

Six parts of the Talbiyah: taste its sweetness!

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Once you enter the state of Ihram for Hajj or Umrah, you start reciting the Talbiyah. Because you will recite it perhaps hundreds of times, it is extremely important and useful to know the beautiful dimensions of the Talbiyah. This way, every time you say it you will taste a different sweetness of talking to Allah [swt]. You will repeat it with love, passion and eagerness

Each statement of the Talbiyah has layers upon layers of meanings. By remembering these meanings while saying the Talbiyah, your connection with Allah [swt] will be strengthened and your Hajj or Umrah will become a truly memorable one

What is the Talbiyah

Jabir ibn `Abdullah said, describing the Hajj of the Prophet (pbuh): "Then he (pbuh) started to say the words of Tawhid, Labbayka Allahumma labbayk, labbayka la sharika laka labbayk. [Inna al-hamd wal-ni`mata laka wal-mulk, la sharika lak. [Muslim

The way most people say it is in six parts, like below, with brief pauses in between

(Labbayka Allahumma labbayk, (Here I am, O Allah, here I am

(labbayka la shareeka laka labbayk. (Here I am, You have no partner, here I am

(... Innal-hamd (Verily all praise and thanks

(...wan-ni`mata (... and all blessings

(laka wal-mulk (... and all sovereignty are Yours

(.la shareeka lak. (You have no partner

The Virtues of the Talbiyah

This beautiful hadeeth lays out the virtues of saying the Talbiyah: The Messenger (pbuh) said: "There is no Muslim who recites the Talbiyah but whatever is to his right and to his left of stones, rocks and clods (lumps of earth or clay) recites it with him, to the furthest point to the east and the west – meaning from his right and his left." [At-Tirmidhi, Ibn Khuzaymah, .[and al-Bayhaqi

Therefore, while you recite, use your imagination and feel the echo in the valleys, mountains, and plains of everything around you repeating it. Feel the partnership of all of the creation around you joining you as recite the Talbiyah, Allahu Akbar

Six parts of the Talbiyah

.Let us look at each of these parts one by one, as explained by different scholars

Labbayka Allahumma labbayk .\

Here I am, O Allah! Here I am

Here I am" is repeated to show that the response is lasting and ongoing. This is the " response to the call of Allah [swt], given by Ibrahim (as), as mentioned in Al-Quran: "And proclaim the pilgrimage among men: they will come to thee on foot and (mounted) on every kind of camel, lean on account of journeys through deep and distant mountain highways." [[Al-Hajj 22:27

Labbayk.. Labbayk; this repetition also means, I submit and submit again. I will always be in submission to You O Allah

Labba bil-makan' in Arabic means staying in one place, clinging to it. Therefore Labbayk ' means "I am persisting in obeying You, O Allah! I will stick to Your obedience and ".submission

Labbayk (Here I am at Your service)” is said to a person whom one loves and respects. “
Therefore, your statement along with repetitions expresses Your love for Allah [swt]. Other
.meanings of this word are also reported by scholars

Labbayka la shareeka laka labbayk .۲

Here I am, You have no partner, here I am

This part emphasizes your eagerness to be free from Shirk (associating partners with Allah
[swt]). Shirk is such a dangerous crime that Allah [swt] will never forgive it

:The feelings that one can have as we say it are

!O Allah! I am only for You-

.I have no other intention except to please You because there is no partner to You-

.Of course, you can think of many more dimensions in this regard

Innal-hamda .۳

Verily all praise and thanks belong to You

Hamd means praise and thanks. When it comes to praise, you can think of a number of
things. Allah [swt] has more than 99 Names and for each of His names, you can praise Him.
So right there you have 99 ways to praise Him! For example, O Allah! You are the best in
showing intense mercy (Ar-Rahman), the best in showing continuous mercy (Ar-Raheem),
.the best Creator (Al-Khaliq), and so on

When it comes to thanking Allah, the list can be endless here too. Some of these are
.mentioned in the blessings below

Wan-ni`mata .۴

Verily, all blessings belong to You

You can first start acknowledging His blessings on you for giving you the opportunity to perform Hajj or Umrah. Furthermore, the list can be; 'Thank You, O Allah for Your countless :blessings as

performing Hajj or Umrah in spite of all my sins and deficiencies –

giving me enough money to afford it-

keeping me healthy, keeping me free from any constraints or pressures-

helping me plan for it, providing me facilities of travel and stay-

providing me with safe transport and safe passage-

giving me the tongue and the voice to thank You-

giving me a chance to thank You with my heart-

In addition to thanking Allah [swt] for giving the opportunity to perform Hajj or Umrah, you :can start thanking for everything you have in terms of

‘your sound body parts like eyes, ears, nose, etc-

‘mother, father, brothers and sisters, your spouse, children, teachers, colleagues, friends-

‘safe house, safe country, safe earth, safe solar system, safe universe, etc-

major blessings such as Islam, Iman, being born in the Ummah of Prophet Muhammad – .[pbuh], giving the understanding of Islam, and so on

at the end, don't forget to thank Allah for giving an opportunity to thank Him, with sincere – .realization that our thanks are full of deficiencies

This style of praise and thanking can also be repeated after every Salah when you repeat 33 !times Alhamdulillah

Laka wal-mulk .°

Verily, all sovereignty belongs to You

Not only the blessings are Yours but the power, the kingdom, the sovereignty, the dominion :all belongs to You alone. That is true for

This country-

This earth along with all its powers and richness-

The wind, the rains, the light, and the darkness-

The moon, the sun, the stars, the quasars, the black holes, the galaxies-

The creatures on earth and the sea and those in the skies; the humans, jinns and angels –

.O Allah! You have absolute, full, complete control and power on everything

La shareeka lak . ٦

You have no partner

No partner to You in praise, thankfulness, and in sovereignty. Everything that I have is only
:from You. I will always remain Your and only Your slave. I will not

Have any hopes in anyone other than You-

Be afraid of none other than You-

Ask anyone other than You-

Be impressed by anyone other than You-

.Love anyone more than You-

The beauty of being One

You can keep reflecting on these different meanings every time you say the six parts. Make
sure to ask Allah [swt] to help you go deeper in the meanings of the Talbiyah as you repeat it
.again and again

La shareeka lak' (You have no partner) is repeated in the first and in the last part of the 'Talbiyah. Let us say it realizing the danger of shirk. Let us beg Allah [swt] to make us true in
(Tawheed (oneness of Allah

I still remember a young man walking alone on his way from Arafat to Mina with his eyes focused on the road close to his feet repeating the Talbiyah out loud with love and passion. He was not bothered at all with what was going on around him. It was him and his Creator and I can still feel the love and the warmth in his recitation. I wish and pray all of us could .say the Talbiyah with this warmth, or even better

!Proclaim your passion

Some people unnecessarily feel shy to say the Talbiyah loud; it is Shaytan who whispers to you to avoid saying it loudly. You are there in Hajj or Umrah in front of Allah [swt]. Allah blessed you with that huge award of coming to His House. Don't waste this huge .opportunity of saying it loudly

You say it slow and you perhaps will miss the witness of and the interaction with those stones, rocks and clods around you because they did not hear you! Don't forget, these are the stones, rocks, and clods of Makkah, the best of the lands! However, for women, they .should not raise their voice above what is needed to hear themselves

May Allah make your Hajj mabroor and your Umrah maqbool. Please remember us in your .prayers

◁With best wishes and prayers

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!an excellent description! so meaningful it is

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plz keep this beautifull work going on...may Allah help u all in every step ...ameen

thanks for sharing the meaning of Talbiyah

Reply marquadri November 7, 2012

Assalaamu alaikum wa rahmatullahi wa barakatuhu. Subhanallah, Alhamdulillah, Lailaaha il
lallah Allahu Akbar. Excellent work keep it up. Allah please help them & all the people who
work for the deen. from all angles protect them from evil people, evil thoughts & all evil
things. Ameen Ameen Ameen & Ameen. Allahu hafiz

Reply zohra November 8, 2012

Assalam Alaikum

My mind went back to my Hajj in 2006, and all the beautiful memories of reciting the
Talbiyah with my group conjured up in my memory, bringing tears to my eyes. I remember I
would simply choke on the words: Labbayk Allahumma Labbayk such powerful words

telling Allah that we have left everything in the world to be there for Him. May Allah accept
... our Hajj and forgive us our mistakes

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Alhumdulillah, Br Abdul Aziz is doing a marvelous job, May Allah(swt) accepts and grant
.the Brother Ajar E Azeem, Ammen Ya Rabbul Aalameen

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!Yaa Allaah

!Let our heart melt in Your Love

!Let our tears roll for Your Love

Reply Mrs. Zakriya November 8, 2012

Assalamualikum wa rahmatuallahi wa barkatahu

MashaAllah, reading ur article wished to get the benefit of Hajj as soon as Allah (swt)
wills. Do pray for all of us. InshaAllah may every Muslim be able to perform Hajj successfully,
.Ameen

Reply Abdul Qudoos Khan November 8, 2012

Assalamualikum wa rahmatuallahi wa barkatahu

good work, May Allah bless you people. every time i recite this Talbiyah i can feel some
thing and tears can in my eyes and that feeling is unique, One day ill be there for Hajj or
Umrah Inshahallah. And because of you people, we get opportunity to experience what you
have experience there by reading your post. May Allah bless you all Ameen Do remember
.me in your prayer! Fe amanillah

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ai hamdulilla I have repeated the talbiya so many times whenI performed haj many years
ago but I never never ever reflected on its meaning till I read your description and
explanation about it oh its so wonderful I cant express my feelings vividly oh I pray Allah
gives me another opportunity to perform haj and to repeat these words with so much

feeling and understanding..... please keep up your good work may almighty Allah bless and ...guide us all ameen

Reply Mumtaz Raffi March 30, 2013

Assalaamu alaikum wa rahmatullahi wa barakatuhu Masha Allah! This article was so beautiful and inspiring! My heart is yearning to go to Makkah more than ever now! I hope Almighty Allah gives me the opportunity to go for Hajj and Umrah really soon..Insha Allah! !This site is truly a blessing from Almighty Allah

Reply Babatunde Badrudeen November 19, 2013

.Alhamdullilahi for this. May Almighty Allah grant you more knowledge and wisdom

Reply alnajm93 April 9, 2014

Assalamu Alaykum, JazakAllahu Khairan for this. I am going Umrah tomorrow InshaAllah and this has helped me understand the talbiya in more depth. May Allah accept your work .brother

Reply Mohammed Badruddoza August 12, 2014

.Can anyone say Talbya who are not in Hajj ? i.e, from homeland

Reply juvi August 23, 2014

Masha Allah...soo impressed with the ellaborate explanation given above...may TheAlmighty Allah favour you n reward you for your noble service

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