



Day of Arafah – Day of the Covenant

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- The Day of Arafah is the Day we need to know who we are and what we're supposed to do.

Surah Al Maeda 3: (الْيَوْمَ أَكْمَلْتُ لَكُمْ دِينَكُمْ وَأَتِمَمْتُ عَلَيْكُمْ نِعْمَتِي وَرَضِيْتُ لَكُمُ الْإِسْلَامَ دِينًا) (This day, I have perfected your religion for you, completed My Favour upon you, and have chosen for you Islam as your religion.)

Hadith: (قَالَ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ " يَوْمُ عَرَفَةَ وَيَوْمُ النَّحْرِ وَأَيَّامُ التَّشْرِيقِ عِيدُنَا أَهْلَ الْإِسْلَامِ وَهِيَ أَيَّامُ أَكْلِ وَشُرْبِ) (Narrated Uqbah ibn Amir (رضي الله عنه): The Prophet (ﷺ) said: The day of Arafah, the day of sacrifice, the days of tashriq are (the days of) our festival, O people of Islam. These are the days of eating and drinking.) – Sunan Abi Dawud 2419, Authenticated by Al Albani as Sahih

- The celebration begins when a person knows what he's supposed to do.
- Allah (ﷻ) swears by the Day of Arafah in Surah Al Burooj 3: (وَشَاهِدٍ وَمَشْهُودٍ) (And by the witnessing day (i.e. Friday), and by the witnessed day [i.e. the day of 'Arafat (Hajj) the ninth of Dhul-Hijjah];)
- Allah (ﷻ) swears in Surah Al Fajr by the even and odd, the odd referring to the Day of Arafah.

Surah Al Fajr 1-3:

وَالْفَجْرِ

By the dawn;

وَلَيَالٍ عَشْرٍ

By the ten nights (i.e. the first ten days of the month of Dhul-Hijjah) ,

وَالشَّفْعِ وَالْوَتْرِ

And by the even and the odd (of all the creations of Allah).

- Before our creation, Allah (ﷻ) took a covenant from the back of Adam (عليه السلام). And from his back, all of his offspring until the Day of Judgement came forth. All of us came in the form of atoms and Allah (ﷻ) is able to do everything.

Surah Al 'Araf 172-173: (وَإِذْ أَخَذَ رَبُّكَ مِنْ بَنِي آدَمَ مِنْ ظُهُورِهِمْ ذُرِّيَّتَهُمْ وَأَشْهَدَهُمْ عَلَىٰ أَنفُسِهِمْ أَلَسْتُ بِرَبِّكُمْ قَالُوا بَلَىٰ شَهِدْنَا أَنْ (تَقُولُوا يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ إِنَّا كُنَّا عَنْ هَذَا غٰفِلِينَ (١٧٢) أَوْ تَقُولُوا إِنَّمَا أَشْرَكَ آبَاؤُنَا مِنْ قَبْلُ وَكُنَّا ذُرِّيَّةً مِّنْ بَعْدِهِمْ أَفَتُنكِنَا بِمَا فَعَلَ الْمُبْطِلُونَ (١٧٣))) (And (remember) when your Lord brought forth from the Children of Adam, from their



loins, their seed (or from Adam's loin his offspring) and made them testify as to themselves (saying): "Am I not your Lord?" They said: "Yes! We testify," lest you should say on the Day of Resurrection: "Verily, we have been unaware of this." (172) Or lest you should say: "It was only our fathers aforetime who took others as partners in worship along with Allâh, and we were (merely their) descendants after them; will You then destroy us because of the deeds of men who practiced Al-Bâtîl (i.e. polytheism and committing crimes and sins, invoking and worshipping others besides Allâh)?" (173))

- We are the one who signed this covenant, is he not our Lord and Reformer? He placed it in our fitra that our Lord is Allah (ﷻ) and we bore witness to this. He's Our Lord, Creator and King and we witnessed, signed and confirmed that He is our Lord. This is the fitra which is placed in our hearts. All that Allah (ﷻ) is reminding us with the different ayat is to remind us of this, He is our Rabb, do we have any Rabb besides Him? Surely not.
- We need to beware of being heedless of this contract. Allah (ﷻ) is reminding us of this contract every year. We agreed and witnessed that Allah (ﷻ) is our Lord.
- We are all responsible for carrying this trust and covenant we have made. Indeed the successful one is the one who purified himself and the one in loss is the one who corrupted himself.
- The doors of repentance remain open and it's important that we repent to Allah (ﷻ).
- Let us all together renew the covenant we have made with Allah (ﷻ) so that we head to His pleasure.
- These are days of magnifying Allah (ﷻ) and to say the best dua:

Best Dua on the Day of Arafah

Hadith: (عَنْ عَمْرِو بْنِ شُعَيْبٍ، عَنْ أَبِيهِ، عَنْ جَدِّهِ، أَنَّ النَّبِيَّ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ قَالَ " خَيْرُ الدُّعَاءِ دُعَاءُ يَوْمِ عَرَفَةَ وَخَيْرُ مَا قُلْتُ أَنَا)
" (وَالنَّبِيُّونَ مِنْ قَبْلِي لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ لَهُ الْمُلْكُ وَلَهُ الْحَمْدُ وَهُوَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ) (Amr bin Shu'aib narrated from his father, from his grandfather, that the Prophet (ﷺ) said: "The best of supplication is the supplication of the Day of Arafah. And the best of what I and the Prophets before me have said is:

None has the right to be worshipped but Allah, Alone, without partner, to Him belongs all that exists, and to Him belongs the Praise, and He is powerful over all things.

La Ilaha Illallah, Wahdahu La Sharika Lahu, Lahul-Mulku Wa Lahul-Hamdu, Wa Huwa Ala Kulli Shai'in Qadir

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- Nothing is in our hands and we praise Him because there is no one better than Him. He is reforming and nurturing us. (لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ) is the best dhikr.
- There's no day when Allah (ﷻ) will set free more people from the hellfire than today. May Allah (ﷻ) free us. Ameen.



- Allah (ﷻ) will come down to the lowest heaven and the supplication is responded at this time.
- It's a covenant and promise that there is no one god but Allah (ﷻ). We should hope for His forgiveness and that He will complete His favor upon us and grant us a good end. May Allah (ﷻ) make the last moment of our lives complete. Ameen.
- We're all hoping for His mercy to cross the sirat, enter paradise and see His Noble Face.

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ لَهُ الْمُلْكُ وَلَهُ الْحَمْدُ وَهُوَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ

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