The Academy for Learning Islam Presents: Hajj Seminar 1434

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Holy Qur'an 2:197

الحُجُّ أَشْهُرُ مَّعْلُومَاتٌ فَمَن فَرَضَ فِيهِنَّ الحُجَّ فَلاَ رَفَتُ وَلاَ
فُسُوقَ وَلاَ جِدَالَ فِي الحُجِّ وَمَا تَفْعَلُواْ مِنْ خَيْرٍ يَعْلَمُهُ اللَّهُ
وَتَزَوَّدُواْ فَإِنَّ حَيْرَ النَّادِ التَّقْوَى وَاتَّقُونِ يَا أُوْلِي الأَلْبَابِ

The Hajj [season] is in months well-known; so whoever decides on Hajj therein, [should know that] there is to be no sexual contact, and no abuse, nor disputing during the Hajj. And whatever good you do, Allah knows it. And take provision, but the best provision is *taqwaa*.

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Today's agenda

- What do we need before departing?
- What do we need during the trip?
- What do we need at the holy places?
- Spiritual benefits of Hajj
- Social, educational & economical benefits
- 'Umrah at-Tamattu'
 - Questions and answers session

Before the departure

- Mental and spiritual preparedness
- Free of debts, especially religious dues
- Will and last testament
- Free from peoples' rights
- Religious literature & lectures
- Support for those who depend on you
- Men folk to practice wearing ihram

During the trip

- A lot of patience and perseverance (sabr)
- A lot of dhikr, tasbih, and istightar
- Do some reading on board
- Take a good rest whenever you can
- No time for film watching or reading other magazines
- Be as humble as possible, Imams used to walk to Mecca for days in hot sun

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Recommended Books

Reading following books will be useful: Hajj by Ali Shariati 1000 Roads to Mecca Panaroma Madina Take following books with you: Pilgrim's Guide: Selected Supplications Hajj & Umrah Made Easy Guide to Performing Umrah & Hajj Online Hajj Resources: www.academyofislam.com/index.php/resourcess/occassions/hajj

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At the holy places

- Ensure that your wajibaat are performed
- A lot of dhikr, recitation of the Qur'an
- Reflection & pondering over the holy sites
- Historical sites & their importance
- Meet Muslims from different background
- Also take the necessary rest
- Taking of gift back, to a limited extent

Door of the Ka'bah





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Spiritual Benefits 1

- Use the du'as of wudhu to train yourselfDialogue betw Imam Sajjad & Shibli
- If Hajj trip requires so much preparation imagine the preparation for al-Akhira
- Desert = Mashhar, Ihram = Kafan, etc
- You are at the holy place where the Prophets, Imams & millions of Muslims have been. Do we really deserve this?

Talbiyyah- read & reflect

- لبيك اللهم لبيك. لبيك لا شريك لك لبيك،
- إن الحمد والنعمة لك والملك، لا شريك لك لبيك
- Here I am, O God, in Your presence
- Here I am, [saying] You have no partner, (whilst) being in Your presence
- Surely all-Praise and Favors are Yours, and so is the Kingdom of the Universe
- You have no partner, here I am

Spiritual Experience

- We are in dire need of food for human soul because we live in a lot materialism
- Hajj is the best time for spiritualism:
- 1. Cut-off from routine
- 2. Restrictions of Ihram
- 3. Connection with the origins of Islam
- 4. There is another world, besides ours
- 5. Sense of Qurb (closeness) to Allah

Social Benefits

- Part of a huge ummah all united in ritual
- Meeting Muslims from all over the world
- Attending various conferences and get together arranged by Tulabaa
- Meeting of various ulamaa
- Meeting of representatives of Maraji`
- Opportunity to serve 'strangers'

Educational & Economical Benefits

- Learn from those in your company
- Get answers to burning questions
- Time to read on Islam and its history
- Build your network with Muslims who have the same interest as yours
- Prepare your reports & post it online
- Look into the possibility of helping a caravan such that you can return to Hajj

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'Umrah at-Tamattu`: Ihram

- Ihram: niyyah, talbiyah, wear ihram. Wudhu or ghusl not a condition. For male 2 white pieces of clothes, remain tahir, do not tie the loin cloth, blanket allowed if sewn provided do not cover the head
- Know the forbidden: looking at mirror, lying, swearing, quarrelling, men to avoid shade when traveling, removing hairs, tooth, nails and blood from the body

Muharramaat AFFECTION: look, touch, kiss, sex, masturbation, nikah BEAUTY: surmah, mirror, oil, perfume, nail, hair, self-beautification CLOTH: shade, head-cover, face-cover, (glove), 2piece, footwear **DEFENSE:** tooth, blood, arms, hurting, hunting

ETHICAL: <u>quarrel</u>, <u>lying</u> Academy for Learning www.academyofislam.com

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'Umrah at-Tamattu`:Tawaf

- Wudhu a requirement
- Be careful about the number of rounds
- Trade in between the rush & distance
- Begin a little before Hajr Aswad & end a little after; do not haste to end it earlier
- Do not be carried away by the crowd
- Be as calm as possible; it will soon end
- If assisting someone, complete yours first

'Umrah at-Tamattu`: Salat

- Two rak`aat like morning prayers
- After Tawaf immediately
- As nearer to Maqam-e Ibrahim as possible
- Ensure you are out of Tawaf area
- Be ready to be pushed during salat
- Have a partner to stand next to you when you are praying

'Umrah at-Tamattu`: Sa'ee

- Wudhu not a requirement
- Can be interrupted if salat of Tawaf forgot
- No need to climb the hill tops, especially when there is a lot of rush & pushing
- Men to hasten pace betw the green pillars
- Many recommended du'as to be read
- Do not delay it to the next day after Tawaf

'Umrah at-Tamattu`:Taqseer

- Better to cut hair than nail
- Can be done back at the residence
- You can do it for yourself

- After this you are free from Ihram.
- No Tawafun Nisaa in Umrah at-Tamattu
- Rest well, enjoy Makkah & the Haram
- Perform mustahab Tawaf, as many as possible

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