

## Goals of Hajj – Class #3

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1. Fulfilling tawheed and sincerity in worship to Allah (ﷻ).
2. Purifying the self from dispraised manners.
3. Beautifying the self with taqwa.
4. Establishing the remembrance of Allah and gratitude to Him for the blessings. The tawaf, sa'ee and jamarat are to establish the remembrance of Allah. When you remember Allah then you'll grateful. When you return from hajj then you'll appreciate everything, even a cup of water.

Remembering Allah in the Quran:

#### Surah Al Baqarah 198-201:

(١٩٧) لَيْسَ عَلَيْكُمْ جُنَاحٌ أَنْ تَبْتَغُوا فَضْلًا مِنْ رَبِّكُمْ فَإِذَا أَفَضْتُمْ مِنْ عَرَفَاتٍ فَأَذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ عِنْدَ الْمَشْعَرِ الْحَرَامِ وَاذْكُرُوهُ كَمَا هَدَاكُمْ وَإِنْ كُنْتُمْ مِنْ قَبْلِهِ لَمَنِ الضَّالِّينَ (١٩٨) ثُمَّ أَفِيضُوا مِنْ حَيْثُ أَفَاضَ النَّاسُ وَاسْتَغْفِرُوا اللَّهَ إِنَّ اللَّهَ غَفُورٌ رَحِيمٌ (١٩٩) فَإِذَا قَضَيْتُمْ مِنْ سَكَكُمْ فَأَذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ كَذِكْرِكُمْ آبَاءَكُمْ أَوْ أَشْدَّ ذِكْرًا فَمِنَ النَّاسِ مَنْ يَقُولُ رَبَّنَا آتِنَا فِي الدُّنْيَا وَمَا لَهُ فِي الْآخِرَةِ مِنْ خَلْقٍ (٢٠٠) وَمِنْهُمْ مَنْ يَقُولُ رَبَّنَا آتِنَا فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِي الْآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ (٢٠١)

There is no sin on you if you seek the Bounty of your Lord (during pilgrimage by trading). Then when you leave 'Arafât, remember Allâh (by glorifying His Praises, i.e. prayers and invocations,) at the Mash'ar-il-Harâm. And remember Him (by invoking Allâh for all good) as He has guided you, and verily, you were, before, of those who were astray. (198) Then depart from the place whence all the people depart and ask Allâh for His Forgiveness. Truly, Allâh is Oft-Forgiving, Most-Merciful.

(199) So when you have accomplished your Manasik remember Allâh as you remember your forefathers or with a far more remembrance. But of mankind there are some who say: "Our Lord! Give us (Your Bounties) in this world!" and for such there will be no portion in the Hereafter. (200) And of them there are some who say: "Our Lord! Give us in this world that which is good and in the Hereafter that which is good, and save us from the torment of the Fire!" (201)

After 'Arafah, a person needs to remember Allah. These places are training us to establish the remembrance of Allah. And we need to remember how Allah guided us. Remember the feeling when you were lost and you reached home safely. May Allah make us safely reach our homes in paradise. Ameen. After finishing Muzdalifah, all will go like a flood to the tawaf. Before the people of Quraish would not do tawaf until all the people who came to Makkah would do tawaf first though Allah said all should do tawaf. Then a person needs to seek forgiveness, even after a worship. If we took care of our dhikr in the moments of transition then we will establish the remembrance of Allah. May Allah help us. Ameen. We need to remember Allah much just as we remember our parents. We need to make dua and there are people who are only asking for duniya – they want a house, children, husband, money though its important to ask for the goodness of the duniya. Some people have money, children and a husband but it's stressful. So it's important to ask for the goodness of the duniya and goodness of the akhira and the dua is in the plural so you're asking for everyone. It's dispraised to make dua only for duniya. Also when we ask, we shouldn't limit ourselves with only a few things, we should keep it open and that's why we ask for goodness in the duniya and akhira.

Hadith: Abu Bakr As-Siddiq (may Allah be pleased with him) narrated that: The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) was asked: "Which Hajj is the most virtuous?" He said: "That with raised voices (Al-Ajj) and the flow of blood (of the sacrifice) (Ath-Thajj)." - Jami` at-Tirmidhi 827

The best hajj is the one where the takbeer and the talbiyah are being said loudly by the man, though ladies don't raise their voice. If the talbiyah is not being said loudly then it doesn't feel like hajj, subhan Allah. And the best hajj is where the blood of the sacrifice is flowing. For those going to hajj each person needs to sacrifice one ram, as for those not going to hajj then only one ram is sacrificed for the entire household and this includes the living and dead. Also it's only for those who are capable of affording it. A person doesn't need to sacrifice for the Prophet (ﷺ). We can't oblige people to do something which Allah didn't make obligatory. It's a great sin to make things haram while they are halal and to make matters halal while they are haram because this is fabricating a lie against Allah.

In Surah Al Hajj, the mentioning of Allah's remembrance is mentioned for the sacrifice. Before the sacrifice, a person says 'Bism Allah'. There are people sacrificing for other than the sake of Allah. There are those sacrificing for the house, sacrificing for idols, sacrifice for the devil, astaghfar Allah. When a person says 'Bism Allah', then it teaches him submission because look at how saying 'Bism Allah' causes the animal to submit. This is a lesson for us, not for the them because they will not go to paradise when they submit, subhan Allah. This is teaching us how to be mukhbiteen, to completely surrender. Allah didn't just subject the animals in order to eat, but to teach us to surrender. We're all struggling in this life, and no matter how much we resist, we will surrender, subhan Allah.

Who are the mukhbiteen? When Allah is mentioned, it affects their heart because they surrendered. They are patient when afflicted, they establish the prayer and give zakat. Even the budn which are large animals for sacrifice such as the cow and camel surrender. So big and small animals surrender when 'Bism Allah' is said.

When you slaughter, you need to say 'Bism Allah, Allahu Akbar'. What can make a big animal that doesn't understand to not resist and surrender to us? Subhan Allah. So what about when our children or babies are crying? When you say 'Bism Allah' they will calm down, but a person needs to believe.

***May Allah (ﷻ) make us surrender to Him. Ameen.***