

Goals of Hajj – Class #4

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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.
5. Magnifying the sacred ordinances of Allah and His symbols.

دَٰلِكَ وَمَنْ يُعَظِّمْ حُرْمَتِ اللَّهِ فَهُوَ خَيْرٌ لَهُ ۖ عِنْدَ رَبِّهِ ۗ وَأَحَلَّتْ لَكُمْ الْأَنْعَامَ إِلَّا مَا يُنْتَلَىٰ عَلَيْكُمْ فَاجْتَنِبُوا ()
سُورَةُ الْحَجِّ 30 - (That (Manâsik prescribed duties of Hajj is the obligation that mankind owes to Allâh), and whoever honours the sacred things of Allâh, then that is better for him with his Lord. The cattle are lawful to you, except those (that will be) mentioned to you (as exceptions). So shun the abomination (worshipping) of idol, and shun lying speech (false statements))

One of the goals of hajj is to make a person magnify the boundaries of Allah. For example, if someone before hajj didn't mind violating the rules of Allah, then after hajj he should magnify the boundaries of Allah. When a person respects the rules then he's magnifying his Rabb.

دَٰلِكَ وَمَنْ يُعَظِّمْ شَعَائِرَ اللَّهِ فَإِنَّهَا مِنْ تَقْوَى الْقُلُوبِ) (Thus it is [what has been mentioned in the above said Verses (27, 28, 29, 30, 31) is an obligation that mankind owes to Allâh]. and whosoever honours the Symbols of Allâh, then it is truly from the piety of the hearts)

From the symbols of Allah is something apparent which shows Islam such as the sacrifice, hijab, masjid, beard for the man, adhaan and the like. If you're in a store and you're trying to find something, will you ask anyone or an employee? An employee. How do you know they're an employee? By their badge or uniform, similarly there are symbols of Islam. A person should respect the symbols of Islam and not make fun of them. When the Quran is being recited then a person should not speak, or if people are praying then one should not cross them, this is from the taqwa of the hearts. How do we magnify the House of Allah? By keeping it clean, respecting the place, and this shows magnifying Allah. In the study circle, we should be respectful and keep it clean because this is a place where Allah is remembered.

6. **Achieve the meaning of unity and sisterhood.** When a person goes to hajj, all the Muslims from all over the world, from countries you would never imagine visiting are all there. Sometimes you will look at people and you cannot guess where they're from, subhan Allah. You don't know the backgrounds of the people – you don't know who's a doctor, who's a lawyer, who's a helper. Hajj is teaching us to be selfless, not selfish. You will notice most of the verbs and nouns mentioned in Surah Al Hajj are in the plural form and this shows unity. When Muslims are together then it's like a body, a wall of bricks supporting one another. Everyone has a role and there's no interference because everyone is good with doing something. The shaitan wants separation and the moment the shaitan says 'she's like this', say 'I seek refuge with Allah from the shaitan', 'she's not like this'.

7. Spread security among Muslims. A goal of hajj is to spread security. A person cannot cut a tree or kill an animal in the harem. Ibrahim (as) asked Allah to make the land a secure place and grant it fruits. In Makkah, you will find a variety of food all in one place which can't be found in other places, subhan Allah. Makkah is a place where you go and want to come back to again; it's not a place you get bored from. May Allah make our lands secure. Ameen. The Companions loved Makkah but they didn't return to Makkah after migrating to Medina because they were afraid to sin in Makkah, subhan Allah. Ibn 'Abbas (ra) chose to be in Ta'if as a way of magnifying Makkah, subhan Allah. He said to sin 50 times in Ta'if is better than to sin once in Makkah, subhan Allah. This shows how much they magnified Makkah. Ibn Ma'sood (ra) said you will not find a place more secure than Makkah because Allah is securing it. The one who want to do any evil in it then Allah will make this person taste a painful torment.

Surah Al Hajj 25 – (وَمَنْ يُرِدْ فِيهِ بِإِلْحَادٍ بِظُلْمٍ نُذِقْهُ مِنْ عَذَابٍ أَلِيمٍ) (And whoever inclines to evil actions therein or to do wrong, him We shall cause to taste from a painful torment)

8. Achieve benefits from the hajj.

Akhira benefits: Expiations of sins, paradise, attain taqwa, reward of dua, freedom from hellfire on Day of 'Arafah, tawakul, mukhbiteen,

Duniya benefits: trade, knowing others, helping others, learning new things from others, to get things you wouldn't get in other places. it's not haram to buy things in Makkah.

May Allah (ﷻ) make those going and not going to hajj to achieve these goals. Ameen.