

# Virtues of *Dhu Al-Hajjah*

Ḥaḍrat Abu Hurairah رضي الله عنه has narrated the Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم saying: “The degree to which Allah the Almighty likes his servants to become His worshippers, by their hard work, in the first ten days of this month is greater than on any other days. Fasting for each day during this period is equal to a year’s fasting and standing in worship at night is equal to worshipping at the *Shab al-Qadr*.”

(Tirmidhi Sharif VI, p150, No. 676/Tartib Sharif, p849)

Ḥaḍrat ‘Ali رضي الله عنه has narrated the Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم saying: “When the first ten days of *Dhu Al-Hijjah* arrive, make every effort to establish worship because Allāh the Almighty has granted superiority to these days and the honour of its night is equal to that of the day. If one stands in prayer during the last third of one of the ten nights and performs four *raka’ats*, reciting *Surah Al-Fatiha*, *Surah Falaq*, *Surah an-Nas* once followed by *Surah Al-Ikhlās* and *Ayat al-Kursi* three times in each *raka’at*, and then raises his hands supplicating thus:

سُبْحَانَ ذِي الْعِزَّةِ وَالْجَبْرُوتِ سُبْحَانَ ذِي الْقُدْرَةِ وَالْمَلَكُوتِ سُبْحَانَ الْحَيِّ الَّذِي لَا يَمُوتُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ يُحْيِي وَيَمِيتُ وَهُوَ حَيٌّ لَا يَمُوتُ سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ وَالْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ كَثِيرًا طَيِّبًا مُبَارَكًا عَلَى كُلِّ حَالٍ اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ كَبِيرًا رَبَّنَا جَلَّ جَلَالُهُ وَقُدْرَتُهُ بِكُلِّ مَكَانٍ

*Subhan al-‘izzati wal-jabaruti! Subhana dhil-qudrati walmalakuti. Subha al-hayy-il-ladhi la ya-mutu! La ilaha illa huwa yuhyi wa yumitu wa howa hay-ul-layamutu! Subhan Allāhi Rabb al-ibadi wal-baladi wal-hamdulillahi kathiran tayyibun mubarakan ‘ala kullihalin! Allāhu Akbar kabiran! Rabbana jallajalahu wa qudratuhu bikulli makanin!*

(Glorified be the Honoured and the Powerful! Glorified be the Sovereign and the Ruler! Glorified be the Lord Who is Living and has



no Death! There is no god but Allāh Who imparts life and causes death. Glorified be Allāh Who is the Lord of servants and the states. Praise be to Allāh in abundance, the most Pure, the Blessed in all circumstances. Allāh is Great, the Most Great. He is the Lord, the Majestic, the Most Powerful of all)

Then he/she can ask for anything in *du'a*. The reward for this is equal to performing *Hajj* of the sanctified *Baitullah* (House of Allāh the Almighty) and visiting the shrine of the Holy Prophet (ﷺ) and *Jehad* in the path of Allāh the Almighty.

If he/she performs this prayer during all ten nights, Allāh the Almighty will grant the highest place in Heaven, wipe out all the evil deeds and command to make a new start with a clean slate. If he fasts on the Day of Arafat, worships during the night and supplicates with the above *du'a*, crying most sincerely in the presence of Allāh the Almighty, Allāh the Almighty will order the angels: “Stand witness that I have forgiven him/her and have considered him/her as one of the *Hujjaj*.” The Holy Prophet (ﷺ) added: “The angels will give glad tidings to the true Muslim for this prayer and the supplication.”

(*Ghunya al-Talibin*, p76-78/*Tartib Sharif*, p 851-52)

The Holy Prophet (ﷺ) said: “One who fasts on the first day of *Dhu Al-Hijjah* will be regarded as having participated in *Jehad* in the path of Allāh the Almighty for two thousand years without resting even for a single moment. If one fasts on the second day, he will have the recompense as though he had worshipped Allāh the Almighty for two thousand years. If one fasts on the third day, the reward will be as if one sets free three thousand slaves from the descendants of Ḥaḍrat Isma'il (عليه السلام). If one fasts on the fourth day, then he will be rewarded equivalent to four thousand years of worship. Fasting on the fifth day would accrue the recompense equivalent to clothing five thousand naked people. Fasting for the sixth would bring about recompense worth six thousand martyrs. The one fasting on all the seventh day has the seven doors to Hell forbidden for him. The one fasting on the eighth day will have all the eight doors of Heaven opened for him.”



Another tradition has it: “If one fasts on the first day of *Dhu Al-Hijjah*, it would be as if he had recited the *Holy Qur'an* thirty six thousand times.”

(*Rahat al-Qulub, Risala as-Shuhur*)

If one performs six units of prayer on Friday during this month, reciting in each raka'at *Surah Fatiha* followed by *Surah Al-Ikhlās* fifteen times and after the finishing salute (*salam*) he recites:

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ الْمَلِكُ الْحَقُّ الْمُبِينُ

“... *La laha ill Allāhu mulku al-haq al-mubin* (there is no god but Allāh Who is the clear truth and ruler) and ten times the *darud sharif*, Allāh the Almighty will not admit anyone else to Heaven before him.”

(*Rahat al-Qulub – Risala Fada'il Ash-Shuhur*)

The Holy Prophet ﷺ said: “If one performs two *raka'ats* after the *witar* of the '*Isha*' for first ten nights of *Dhu Al-Hijjah*, reciting in each unit *Surah Al-Fatiha* once followed by *Surah Al-Kawthar* and *Surah Al-Ikhlās* three times each, Allāh the Almighty will admit him into the station of *A'la- Aliyyin* (the Most Near to Allāh the Almighty) and will write in lieu for each of his hair recompense of a thousand good deeds and rewards equal to *Sadaqah* of 1000 *Dinar*.”

(*Rahat Al-Qulub – Risala Fada'il Ash-Shuhur*)

If one performs two *Nawafil*s after the ritual sacrifice, reciting after *Surah Al-Fatiha*, *Surah Ash-Shams* five times in each will join in the recompense for the *Hujjaj*, has his sacrifice accepted near to Allāh the Almighty and receive recompense in lieu for each of the hair of the sacrifice.” The Companions beseeched the Holy Prophet ﷺ: “O the Holy Prophet ﷺ! If one is a *faqir* (the poor) who has not the ability to offer a sacrifice, what would he do?” The Holy Prophet ﷺ said: “After the *Eid* prayer, he should perform two units of *nafal* prayer, reciting *Surah Fatiha* once followed by *Surah Al-Kawthar* three times, Allāh the Almighty will grant him the recompense of the sacrifice of the camel.”

(*Rahat Al-Qulub – Risala Fada'il Ash-Shuhur*)



The reward of performing *Ghusal on* Eid-ul-Adha is as if someone dived into the River of Mercy and had all his sins forgiven. If one wears new clothes and gives away the old to the poor, Allāh the Almighty will help him dress in seventy dresses made of *Nur* and stand in the shadow of the Praised. If one wears perfume out of respect for the Angels who shake the hands of the true muslims, he will receive in his book of deeds the reward of giving freedom to a slave.

*(Rahat Al-Qulub – Risala Fada'il Ash-Shuhur)*

