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A Sound Hajj Leads to Paradise

Allah, the Exalted and most High says, "For Hajj are the months well-known. If anyone undertakes that duty therein, let there be no obscenity, nor wickedness, nor wrangling in the Hajj." [2:197]

Forms of Hajj:

1. **Hajj al-Tamattu'**: This involves performing 'Umrah first during any of the months of Hajj, removes the Ihram clothes after ‘Umrah, and then reassumes the Ihram state for Hajj on the eighth day of Dhul Hijjah of the same year.

2. **Hajj al-Ifrad**: One wears Ihram for Hajj only and continues in the state of Ihram until Hajj is finished. No ‘Umrah is required.

3. **Hajj al-Qiran**: One assumes the state of Ihram for both 'Umrah and Hajj. Alternatively, one can assume Ihram first for 'Umrah, and then express his intention for Hajj before doing the Tawaf for Hajj.

For those who choose to do at-Tamattu' or al-Qiran, a mandatory sacrifice is required from them during the days of the Eid. Those who live in Makkah are exempted from this requirement.
Dear Muslim Reader

Of the three types of Hajj, we outline the procedure for Hajj at-Tamatta', as it is the most recommended. In this type, one is to perform 'Umrah during the Hajj months (i.e. Shawwal, Dhul-Qa'dah and the first ten days of Dhul-Hijjah) and to perform the Hajj in the same year, with a sacrifice slaughtered in Mina on one of the days of Eid al-Adh-ha. One may remove one's Ihram garments and resume his normal activities between 'Umrah and Hajj. But one makes the Tawaf and the Sa'i twice: the first time for 'Umrah and the second time for Hajj. This booklet is designed to be used as a handy reference, but it cannot be a substitute for thoroughly studying Hajj and sincerely preparing oneself for this great act of worship. Please refer to the map in this booklet to follow the sequence of the rites. Allah is the giver of success. May His peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, upon his family, and upon all of his companions.

"Indeed, the First House [of worship] established for mankind was that at Bakkah [i.e. another name for Makkah], blessed and a guidance for the worlds. In it are clear signs [such as] the standing place of Abraham. And whoever enters it [i.e. the Haram] shall be safe. And [due] to Allah from the people is a pilgrimage to the House - for whoever is able to find thereto a way. But whoever disbelieves [i.e. refuses], then indeed, Allah stands not in need of His creatures." [3:96-97]

To assume the state of Ihram means to express the intention to perform all the rites of 'Umrah, Hajj or both, when one arrives at the Migat. Each route into Makkah has its own Migat. It is recommended that one performs ghussil at the Migat. A man may wear perfume on his body, if he chooses, but not on his garments. He puts on a two-piece garment, leaving his head uncovered. The garments should be two separate pieces of cloth with no stitching whatsoever. One piece covers the upper part of the body, and the other covers the lower part. A woman, however, can assume the state of Ihram in her regular clothing except that she should not use perfume at all and her dress should cover her whole body decently. She should not wear gloves or the separate face veil that covers the face with the exception of the eyes (niqab or burqu'), known as niqab or burqu'. She may, however, bring her head scarf (khimar) over her face in the presence of unrelated (non-mahram) men who may see her face. Then one should utter the intention according to the type of Hajj one intends to perform. For Tamatta' one may say "labbeyka-Allahumma 'Umrah" which means "Oh Allah! I answered Your call to perform 'Umrah.

It is recommended to repeat the Hajj supplication, called Talbiyah, as frequently as possible from the time of assuming Ihram till the time of the first stoning of Jamarat al-'Agabah in Mina on the 10th of Dhul-Hijjah. Men are recommended to utter the Talbiyah aloud while women are to say it quietly.
Umrah

Tawaf: Upon arrival in Makkah, the pilgrim makes Tawaf around the Ka'bah. He uncovers his right shoulder by placing the Ihram garment under his right armpit while wrapping the opposite end over his left shoulder, and circumsulates the Ka'bah seven times in the anti-clockwise direction, starting at the Black Stone with Takbeer, and ending each circuit at the Black Stone. The Ka'bah should be to the left. After completing Tawaf, one goes behind Maqam Ibrahim (Station of Ibrahim), if this is possible, standing as close to it as possible and performing two raka'ahs. One should be sure to face the Ka'bah while praying.

Sa'i: Next, one performs Sa'i between the hills of Safa and Marwah. He starts by ascending the Safa hill and recites the following verse: "Indeed, Safa and Marwah are amongst the signs of Allah... [2:157]" It is recommended to face the Ka'bah, raise one's hands, make Takbeer three times and supplicate Allah as much as one can. This is to be done thrice.

The pilgrim then descends and heads towards Marwah. He increases his pace between the clearly marked green posts, but walks at a normal pace before and after them. Walking fast is for men only. At Marwah he ascends the hill, faces the Qiblah, praises Allah and does as he did at Safa (excluding the recitation of the ayah). He has now completed one full round. A total of seven rounds is required.

Hair: Men shave their heads or trim their hair (This is preferable); women should cut a finger-tip length of their hair. At this stage, the prohibitions pertaining to the state of Ihram are lifted.

Going to Mina

A Muslim performing Hajj at-Tamattu' should intend to go into the state of Ihram from wherever he is staying in Makkah on the eighth day of Dhul-Hijjah, which is called the Tarwiyyah Day, and leave for Mina in the morning. In Mina, he performs Dhuhr, 'Asr, Maghrib and 'Isha prayers of the eighth day and Fajr prayer of the ninth day of Dhul-Hijjah all at their prescribed times. Dhuhr, 'Asr and Isha prayers are each shortened to two raka'ahs only but not combined. He then remains in Mina until the sunrise of the ninth day when he leaves for 'Arafat in a dignified manner and without harming fellow pilgrims. He should ensure that he uses his time wisely as many people get lost going for long walks touring Mina!
4 Depart for Muzdalifah

The pilgrim remains in 'Arafat until sunset, performing the Dhuhr and 'Asr prayers shortened and combined at the time of Dhuhr to dedicate the rest of day, remembering and glorifying Allah and making supplications. He should ensure that he stays within the boundaries of 'Arafat, but does not necessarily have to stand on the mountain of 'Arafat. He recites the Talbiyah, glorifies Allah the Greatest and supplicates Him. It is reported that the Prophet, may Allah extol him with peace and blessings, used to say the following supplication: "None is worthy of worship except Allah, the One without a partner. The dominion and the praise are His, and He has power over everything." Anas ibn Malik was asked once how he and his companions used to spend their time while walking from Mina to 'Arafat in the company of the Prophet, may Allah extol him with peace and blessings. Anas said, "Some of us used to recite the Talbiyah, and nobody objected to that; others used to recite Takbeer and nobody objected to that." (Bukhari)

5 A Night in Muzdalifah

Soon after sunset at 'Arafat, the pilgrim leaves for Muzdalifah quietly and in a dignified manner. The Prophet, may Allah extol him with peace and blessings, said when he noticed people walking hurriedly, "O people! Be quiet; hastening is not a sign of righteousness." (Bukhari) He should keep himself busy reciting the Talbiyah, glorifying and remembering Allah. In Muzdalifah he performs the Maghrib and Isha prayers combined, shortening the latter to two rak'ahs. The pilgrim stays overnight in Muzdalifah to perform the Fajr prayer. Again, he keeps busy supplicating, waiting for the brightness of the morning to become widespread, and then leaves for Mina. It is recommended to collect pebbles for stoning the Jamarat before leaving. Women and the weak are allowed to proceed to Mina at any time after half the night has passed to avoid the crowds.
The Hajj Journey

1. IHRAM
2. Makkah
3. Mina
4. Arafat
5. Muzdalifah
6. Mina
7. Makkah
8. Muzdalifah
9. Arafat
6 Return to Mina (Day of Eid)

At Mina, the pilgrim stones the Jamarat al-'Aqabah: he proceeds to the stone pillar of 'Aqabah and throws the seven pebbles, saying "Alaahhu Akbar" at each throw. The time of stoning the Jamarat al-'Aqabah starts after sunrise. The Prophet, may Allah extol him with peace and blessings, threw the pebbles late in the morning and permitted weak people to stone after leaving Muzdalifah after half of the night had passed. The size of the pebbles should not be bigger than that of a chick pea.

Slaughter of Sacrifice: Next, the pilgrim slaughters his sacrifice. He can do this himself or he can appoint someone to do it on his behalf.

Shaving the head or trimming the hair: Males should shave their heads or trim their hair. Shaving, however, is preferable. Women cut a fingertip length of their hair. With the completion of these three acts, the pilgrim should remove his Ihram garments, as he is now released from all the restrictions of Ihram except for sex relations with his spouse.

7 Days of Tashreeq

Tawaf al-Ifadah: Tawaf al-Ifadah is a fundamental rite of Hajj. The pilgrim goes to Makkah, circumulates the Ka'bah seven times, performs two rak'ahs behind Maqam Ibrahimi and finishes with Sa'i between Safa and Marwah. On completion, the state of Ihram is completely lifted. Tawaf al-Ifadah can be done at anytime during the days of Tashreeq or can be delayed until the days spent at Mina are over.
8 Staying in Mina

The pilgrim spends the days of Tashreeq (11th, 12th and 13th of Dhul-Hijjah) in Mina. During each day after Dhuhr, he stones the three Jamarat (the small, the medium and Jamarat al-'Aqabah). One may leave Mina to go to Makkah on the 12th or on the 13th. If one chooses to leave on the 12th he should leave before sunset.

9 Farewell Tawaf

The Farewell Tawaf is the final rite of Hajj. Ibn 'Abbas said, "People were ordered to perform the Tawaf around the Ka'bah as the last thing (to do) before leaving Makkah, except for menstruating women who were excused." (Bukhari)
REMEMINDER

1. Devote all your time to the worship of Allah. Remember the noble goal of Hajj. Make a lot of supplications.
2. Engage in righteous deeds. Avoid prohibitions.
3. All of the rites must be done correctly. If you do not know how to perform an act, ask.
4. Never harm any Muslim with words or actions within the sanctuary or elsewhere.
5. Know and avoid the prohibitions of Ihram:
   a. No trimming of hair or nails.
   b. No perfume. Avoid scented soap.
   c. No conjugal relations with your spouse.
   d. You cannot be part of a wedding ceremony and may not propose to a potential spouse, neither for yourself nor for others.
   e. No gloves. If necessary, wrap your hands in cloth.
   f. No head cover (for men) that touches the head. Using umbrellas is permissible.
   g. No shoes, turbans, hooded cloaks, or sewn garments such as shirts and trousers.
   h. Sandals, rings, glasses, hearing aids, watches, and speech aids are permissible.
   i. Bathing, washing and scratching the body and head (even if some of the hair falls unintentionally) are permissible.
   j. Women cannot wear a separate veil that covers the face with the exception of the eyes (niqab or burqa').

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