
Obligation of performing Hajj as soon as one is able

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In the Name of Allaah the most Kind the most Merciful

Shaykh Ibn Uthaymeen (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ)¹ said, “What is correct is that it is obligatory to carry out Hajj immediately if the conditions to make it obligatory [on a person] have been met, the proof is His Statement, (تعالى)²,

‘And [due] to Allaah from the people is a pilgrimage to the House,’³

And [also] due to the hadeeth of Aboo Hurairah, ‘Indeed Allaah has prescribed Hajj for you, so perform it.’ And the principle regarding an [imperative] order is that it be carried out immediately and that is why the Prophet (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ)⁴ became angry during the Ghazwah of Hudaibiyah when he ordered them [i.e., the Companions] to come out of the state of Ihraam but they stalled [in carrying out the order], and [an order should be carried out straight away] because a person does not know what will befall him and because Allaah ordered us to race towards goodness and delaying doing so goes against what He commanded.”⁵

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

² (تعالى) Ta’aala (He, The Most High)

³ سورة آل عمران – Soorah aal-’Imraan [3:97]

⁴ (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) (sallallaahu ‘alayhi wa sallam) May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him

⁵ Ash-Sharh al-Mumti’, vol. 7, p. 13.