
Advice concerning the ten days of Dhul-Hijjah

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In the Name of Allaah the most Kind the most Merciful

In the name of Allaah, The All-Wise, The All-Knower, and may peace and blessings be upon the noblest of Prophets and Messengers, our Prophet Muhammad, his family and companions, as for what follows;

Question: Oh noble Shaykh, in a few days we will be entering into the ten days of Dhul-Hijjah. So what is your advice for the people regarding taking advantage of them? I hope for an explanation of its virtues and the actions that should be performed in it.

Answer: Shaykh Ibn Uthaymeen (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ)¹: The ten days of Dhul-Hijjah begins with the entrance of the month and ends on the day of the 'Eed. The Messenger (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ)² said about actions in these ten days:

“There are no days wherein righteous actions are more beloved to Allaah than these ten days.” They said: Not even Jihaad in the way of Allaah? He (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) said: **“Not even Jihaad in the way of Allaah, except for a man who leaves out (for Jihaad) with his wealth and self and doesn't return back with any of them.”**³

So with this I strongly encourage my Muslim brothers to seize this tremendous opportunity, to perform many righteous actions in these ten days from recitation of the Qur'aan, remembrance of Allaah, charity, fasting, etc, strive to perform many different acts of obedience.

Its' very troubling to see that the people are heedless about these ten days. Do you not find them exerting themselves in the last ten nights of Ramadhan? Na'm of course they exert themselves in them. However with the ten days of Dhul-Hijjah you will be hard pressed to find one who differentiates between them and other than them. But if a person performs righteous actions in these ten days he revives that which the Messenger (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) instructed with doing.

¹ (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah the Most High have mercy on him

² (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) (sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam) May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him

³ Ibn 'Abbaas-Saheeh Bukhaaree

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Also if an individual intends to slaughter at the ending of these ten days then he shouldn't remove anything from his hair, nails, or body.

As for someone slaughtering on his behalf, then there's nothing wrong with him clipping his own nails or cutting his hair. And if a person wants to slaughter for himself and his household with one sacrifice as is the Sunnah, then it isn't upon his family to abide by this principle. It only pertains to the one slaughtering; in this instance that being the father...⁴

⁴ Original article in Arabic: www.ajurry.com/vb/showthread.php?t=21945

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