

ʿEid Al-Adha Sermon

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Praise be to Allah. We praise Him, seek His help and forgiveness, and seek refuge in Allah from the evil within ourselves and from the evil of our deeds. Whomever Allah guides, none can lead astray; and whomever He leaves astray, none can guide. I bear witness that there is no god worthy of worship except Allah alone, with no partner, and I bear witness that Muhammad is His servant and Messenger.

“O you who have believed, fear Allah as He should be feared and do not die except as Muslims (in submission to Him).” (Aal `Imran 3:102)

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Allah is the Greatest — He ordained the seasons of celebration with countless wisdoms and immeasurable blessings.

Allah is the Greatest — He has bestowed upon us recurring seasons of His grace that return and manifest with every Eid.

Allah is the Greatest — as every pilgrim enters into consecration for Hajj and `Umrah.

Allah is the Greatest — as countless voices proclaim His oneness and magnify Him.

Allah is the Greatest — as the pilgrims stand at `Arafat and as sacrifices are offered and slaughtered for His sake.

To proceed, servants of Allah,

Here is the Day of Eid, through which the hearts of the believers find joy and the eyes of the righteous find delight. This is the Day of Sacrifice, the Day of the Greater Pilgrimage, the finest and most comprehensive of the days of pilgrimage rites. So let the believer rejoice in Allah’s noble promise, His immense bounty, and His vast mercy and generosity: **“Say, “In the bounty of Allah and in His mercy - in that let them rejoice; it is better than what they accumulate.”** (Yunus 10:58)

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O Muslims!

Among the loftiest objectives of Hajj, and the noblest meanings of its sacred rites is the manifestation of pure monotheism and sincere devotion to Allah alone — with sincerity, love, fear, reliance, hope, and reverence. Jabir (may Allah be pleased with him) describing the Prophet’s pilgrimage, said:

“Then he began the Talbiyah of monotheism: “Labbaika Allahumma labbaik, labbaika la sharika laka labbaik. Innal-hamda wan-ni`mata laka wal-mulk, la sharika laka (Here I am, O Allah, here I am. Here I am, You have no partner, here I am. Verily all praise and blessings are Yours, and all sovereignty, You have no partner).” (Muslim)

So, make Allah your treasure and refuge, your aim and sanctuary. Whoever attaches himself to Allah, He will suffice him; whoever relies upon Him, He will protect him; and whoever turns to Him, He will preserve and care



for him: **“And if Allah touches you with harm, none can remove it except Him; and if He touches you with good, then He is capable of all things. And He is the Supreme over His servants, and He is the All-Wise, the All-Aware.”** [Al-An‘ām 7:17–18]

So, devote your prayers, fasting, pilgrimage, and sacrifices sincerely to Allah. Magnify Him within your hearts. Entrust all your affairs to Him. Purify your hearts from attachment to anything besides Allah. For whoever truly knows people, places them in their proper rank, but whoever truly knows Allah devotes himself sincerely to Him alone.

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Among the great objectives and profound wisdom of Hajj is distinguishing the believers from the practices of the disbelievers and idolaters in their worship, celebrations, and customs:

“And [it is] an announcement from Allah and His Messenger to the people on the day of the greater pilgrimage that Allah is disassociated from the disbelievers, and (so is) His Messenger.” (Al-Tawbah 9:3)

The Prophet ﷺ intentionally differed from them during his pilgrimage. He stood at ‘Arafah, whereas Quraysh did not stand there. The idolaters would not depart from Al-Muzdalifah until sunrise, but he ﷺ departed before sunrise. They used to stop in the valley (wadi) of Muhassir boasting of their forefathers and worldly pride, but the Prophet ﷺ hastened through it without stopping.

So, after all this, how can a Muslim imitate the disbelievers and idolaters, when the Messenger of Allah ﷺ said: “He who imitates any people (in their actions) is considered to be one of them.” (Reported by Abu Dawud from Ibn ‘Umar; Al-Albani graded it authentic)

Rather, it is obligatory upon the one who believes in Allah and the Last Day to take pride in his religion, hold firmly to its rites, and openly manifest his servitude to his Lord.

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Since Allah, Glorified and Exalted, has placed within the hearts of the believers a longing to behold His Sacred House and a yearning to visit it and witness its rites — while not everyone is able to perform Hajj every year — He legislated in this blessed season deeds shared by both pilgrims and non-pilgrims alike, such as proclaiming His oneness, magnifying Him, and praising Him.

Ibn ‘Umar, may Allah be pleased with him, reported that the Prophet ﷺ said: “There are no days greater in the sight of Allah, nor more beloved to Him for righteous deeds, than these ten days. So, increase in them your declarations of Allah’s oneness, your magnification of Him, and your praise of Him.” (Reported by Ahmad; Ahmad Shakir graded it authentic)

It is also legislated for both pilgrims and others to offer sacrificial animals in devotion and reverence to Allah, following the example of Ibrahim, the intimate friend of Allah, peace be upon him, who was wholly devoted to Allah. Allah the Exalted says:

“That (is so). And whoever honors the symbols of Allah - indeed, it is from the piety of hearts.” (Al-Hajj 22:32)

It is recommended for a Muslim to offer a sacrifice on behalf of himself and his household, and to slaughter it within the legislated time. It is not permissible to slaughter before the Eid prayer, and the time for slaughter ends at sunset on the third day of Tashriq. Whoever has not purchased a sacrificial animal and has not yet made a firm intention should hasten to do so, for there is still sufficient time. Allah the Exalted says: **“Their meat will not reach Allah, nor will their blood, but what reaches Him is piety from you.”** [Al-Hajj 22:37]

It is recommended that one eat from it, give some as gifts, and distribute some in charity, as Allah the Exalted says: **“Then eat from them and feed the needy and the beggar. Thus have We subjected them to you that you may be grateful.”** (Al-Hajj 22:36)

May Allah bless me and you through the great Qur’an and benefit me and you through its verses and wise reminder. I say these words of mine and seek Allah’s forgiveness for myself and for you from every sin, and I repent to Him. So, seek His forgiveness; indeed, He is the All-Forgiving, the Most Merciful.

Second Sermon

All praise is due to Allah, Lord of all worlds. We bear witness that there is no deity worthy of worship except Allah alone, with no partner, and we bear witness that Muhammad is His servant and Messenger. May Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him, his family, and all his companions.

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To proceed, servants of Allah,

Beautify your Eid with remembrance of Allah, declaring His oneness, glorification, and praise. Allah, the Exalted, says: “Remember Allah often so that you may succeed.” And the Messenger of Allah said: “The days of Tashriq (the three days following `Eid Al-Adha, i.e. 11th, 12th and 13th of Dhul-Hijjah) are days of eating, drinking and remembering (dhikr) of Allah, the Most Great and Glorious.” (Muslim)

Bring joy to yourselves and your families and let your happiness in Eid be accompanied by piety and awareness of Allah. Do not spend your wealth in what Allah has forbidden.

It was narrated from Uqbah bin Amir that the Messenger of Allah ﷺ said: “The day of Arafat and the day of sacrifice and the day of At-Tashriq are our `Eid, the people of Islam, and they are days of eating and drinking.” (At-Tirmidhi transmitted it, saying this is a hasan sahih tradition.)

Therefore, fasting on the 11th, 12th, and 13th days is prohibited, except for pilgrims who do not have an offering.

Show your happiness in this Eid, and do not revive past griefs. Maintain family ties, replace disagreement with affection, reconcile your differences, remove hatred, and forgive one another. Be brothers and sisters in faith, united and not divided. Allah says: **“And obey Allah and His Messenger, and do not dispute and (thus) lose courage and (then) your strength would depart; and be patient. Indeed, Allah is with the patient.”** (Al-Anfal 8:46)

O Muslim Women!



Your adornment is piety, modesty, chastity, and dignity. Beware of false beauty and misleading adornment. Allah says: **“But to modestly refrain (from that) is better for them.”** (An-Nur 24:60)

Adhere to the manners of believing women and the clothing of righteous women. Allah says: **“But the clothing of righteousness - that is best. That is from the signs of Allah that perhaps they will remember.** (Al-A`raf 7:26)

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O Servants of Allah!

Offer your sacrifices; may Allah accept them from you. Do so sincerely for your Creator and Lord. May Allah accept our good deeds and yours. May your Eid be blessed, your efforts rewarded, and your sins forgiven. May your joy increase with happiness and delight.

O Allah, send blessings and peace upon the one with the radiant face and glowing forehead. O Allah, make faith beloved to us and beautify it in our hearts, and make disbelief, wrongdoing, and disobedience hateful to us. Make us among the rightly guided. O Allah, honor Islam and Muslims, and humble polytheism and those who associate partners with You. Support Your religion, Your Book, the Sunnah of Your Prophet, and the believers.

O Allah, forgive all believing men and women, living and dead. Protect the pilgrims of Your Sacred House from all harm, and return them safely to their homes, rewarded and forgiven, having had their sins erased and their burdens eased.

O Allah, guide our leaders to what pleases You, and make their actions righteous. Make this country and all Muslim lands safe, secure, prosperous, and filled with faith.

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