

Goals of Hajj – Class #2

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1. **Fulfilling tawheed and sincerity in worship to Allah (الله).**
2. **Purifying the self from dispraised manners.** Why is it specifically mentioned to not do the following in hajj: (فَلَا رَفَثَ وَلَا فُسُوقَ وَلَا جِدَالَ فِي الْحَجِّ) (he should not have sexual relations (with his wife), nor commit sin, nor dispute unjustly during the Hajj.), because each of these actions shows a certain kind of power in the self, subhan Allah.

The human being has four powers that can control him:

- Bestial and angry power: the lions and beast animals want power. Such people have a lot of ego.
- Cattle-like and lustful power: his desires overcome him
- Illusive and satanic power: the shaitan puts an illusion and scenario in the person's mind. For example a person sees a group of people and thinks they're plotting against him.
- Mental power

A person has to use these powers for Allah, except the satanic, for example defend for Allah, desire for Allah and mental power for Allah by pondering the ayat.

(رَفَثَ): shows lustful and desirous power. When a person controls indecency which is related to a relation then he'll be able to control his desires.

(فُسُوقَ): is bestial and angry power. This person is stubborn and wants to dominate; he's rebellious.

(جِدَالَ): is illusive and satanic power. The one arguing is just following the shaitan.

All worships purify us from bad manners. It can't be that we're fasting and we're mean, or we give sadaqah and we remind others of our favor.

The Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) could hear the people behind him were noisy during the hajj, so he told them 'as sakina, as sakina, be tranquil, be tranquil'. Goodness is not by going fast and showing you're a busy body or that you're so involved. It's not birr to run to get a seat, or to run to the prayer or to rush to the Black Stone. Hajj is teaching us tranquility within ourselves and with others. If there's no sakina and tranquility then we'll harm others.

3. **Beautifying the self with taqwa.** Surah Al 'Araf 26: (يَا بَنِي آدَمَ خُذُوا زِينَتَكُمْ مِمَّا فِي آيَاتِنَا وَلَا تَأْكُلُوا أَمْوَالَكُم بَيْنَكُم بِالْبُخْسِ ذَٰلِكُمْ سَاءَ مَا يَكُونُ لِقَاءِ الْمُحْسِنِينَ) (O children of Adam, We have bestowed upon you clothing to conceal your private parts and as adornment. But the clothing of righteousness - that is best. That is from the signs of Allah that perhaps they will remember.) – we need to beautify the nafs with taqwa and taqwa is all the actions of the heart from love, hope, fear, tawakul, isti'ana, patience, gratitude. Without taqwa then we'd be ugly. We need to clean ourselves and then we can beautify. If you have

expensive furniture but a dirty house, it's not beautiful. Or if a person doesn't clean himself but wears expensive clothing then this is not nice. When there's no taqwa, then you'll see each other's faults. Taqwa conceals the faults of the faults of the person, just as we don't like to be seen without clothes, we don't like others to see our faults. Surah Al Baqarah 179: فِيهِنَّ قَرَضَ فَمَنْ مَعْلُومَاتُ شَهْرًا لَحْجُ (Hajj is [during] well-known months, so whoever has made Hajj obligatory upon himself therein [by entering the state of ihram], there is [to be for him] no sexual relations and no disobedience and no disputing during Hajj. And whatever good you do - Allah knows it. And take provisions, but indeed, the best provision is fear of Allah. And fear Me, O you of understanding.). We need to take taqwa with us during hajj, even if we don't see the people again. Also when a person goes to travel then he should increase in provision. There are those who go to hajj and they don't bring provision with them thinking, 'I'll get whatever is there'. The more a person takes provision then it shows from his generosity and good manners, subhan Allah. To have provision is praiseworthy. Sometimes we go on a car trip and we don't bother to bring snacks with us thinking we'll get it along the way, but sometimes we're in need. The longer the travel, the more people we'll meet so the more provision we'll need, so what about taqwa? Subhan Allah. The most which will take people to paradise are taqwa and good manners. When there's taqwa inside then beautiful manners will come out. When there's no taqwa and only following desires then bad manners will come out.

May Allah (ﷻ) grant us taqwa. Ameen.