

# The Ten Days of Dhul-Hijjah

A Season of Worship

## The Merit of the Ten Days of Dhul-Hijjah

Almighty Allah says, "And proclaim to the people the Hajj [pilgrimage]; they will come to you on foot and on every lean camel; they will come from every distant pass. That they may witness benefits for themselves and mention the name of Allah on known days..." (Al-Hajj 22:27-28)

Ibn Abbas said, "The "known days" are the (first) ten days (of Dhul-Hijjah)."

Ibn Abbas also narrated that the Prophet (peace be upon him) said, "There is no virtue more to the liking of Allah in any day than in these days, that is, the first ten days of Dhul-Hijjah. They asked: "O Messenger of Allah, not even the struggle in the cause of Allah (Jihad)?" He said: "(Yes), not even the struggle in the cause of Allah, except a man who goes out (in the cause of Allah) with his life and property, and does not return with any of them." (Abu Dawud)



## Recommended Deeds During the Ten Days of Dhul-Hijjah

- – Offering supererogatory (nafl) prayers: They are among the best virtuous acts, and a cause of the love of God, answering supplication and increasing the reward.
- – Observing Fasting: It is one of the best righteous deeds and has abundant rewards.
- – Reciting the Qur'an
- – Maintaining the ties of kinship
- – Supplicating Allah
- – Remembering Allah
- – Hastening to sincere repentance and seeking Allah's forgiveness.
- – Forsaking sins and asking Allah's pleasure and forgiveness.
- – Offering Ud-hiyah: Offering a sacrificial animal is among the Islamic noble rituals with which a Muslim seeks Allah's pleasure. It is offered on the 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> of Dhul-Hijjah, and it indicates the openhandedness of its owner and his following of the Prophet's teachings.
- – Fasting on the day of Arafat: It is highly recommended to fast on that day for the Prophet was asked about fasting on the day of Arafat and he said, "It is expiation for the sins of the preceding year and the current year." (Muslim)

