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## 'EID AL-ADHA: LESSONS FROM THE 'IBAADAH OF SACRIFICE



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اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ كَبِيرًا، وَالْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ كَثِيرًا، وَسُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ  
بُكْرَةً وَأَصِيلًا، لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَلَا نَعْبُدُ إِلَّا إِيَّاهُ  
مُخْلِصِينَ لَهُ الدِّينَ، وَلَوْ كَرِهَ الْكَافِرُونَ. لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا  
اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ، صَدَقَ وَعْدُهُ وَنَصَرَ عَبْدَهُ، وَأَعَزَّ جُنْدَهُ  
وَهَزَمَ الْأَحْزَابَ وَحْدَهُ، لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ،  
اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ وَلِلَّهِ الْحَمْدُ.

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي هَدَانَا لِهَذَا وَمَا كُنَّا لِنَهْتَدِيَ  
لَوْلَا أَنْ هَدَانَا اللَّهُ.

أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ ، لَهُ الْمُلْكُ وَلَهُ الْحَمْدُ وَهُوَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ .  
وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدَهُ وَرَسُولَهُ . اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ وَالتَّابِعِينَ لَهُمْ بِإِحْسَانٍ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ .

أَمَّا بَعْدُ ، فَيَا أَيُّهَا الْمُسْلِمُونَ ! اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ ، أَوْصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ . قَالَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى :  
يَأَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تَقَاتِهِ وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ .

اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ ، اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ ، اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ ، وَلِلَّهِ الْحَمْدُ .

- Allah is the Greatest, Allah is the Greatest, Allah is the Greatest, and All Praise belongs to Allah Alone.

- Alhamdulillah, on this blessed morning, we have been given the opportunity to celebrate Hari Raya Haji ('Eid al-Adha), a noble day that is full of barakah.

- We are truly grateful for the guidance of Allah Allah that we chose to come to the place of salaah as the first place to be visited today.

- Let us prove our gratefulness by striving to increase our taqwa of Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala.

- The sound taqwa must be translated into practice, which is through obeying all of His Commands and avoiding all of His prohibitions.



- May we all always receive the rahmah, love, and protection from Him in this world and in the Hereafter, inshaa Allaah.

- The khutbah today will expound on the topic:
- “Eid al-Adha: Lessons From The ‘Ibaadah Of Sacrifice.”

- Allah is the Greatest, Allah is the Greatest, Allah is the Greatest, and All Praise belongs to Allah Alone.

- Traditionally in Malaysia, the ‘ibaadah of qurbaani (or ud-hiyyah) is performed by slaughtering livestock such as cows, buffaloes, goats, and even sometimes camels.

- This is the practice that has been done from the past, which continues to be done today, and remains forever, inshaa Allaah.

- In a few moments, after we are done here, we will begin the slaughtering of the livestock to complete the 'ibaadah of qurbaani.

- And if we are unable to complete it all today, we can still perform it on the days of Tashreeq (11th-13th Dhul-Hijjah).

- Those participating in this ‘ibaadah will definitely attain its reward as it was promised by Allah Subhaanahu Wata‘aala.



- With the rizq attained, may it enable us to perform the 'ibaadah of ud-hiyyah, and continue to perform it in the future. It was narrated that Zayd bin Arqam radiyAllaahu'an said:

- “The Companions of the Messenger of Allah ( صلى الله عليه وسلم ) said: ‘O Messenger of Allah, what are these sacrifices?’ He said: ‘The sunnah of your father Ibraaheem.’ They said: ‘What is there for us in them, O Messenger of Allah?’

- He said: ‘For every hair, one merit.’ They said: ‘What about wool, O Messenger of Allah?’ He said: ‘For every hair of wool, one merit.’”
- (Ahmad, ibn Maajah, at-Tirmidhi: da‘eef )

- Allah is the Greatest, Allah is the Greatest, Allah is the Greatest, and All Praise belongs to Allah Alone.

- The 'ibaadah of qurbaani must be performed with sincere intention, piety, humility, and honesty in fulfilling the rites decreed by Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala.

- Its execution requires money, energy, venue, cooperation, and consensus, and togetherness amongst community members.

- With that, the ukhuwwah (brotherhood) amongst everyone will be further established, and the ties of ukhuwwah partly indicates receiving the mercy and love of Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala.

- Today, the Muslim ummah is plagued with various moral crises, problems, and challenges. Hence, we need to make great sacrifice in every facet of life.



- Among the great sacrifice is to get rid of ugly traits such as arrogance, egotism, and pride or “anaaniyyah”. We should exterminate these traits from infesting within ourselves for it was these traits that had led the son of Adam to murder his own sibling.

- Moreover, human conflicts that had spawned from that first murder and continues until today, all had stemmed from the evil of pride, egotism, and arrogance, stubbornly refusing to fully submit to the Commands of Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala.

- Whilst as Muslims, we are to be in the state of obedience to Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala at all times.

- The Muslim ummah must always make sacrifice in creating unity in 'aqeedah.

- Through sacrifices in continuous da‘wah efforts and wholesome practice of the tenets of Islam, Rasulullah (ﷺ) was successful in uniting the Arabs, Jews, and other ethnicities whom were great fanatics in their tribalism and its like.

- Nowadays, the Muslims of various ethnicities, lands, skin complexion, and cultures are all assembled in Mina, after departing from plains of 'Arafah.

- They would pronounce the takbeer, tasbeeh, and tahmeed, in acknowledging the greatness, glory, majesty, and power of Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala.

- This is the manifestation of unity in ‘aqeedah and ‘izzah, and also the greatness of Islam.



- Allah is the Greatest, Allah is the Greatest, Allah is the Greatest, and to Allah belongs all praise.

- Truthfully, it is still insufficient if we are to perform the 'ibaadah of ud-hiyyah by slaughtering animal once a year, even if perfected with hundreds or thousands of animals.

- Whilst at the same time, there are those within the Muslim ummah that are not fully convinced with the Sharee'ah of Allah with regard to other affairs within Islam especially pertaining matters that are waajib, significant, and even of utmost importance.

- Out there, there are just too many mungkar (evil), fasaad (transgression), and wickedness that are being committed, and will continue to be committed.

- Among those evil is the unrestricted mixing between opposite gender that are non-mahram, leading to incidents that are totally against Islamic teachings.

- Evil acts will continue to take place if we do not correct and teach our family members and the community as a whole.

- Similarly with the entertainment programs in the electronic and mass media, which increasingly portrays scripts and roles that stimulates the audience to commit crude immoral acts, polluting their akhlaaq, and weaken their imaan, all resulting from the effects of watching those type of shows.

- We find many reprehensible acts being committed everywhere in the form of backbiting, cursing, slander, spreading rumors and false news, lying, suspicions, envy, betrayal, jealousy, and false accusations, all intending to humiliate and degrade certain individuals.



- At the same time, other immoral acts such as bribery, corruption, deceits, swindling, oppression, killing, kidnapping, robbery, and many others, continues to occur without any sign of them reducing.

- These continuous mungkar acts will become the source of all social problems, anxiety, and tension within the society.

- Indeed, there are many more mungkar acts being committed in the media, other areas and spheres of life that need to be controlled, prevented, and eradicated.

- Here and there, we find many Muslims that are confused, lost, and heavily influenced with various propaganda or thoughts, opinions, and even deviant teachings.

- Ideologies and opinions that corrupts the 'aqeedah and the increase of deviant teachings proselytizing the Muslims, all must be curbed and controlled in rescuing our Muslim brethren from such misguidance.

- Swift actions in handling these issues definitely necessitate great sacrifices from the Muslim community that are faithful, knowledgeable, and concerned in correcting, reviving, and rescuing the belief of any individuals, families, or groups that have slipped or deviated, to be led and aided onto the true path of pure unadulterated Islam.

- Out there, there are also those that are fanatics and obsessed with their own or group's opinions.

- They are unable to distinguish between the question of truth and falsehood.



- At times, they are seen as lacking understanding or adaab when faced with differing opinions.

- Whilst the great imams and fuqahaa' that often times had differing opinions were never arrogant in claiming to possess the truth alone.

- Let us keep an open mind and hearts, sacrifice our feelings by inculcating good akhlaaq and conduct, speaking with politeness, and avoiding words or terminologies that are offensive to others, remain patient, forgiving, civilized, not condescending, and avoiding wickedness.

- Definitely, the noble efforts in inviting mankind unto Islam will constantly be obstructed by the nafs, the accursed shaytaan, and those that take pride in causing disunity, conflict, betrayal, and animosity.

- Actions initiated by any individuals or groups within the Muslim ummah in rectifying the mungkar mentioned necessitates deep commitment from the Muslims, mu'mineen, and muttaqeen, in continuing the noble legacy of the prophets and messengers, which is inviting mankind unto Islam in attaining mercy as promised by Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala.

- SubhaanAllaah! Our concern towards the many prevailing problems requires continuous action and sacrifice.

- Furthermore, the Muslims must have mujaahadah in fulfilling obligations that were made fard.

- Allah is the Greatest, Allah is the Greatest, Allah is the Greatest, and All Praise belongs to Allah Alone.



- Indeed, there are too many actions that require sacrifice in terms of time, energy, money, knowledge, certainty, understanding, and sincerity.

- Hence, it behove the Muslim ummah to absorb lessons from the ‘ibaadah of qurbaani that was ordained by Allah Subhaanahu Wata‘aala from the time of Prophet Adam ‘alayhissalaam, Prophet Ibraaheem ‘alayhissalaam, and Prophet Ismaa‘eel ‘alayhissalaam, and until today.

- From among the lessons for the Muslim ummah are:
- 1- Sacrifice to defend our ‘aqeedah Islamiyyah for it is the pillar of strength and unity of the ummah, and the willingness to practice according to authentic acts that were conveyed by Rasulullah
- (ﷺ)

- 2 - Sacrifice in calling and conveying the message of Islam to the society, whether to the Muslims or not-yet-Muslims so that they will should the amaanah and responsibility commanded by Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala in abiding by His Sharee'ah.

- 3 - Avoiding suspicion upon any Muslim individuals for it is a sinful act.

- 4 - Always discussing and consulting in reaching a consensus while solving various issues that is of interest to Islam.

- 5 - Ever ready to sacrifice in full submission to Islam as the ultimate source in resolving all problems.

- 6 - Always curbing the wicked desires that is always inviting mankind unto mungkar acts, only to incur the Wrath of Allah.



- Take heed, aside from performing the 'ibaadah of ud-hiyyah with the slaughtering of animal and distributing its meat to eligible recipients, we have been entrusted with many other obligations that also require great sacrifice in terms of time, energy, money, and lives, continuously from all Muslims to ensure that Islam and His Sharee'ah will always be practiced and remain glorious forever.

- Verily, the Muslim ummah must always remain sincere in performing any act or deed that can remind mankind in obeying Allah and His Messenger.

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ  
أَنْفِرُوا خِفَافًا وَثِقَالًا وَجَاهِدُوا بِأَمْوَالِكُمْ وَأَنْفُسِكُمْ  
فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ ذَالِكُمْ خَيْرٌ لَّكُمْ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ تَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٤١﴾

- **“Go forth, whether light or heavy, and strive with your wealth and your lives in the cause of Allah. That is better for you, if you only knew.”**
- (at-Tawbah 9:41)