

Advice Concerning the First Ten Days of Dhul-Hijjah

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In the name of Allaah, The All-Wise, The All-Knower, and may peace and blessings be upon the noblest of Prophets and Messengers, our Prophet Muhammad, his family and companions, as for what follows;

Question: Oh noble sheikh, in a few days we will be entering into the Ten Days of Dhul-Hijjah.¹ So what is your advice for the people regarding taking advantage of them? I hope for an explanation of its' virtues and the actions that should be performed in it.

Answer: The ten days of Dhul-Hijjah begin with the entrance of the month and ends on the day of the 'Eid. The Messenger, may peace and blessings be upon him, said about actions in these ten days: "There are no **days** wherein **righteous actions** are **more beloved to Allaah** than these ten days." They said: Not even jihad in the way of Allaah? He said: "Not even jihad in the way of Allaah; except for a man who leaves out (for jihad) with his wealth and self and doesn't return with any of them." [Ibn 'Abbaas-Saheeh Bukhaaree]

So with this I strongly encourage my Muslim brothers to **seize this tremendous opportunity**, to perform many righteous actions in these ten days from recitation of the Qur'aan, remembrance of Allaah, charity, fasting, etc, strive to perform many different acts of obedience.

It's **very troubling** to see that the people are **heedless** about these ten days. Do you not find them exerting themselves in the **last ten nights of Ramadan**? Yes, of course they exert themselves in them. However, with the **ten days of Dhul-Hijjah** you will be hard pressed to find one who differentiates between them and other than them. But if a person performs righteous actions in these ten days he revives that which the Messenger, peace and blessings be upon him, instructed with doing.

Also if an individual intends to slaughter at the ending of these ten days then he shouldn't remove anything from his hair, nails, or body [once the month of Dhul-Hijjah begins].

As for someone slaughtering on his behalf [i.e. on behalf of someone else], then there's nothing wrong with him clipping his own nails or cutting his hair. And if a person wants to slaughter for himself and his household with one sacrifice as is the sunnah, then it isn't upon his family to abide by this principle. It only pertains to the one slaughtering, in this instance that being the father...

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¹ TOMORROW, Wednesday, July 22, 2020 is the first of Dhul-Hijjah 1441 AH