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The Best Deeds to Perform in the First Ten Days of *Dhul Hijjah*

All praise is due to Allah, the Lord of all worlds, Who says in His Ever Glorious Book, **“Allah decrees that there are twelve months- ordained in Allah’s Book on the Day when He created the heavens and earth- four months of which are sacred: this is the correct calculation. Do not wrong your souls in these months.”** I bear witness that there is no god but Allah, and that Muhammad is His Servant and Messenger. May Allah’s Peace and Blessings be upon him, his Household, Companions and upon those who follow their path to the Day of Judgment.

Among the blessings that Allah bestowed upon His servants is that He, the Almighty, has specified certain timings for goodness, during which reward is multiplied and good deeds vary. Among these seasons is the first ten days of the month of *Dhul Hijjah*. These are blessed and highly esteemed days. To indicate that meaning, the Almighty Allah has sworn with these days in the Glorious Qur’an to reveal their significance when He said, **“By the Dawn; by the Ten Nights; by the even and the odd.”** Abd Allah Ibn Abbas said, “These ten nights are the first ten days of month of

Dhul Hijjah." The Prophet (PBUH) said, "'There are no days during which the righteous action is so pleasing to Allah than these days (i.e., the first ten days of *Dhul-Hijjah*).'" He was asked: "O Messenger of Allah, not even Jihad in the Cause of Allah?" He (PBUH) replied, "Not even Jihad in the Cause of Allah, except in case one goes forth with his life and his property and does not return with either of it."

Among the best deeds to perform during these days is fasting (*Sawm*), especially on the ninth day (the day of '*Arafah*) except for the person performing *Hajj* (pilgrimage). The Prophet (PBUH) was asked about the observance of fasting (*Sawm*) on the day of '*Arafah*. He said, "It is an expiation for the sins of the preceding year and the current year.'"

In addition, among the best deeds to perform during these days is to make *Dhikr* (remembrance of the Name of Allah) as the Almighty Allah says, **"To celebrate Allah's Name, on specified days, over the livestock He has provided for them."** Abd Allah Ibn Abbas said, "These ten "specified days" are the first ten days of month of *Dhul Hijjah.*" The Prophet (PBUH) said, "There are no days in which righteous deeds are greater and more beloved to Allah than those ten days. So, "Increase your *Tahleel* (saying "*there is no god but Allah*"), *Takbeer* (saying *Allahu is the Greatest*) and *Tahmid* (saying *Praise be to Allah*) during these days."

Also, among the deeds to be performed during the ten days of *Dhul Hijjah* is: slaughtering a sacrificial animal for the sake of Allah, as this is the *Sunnah* of our Prophet (PBUH) and an act of commemorating Prophet

Abraham (PBUH). This also represents relief for the poor and the needy. The Almighty Allah says, **“It is neither their meat nor their blood that reaches Allah but your piety. He has subjected them to you in this way so that you may glorify Allah for having guided you. Give good news to those who do good.”** Allah also commanded us saying, **“So pray to your Lord and make your sacrifice to Him alone.”** Anas Ibn Malik said, “The Prophet (PBUH) offered as sacrifices, two horned rams, black and white in color. He slaughtered them with his own hands and mentioned Allah's Name over them and said *Takbeer*.”

Sacrificing animals may be performed by the person himself at the specified places, or by proxy through the project of sacrificial *sukuk*, as this project is a kind of delegation or proxy which has many benefits.

All praise is due to Allah, Lord of the Worlds; may Allah's Peace and Blessings be upon Prophet Muhammad (PBUH), his companions and followers:

Furthermore, one of the best deeds to perform in these days is to give charity especially for the relatives and the needy in order to foster the spirit of solidarity, compassion, tolerance, love, joy and happiness among individuals of the society. Our Prophet (PBUH) said, “The most beloved people to Allah are those who are most beneficial to people. The most beloved deed to Allah is to make a Muslim happy, or to remove one of his

troubles, or to forgive his debt, or to feed his hunger. That I walk with a brother regarding a need is more beloved to me than that I seclude myself in this mosque for a month.” the Messenger of Allah (PBUH) said: “Indeed charity extinguishes the Lord's anger and it protects against the evil death.” The Prophet (PBUH) also said, “Whoever loves that he be granted more wealth and that his age extended, then he should keep good relations with relatives.”

We ask Allah to accept our good deeds, to protect Egypt, and raise its flag high among all countries of the world!