" The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, said, "Not even fighting in the cause of Allah, unless it be a man who goes out offering his soul and his wealth in the cause of Allah and does not return with either of them." Therefore, increase acts of charity, fasting, remembrance of Allah, and good deeds during these days, for they are the "appointed days" mentioned in the Qur'an. Allah, Exalted be He, says:

﴿... and mention the Name of Allah on appointed days, over the beast of cattle that He has provided for them (for sacrifice) ...﴾ (Al-Hajj: 28).

Abdullah ibn Umar and Abu Hurairah, may Allah be pleased with them, used to go to the market and recite *takbir* (saying, "*Allahu Akbar*" (Allah is the Greatest)) during the first ten days of Dhul-Hijjah, and the people would recite *takbir* after them. These appointed days also include Day of 'Arafah. Fasting on this day wipes away the sins of the year before and the year after it.

Servants of Allah!

Allah has commanded you to do something that He himself started. Allah, Blessed and Exalted be He, says:

﴿Allah sends His *Salat* (Graces, Honours, Blessings, Mercy) on the Prophet (Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him)) and also His angels (ask Allah to bless and forgive him). O you who believe! Send your *Salat* on (ask Allah to bless) him (Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him)), and (you should) greet (salute) him with the Islamic way of greeting (salutation, i.e. *As-Salamu 'Alaikum*).﴾ (Al-Ahzab: 56)

The Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said, "If a person asks Allah to send blessings upon me once, Allah will send blessings upon him ten times over." Therefore, ask Allah to bestow His peace and blessings on the master of those who preceded us and those who are yet to come, and the Imam of Messengers.





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O Allah! Bestow Your peace upon Muhammad and his family, as You bestowed Your peace upon Ibrahim and his family, You are All-Praiseworthy, All-Glorious. O Allah! Bestow Your blessings upon Muhammad and his family, as You bestowed Your blessings upon Ibrahim and his family, You are All-Praiseworthy, All-Glorious. O Allah! Bestow Your bountiful peace and blessings upon Muhammad and his family.

O Allah! Be pleased with all the Companions. O Allah! Be pleased with the Rightly-Guided Caliphs and Imams, Abu Bakr, Umar, Uthman, and Ali, along with all Your Prophet's Companions, with the *Tabi'un* (the contemporaries of the Prophet's Companions after his death), and with those who follow them in righteousness until the Day of Judgment. O Allah! Be pleased with us together with them, by Your grace, munificence, and mercy, O Most Merciful of all the merciful!

O Allah! Grant power and glory to Islam and Muslims. O Allah! Grant power and glory to Islam and Muslims. O Allah! Grant power and glory to Islam and Muslims, subdue disbelief and the disbelievers, and destroy Your enemies, the enemies of the religion, O Lord of the Worlds!

O Allah! Bring together the hearts of Muslims, reconcile them, guide them to the ways of peace, and bring them out of darkness into light.

O Allah! Grant us sound understanding of Your religion. O Allah! Grant all Muslims sound understanding of Your religion. O Allah! Grant us and grant all Muslims sound understanding of Your religion, by Your mercy, O Most Merciful of all the merciful! O Allah! Make us among those who follow and adhere to the *Sunnah* of Your Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him.

O Allah! Let not our hearts deviate from the truth after You have guided us, and grant us mercy from You. Truly, You are the Bestower.

O Allah! Make the rituals of *hajj* easy for pilgrims. O Allah! Accept their pilgrimage and bring them back to their homes safe and sound and fully-rewarded, O Lord of the Worlds! You are Powerful over all things!

O Allah! Forgive the sins of our dead and the sins of all dead Muslims, by Your mercy, O Most Merciful of all the merciful!

O Allah! Protect us from the evil within ourselves and from our wrong deeds and protect us from the evil of all evil-doers, O Lord of the Worlds!

O Allah! Take revenge upon those who have oppressed us and grant us victory over our enemies. O Allah! Do not let this worldly life be our biggest concern.

O Allah! Mend all our affairs. O Allah! Protect us and our offspring from Satan, his offspring, his devils, and his soldiers, O Lord of the Worlds! O Allah! Protect



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Muslims from Satan, the outcast, and from his offspring and devils. You are Powerful over all things.

O Allah! Grant us safety in our homelands and make good our rulers.

O Allah! Guide Your servant, the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, to what You love and accept. O Allah! Lead him to Your Guidance, let him do that which pleases You, and help him do that which is good, O Lord of the Worlds! O Allah! Guide his two deputies to what You love and accept and to all that is good, by Your mercy, O Most Merciful of all the merciful!

O Allah! We ask You to remove discord and disagreements from among Muslims. O Allah! Let them gather around the truth, O Lord of the Worlds! O Allah! Bring them together, let them live in harmony and peace and help one another in doing good, O Lord of the Worlds! You are Powerful over all things!

O Allah! We ask You to protect Muslims from the evil within themselves and to protect them from the evil of their enemies, by Your Mercy, O Most Merciful of all the merciful!

O Allah! Provide food for the hungry among Muslims, clothe the naked among them, dispel the fears of the frightened among them, and provide shelter for the homeless among them, by Your mercy, O Lord of the Worlds! You are Powerful over all things!

O Allah! Do not punish us for what the foolish among us have done. You are Allah! There is no god but You!

O Allah! We ask You to forgive us our sins. O Allah! We ask You to forgive us the sins that we have committed and the sins that we may commit in the future, the sins that we have committed in secret and the sins that we have committed in public, and the sins that You know better than we do. You are the Expediter and the Delayer! There is no god but You!

﴿... Our Lord! Give us that which is good in this world and that which is good in the Hereafter, and save us from the torment of Hellfire!﴾ (Al-Baqarah: 201)

O Allah! Help the debtors among Muslims in paying off their debts. O Allah! Cure our sick and the sick among all Muslims. O Allah! Cure our sick and the sick among all Muslims, O Lord of the Worlds! O Allah! Cure our sick and the sick among all Muslims, by Your mercy, O Most Merciful of all the merciful!

Servants of Allah!



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﴿Verily, Allah enjoins Al-'Adl (i.e. justice and worshipping none but Allah Alone – Islamic Monotheism) and *Al-Ihsan* [i.e. to be patient in performing your duties to Allah, totally for Allah's sake and in accordance with the *Sunnah* (legal ways) of the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) in a perfect manner], and giving (help) to kith and kin (i.e. all that Allah has ordered you to give them, e.g., wealth, visiting, looking after them, or any other kind of help): and forbids *Al-Fahsha'* (i.e. all evil deeds, e.g. illegal sexual acts, disobedience of parents, polytheism, to tell lies, to give false witness, to kill a life without right), and *Al-Munkar* (i.e. all that is prohibited by Islamic law: polytheism of every kind, disbelief and every kind of evil deeds), and *Al-Baghy* (i.e. all kinds of oppression), He admonishes you, that you may take heed.) And fulfil the Covenant of Allah (*Bai'ah*: pledge for Islam) when you have covenanted, and break not the oaths after you have confirmed them – and indeed you have appointed Allah your surety. Verily! Allah knows what you do.﴾ (An-Nahl: 90-91)

Remember Allah, the Most Great, the Sublime, and He will remember you. Thank Him for His favours and He will give you more. Verily, remembrance of Allah is greater than all, and Allah knows what you do.