

Significance of the First Ten Days of Zul Hijjah

Allah has taken oath of ten nights in Soorah Al-Fajr. According to the majority of the commentators of Qur'aan, the nights are those of the (first) ten days of Zul Hijjah.

Abdullah Ibne 'Abbas radiyallahu anhu narrated that Rasulullah sallallahu alayhi wasallam said, "On no other days are good deeds more liked by Allah than on these ten days (i.e. The first ten days of Zul Hijjah)." The Sahabah radiyallahu anhum asked, " O Rasulullah ! Not even Jihad in the Way of Allah?" Rasulullah sallallahu alayhi wasallam replied, "Not even Jihad in the Way of Allah, except for that person who goes out with his life and wealth and does not return with anything." (Aboo Dawood, Tirmizi, Ibne Majah)

Abdullah Ibne 'Umar radiyallahu anhu related that Rasulullah sallallahu alayhi wasallam said, "No days are as weighty with Allah and so liked by Him for good deeds than the first ten days of Zul Hijjah. So on these days increasingly read Subhanallah, La ilaha illallah, Alhumdulillah and Allahu Akbar." (Musnad Ahmad)

Virtues of the Day of Arafah (9th Zul Hijjah)

Aboo Qatadah Al-Ansari radiyallahu anhu narrated that Rasulullah sallallahu alayhi wasallam was asked about the fast on the day of Arafah. He said, "It compensates for the (minor) sins of the past and the coming year." (Muslim, Tirmizi, Ibne Majah)

'A'ishah radiyallahu anha reports that Rasulullah sallallahu alayhi wasallam said, " There is no day in which Allah sets free more souls from the fire of hell than on the day of Arafah. And on that day Allah draws near to the earth and by way of exhibiting His Pride remarks to the angels, 'What is the desire of these (servants of mine)?" (Muslim)

Talhah radiyallahu anhu reports that Rasulullah sallallahu alayhi wasallam said, "Apart from the day of the Battle of Badr there is no day on which the Shaytaan is seen to be more humiliated, more rejected, more depressed and more infuriated, than on the day of Arafah, and indeed all this is only because of beholding the abundance of descending mercy (on the day) and Allah's forgiveness of the great sins of the servants." (Mishkat)

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