

Righteous Actions to Perform During the Blessed Days of Dhul Hijjah

Description

Bismillah wal HamdulillÄ h was SalÄ tu was salÄ mu â alÄ Rasoolillahi, AmmÄ Baâ d:

During these blessed days of Dhul Hijjah, there are a number of righteous actions the believer is encouraged to carry out. At the head of those actions:

1. **Hajj and Umrah**: From the greatest of the actions the believer can perform in these blessed days, the great pillar of Islam that can only be performed in these days, the performance of Hajj. The person performing will ordinarily perform Umrah with their Hajj.
2. **As SalÄ h**: After the performance of the compulsory prayers, That one increases in the perfomance of the nawaafil prayers, and they are many, for indeed the Prophet ï·º informed us as occurs in the hadeeth Qudsi: â ..***and indeed my servant does not cease drawing closer to me by way of nawaafil actions until I love him***â (Bukhaari and Muslim)
3. ***As SiyÄ m***: This is from the most tremendous actions one may perform during these days and beyond. Though fasting the first nine days is legislated, the day of Arafah in particular has special virtue mentioned in the hadeeth â ***Fasting on the day of Arafah, I anticipate that Allah will expiate the sins of the year before it and the sins of the year after it***â (Muslim)
4. **Sadaqah**: One of the best means of drawing close to Allah in these days, is that of giving in charity. If the charity is hidden then it is even greater. In the hadeeth of

Abdullah Ibn Masâ□□ ood the Prophet ï·º said: â□□ ***Joining and maintaining bonds of kinship increases ones lifespan, and concealed charity extinguishes the anger of ones lord***â□□ (Collected by Ibn ShÄ□ hÄ«n in At TarghÄ«b Fi fadhÄ□ â□□ ilul Aâ□□ mÄ□ l and declared â□□ SahÄ«hâ□□ by Shaikh AlbÄ□ ni in SahÄ«hul JÄ□ miâ□□ (3766)

5. **Abundant Dhikr**: ImÄ□ m BukhÄ□ ri mentioned: Ibn Umar and Abu Hurairah would go out to the marketplaces in the ten days of Dhul Hijjah and make takbir and the people would make takbir following suit. It is important to note that â□□ following suitâ□□ does not mean in unison or in congregation as is understood by some, but merely that they would initiate the people making takbir after hearing them making it. This is what is referred to as the takbir Al Mutlaq (Absolute takbir performed thoughout the ten days of dhul Hijjah up until the last of the days of tashreeq which ends with the setting of the sun on the 13th day of Dhul Hijjah.) We also have what is referred to as the takbir Al Muqayad (restricted TakbÄ«r). This is a reference to the takbir that is made after each salaah. it begins from fajr on the day of Arafah and ends with the setting of the sun on the 13th day of Dhul Hijjah. There is no doubt that making dhikr of Allah generally has many great benefits. The Prophet said as occurs in the hadeeth of Abu Darda: â□□ ***Should I not inform you of the best of your actions, and the purest of them with your lord, and the one that raises your station the most, better for you than giving silver and gold in charity, better for you than that you should meet your enemy (upon the battlefield) and that they strike your necks and you strike theirs***? They said: Yes! (Oh Messenger of Allah) He said: â□□ ***The remembrance of Allah***â□□ (Collected by Tirmidhi and Ibn MÄ□ jah and declared â□□ SahÄ«hâ□□ by Shaikh AlbÄ□ ni in HidÄ□ yatur RuwÄ□ t (2209))
6. The above mentioned actions are from the greatest of the actions one may perform but indeed the righteous deeds are many, from them:
7. The recitation of the Quran,
8. Making food and feeding the people
9. Being dutiful to parents
10. Enjoining the good and forbidding the evil
11. Bringing rectification between two or more people
12. Being good to ones neighbour
13. Fulfilling the need of a brother
14. Dua
15. Taking care of ones family
16. Going to the Masjid

17. Seeking knowledge and spreading it
18. Bringing happiness to the Muslim
19. Visiting the Sick
20. Following the Janaazah
21. Istighfaar and Taubahâ¦and the list goes on.

May Allah bless to capitalise on this much neglected period of khair.

Wa Sallallahu â alaa Nabiyinaa Muhammad Wa â alaa Aalihi Wa Sahbihi Ajmaâeen

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