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**Hajj** refers to tying (the Ehraam), i.e. entering into the state of Ehraam and, staying at Arafat on the 9th of Zil-Hijjah, and the performing of Tawaaf; and a fixed time has been stipulated for this, so if these actions are done within this fixed time, it is Hajj.

Hajj became Fard on 9 Hijri and it being Fard is Qata'ee, i.e. absolute and explicit. One who rejects it being Fard is a Kaafir, i.e. unbeliever. However, it is only Fard once in a lifetime. [Alamgiri, Durr e Mukhtar]

**Question:** What does the Holy Qur'an say about the performance of Hajj?

**Answer:** Almighty Allah says,

إِنَّ أَوَّلَ بَيْتٍ وُضِعَ لِلنَّاسِ لَلَّذِي بِبَكَّةَ مُبَارَكًا وَهُدًى  
 لِلْعَالَمِينَ ﴿٩٦﴾ فِيهِ آيَةٌ بَيِّنَةٌ مِّمَّا قَامَ إِبْرَاهِيمَ ۖ وَمَنْ دَخَلَهُ  
 كَانَ آمِنًا ۗ وَلِلَّهِ عَلَى النَّاسِ حِجُّ الْبَيْتِ مَنِ اسْتَطَاعَ إِلَيْهِ  
 سَبِيلًا ۗ وَمَنْ كَفَرَ فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ غَنِيٌّ عَنِ الْعَالَمِينَ ﴿٩٧﴾

Verily, the first house which Allah chose for the people, is that which is in Makkah. Full of Blessings, and guidance for the entire universe. In it are clear signs; the Maqaam e Ibrahim. And the one who enters into it, has attained sanctity. And upon the people is the performance of Hajj of the House of Allah, for those who have the means to reach there. And for the one who rejects, then (know that) Allah is Independent, and free from any need from the entire creation. **[Surah Aal e Imran (3), Verses 96-97]**

Almighty Allah says,

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And complete (i.e. undertake) The Hajj and Umrah for Allah. **[Surah Baqarah (2), Verse 196]**

**Question:** Did the Beloved Rasool ﷺ emphasise the command of Hajj which has been mentioned in the Holy Qur'an?

**Answer:** Yes, indeed. The beloved Rasool ﷺ emphasised the importance and virtue of Hajj many times, and He ﷺ himself performed the Hajj.

It is reported from Hazrat Abu Hurairah رضي الله عنه that Rasoolullah ﷺ delivered the Khutbah, i.e. sermon, and (then) said, O People! Hajj has been made Fard upon you, so perform Hajj. One person said, Is it (Fard) annually Ya Rasool'Allah ﷺ?



The Beloved Rasool ﷺ remained silent (i.e. He ﷺ did not reply). He asked this three times. He ﷺ said, had I said Yes, then it (i.e. to perform Hajj) would have become Waajib, i.e. compulsory upon you every year, and you would not have been able to fulfil it. He ﷺ then said, Until I do not mention anything, do not ask me about it. The past nations were destroyed due to asking excessive questions and for rejecting the past Prophets. Hence, when I command something, try to fulfil it to the best of your ability, and when I forbid you regarding anything, then leave it. **[Sahih Muslim]**

One other thing which is evident from this Hadith Shareef is the excellence and the authority which has been bestowed upon the Beloved Rasool ﷺ.

The deviants (may the curse of Allah befall them) say that (Allah Forbid) the beloved Nabi ﷺ does not have special authority and legislative powers, yet this Hadith Shareef clearly refutes them.

When the companion asked about Hajj being Fard every year, the Beloved Nabi ﷺ remained silent, and then said,

**'Had I said Yes, then it (i.e. to perform Hajj) would have become Waajib, i.e. compulsory upon you every year, and you would not have been able to fulfil it'.**

This is proof that if the Nabi ﷺ said yes, it would have become compulsory annually, meaning that the beloved Rasool ﷺ simply saying yes or no, makes it law, as the word of the Beloved Rasool ﷺ is as per revelation from Allah.

**Question:** How virtuous is the performing of Hajj?

**Answer:** The performing of Hajj is truly virtuous in every way. It is reported from Hazrat Abu Hurairah رضي الله عنه as well that Huzoor e Akram ﷺ was asked, which action, i.e. deed is more virtuous? He ﷺ said, To bring Imaan, i.e. to believe in Allah and His Rasool ﷺ. It was asked, and after that? He ﷺ said, Jihad, i.e. striving in the way of Allah. It was then asked, and after that, He ﷺ said, Hajj e Mabroor. **[Bukhari, Muslim]**

**Question:** It is often heard that when a person performs Hajj they are cleansed and return like the day they were born. Is there any mention of this in the Hadith Shareef?

**Answer:** This has been mentioned in the Hadith Shareef and there are numerous Ahadith wherein this has been explained.

It is reported from Hazrat Abu Hurairah رضي الله عنه that the Beloved Rasool ﷺ states, For the one who performed Hajj without being obscene and vulgar, and did not commit sins, then he has returned from Hajj purified from all his sins, like the day on which he was born from the womb of his mother. **[Bukhari, Muslim, Tirmizi, Nasa'i, Ibn Majah]**

It is reported from Hazrat Abu Hurairah رضي الله عنه that, between two Umrahs is the expiation for those sins which happened in between them, and the reward for a Hajj e Mabroor is Jannat alone. **[Bukhari, Muslim, Tirmizi, Nasa'i, Ibn Majah]**

It is reported from Hazrat Amr bin A'as رضي الله عنه that Rasoolullah ﷺ said, Hajj wipes out those sins which happened before it. **[Muslim and Ibn Khuzaima]**

**Question:** What is the virtue for women when they perform Hajj?

**Answer:** It is reported from Ummul Mo'mineen (Sayyidah A'isha) Siddiqah رضي الله عنها, (she says), I asked, Ya Rasool'Allah ﷺ, Do women have to make Jihad? He ﷺ said, Yes upon them is the Jihad which does not entail fighting, it is Hajj and Umrah. **[Ibn Majah]**

**Question:** Does performing Hajj and Umrah also bring blessings in one's sustenance etc.?

**Answer:** Indeed, it does. It is reported from Hazrat Abdullah Ibn Mas'ud رضي الله عنه that the Beloved Rasool ﷺ said, Hajj and Umrah remove dependency and sins, like a goldsmith's furnace separates the waste from silver and gold; and the reward for Hajj e Mabroor (i.e. an accepted Hajj) is Jannat alone. **[Tirmizi, Ibn Khuzaima and Ibn Hib'ban]**

**Question:** Is there any special virtue for performing Umrah in Ramadaan?

**Answer:** Yes, there is immense blessing in performing Umrah during the month of Ramadaan. It is reported from Hazrat Ibn Ab'bas رضي الله عنهما that the Beloved Rasool ﷺ said, performing Umrah in Ramadaan is equal to performing Hajj with Me. **[Bukhari, Muslim, Tirmizi, Nasa'i, Ibn Majah]**

**Question:** Will a Haji, i.e. one who has done Hajj sincerely, be blessed with the ability to intercede?

**Answer:** Yes, he will. It is reported from Hazrat Abu Musa رضي الله عنه that the Beloved Rasool ﷺ said, A Haji will intercede, i.e. make Shafa'at for four hundred people in his family, and he will be released from sins, like he was the day on which his mother gave birth to him. **[Baz'zaar]**

**Question:** What is the reward of every step a person takes for Hajj?

**Answer:** It is reported from Hazrat Abu Hurairah رضي الله عنه. He says, I heard Abul Qasim رضي الله عنه (i.e. The Beloved Rasool ﷺ) saying, For the one who has come with the intention of the Kaa'ba, so from the time he mounts his camel, (then) for every time the camel lifts and then puts its hooves down, Allah grants him blessings, erases his sins and elevates his status, until such time that he reaches the Holy Kaa'ba and performs Tawaaf, and does Sa'ee between Safa and Marwah, and removed his hair, or trimmed his hair; then he is released from his sins, (and becomes) like he was on the day when his mother gave birth to him. **[Baihaqi]**

**Question:** What is the blessing of going for Hajj on foot?

**Answer:** It is reported from Hazrat Ibn Ab'bas رضي الله عنهما that Rasoolullah ﷺ says, For the one who goes for Hajj from Makkah by foot, then until he returns to Makkah, he receives seven hundred rewards equivalent to doing these good deeds in the Haram Shareef for every step he takes. It was asked, what is the reward of good deeds in the Haram? It was said, one hundred thousand (i.e. one good deed in the Haram is

equal in reward to one hundred thousand anywhere else). **[Ibn Khuzaima, Haakim]**

**Question:** Many times we hear people say that those who go for Hajj are the guests, i.e. the delegation of Allah. Is there anything like this in the Hadith Shareef?

**Answer:** It is reported from Hazrat Jabir رضي الله عنه that the Beloved Rasool صلى الله عليه وسلم said, Those who perform Hajj and Umrah are the 'Delegation of Allah'. Almighty Allah has invited them, and they were able to present themselves. They asked, i.e. invoked Allah, and He Bestowed upon them (what they asked for). **[Baz'zaar]**

**Question:** Is the Haji's Dua accepted on behalf of his friends and families?

**Answer:** Yes, his Dua is accepted. It is reported from Hazrat Abu Hurairah رضي الله عنه that the Beloved Rasool صلى الله عليه وسلم said, The Haji is forgiven and the one for whom the Haji asks forgiveness is also forgiven. **[Baz'zaar, Tabrani]**

**Question:** Sometimes people delay the performing of their Hajj without a valid reason. What has been mentioned regarding this in the Hadith Shareef and about whether we should try to perform Hajj as soon as possible?

**Answer:** It is reported from Hazrat Ibn Ab'bas رضي الله عنه that Rasoolullah صلى الله عليه وسلم said, Be swift in performing your Fard Hajj, for you do not know what can happen. **[Asbahani]**

It is reported from Hazrat Abu Umama رضي الله عنه that Rasoolullah ﷺ said, for the one who was not hindered from Hajj due to an obvious reason, i.e. matter, and neither is there a tyrant king or such an illness that hinders him, and if he dies before Hajj, then (it is possible) he may die as a Jew or a Christian. **[Daarimi]**

**Question:** Is there any special reward for each of the actions performed in Hajj?

**Answer:** It is reported from Hazrat Ibn Umar رضي الله عنهما. He says, I was in the Masjid of Mina in the service of Nabi ﷺ when an Ansari and a Thaqaifi presented themselves before Nabi ﷺ and conveyed Salaams, and said, Ya Rasool'Allah ﷺ, We have come to ask, i.e. request something. He ﷺ said, if you so wish then I will tell you what you have come here to ask, otherwise if you so wish, then I will say nothing and leave you to ask what you wish to. He said, Ya Rasool'Allah ﷺ, Please inform us. He ﷺ said, You came to ask about your intention of leaving home to journey towards the Bait ul Haram, and to ask as to what reward is in it for you, and to ask about performing the two Raka'ats after Tawaaf, and to ask about what reward is in it for you; and to ask about Sa'ee between Safa and Marwah, and to ask about what reward is in it for you; and to ask about the Waqaf on the evening of Arafaat, and to ask about what reward is in it for you; and to ask about Rami of the Jamaar (i.e. pelting the shaitaan), and about what reward is in it for you; and further, to ask about Tawwaaf e Ifaadah. The person said, I swear by Him, Who has sent You with The Truth.<sup>1</sup> Indeed, I have come to ask You ﷺ about these things. He ﷺ said, when you depart from home with the intention of the Bait ul Haram, then for every

time that the camel raises and places it's hooves, virtuous deeds will be recorded, and your sins will be erased; the reward of the two Raka'ats after Tawaaf are like freeing a slave from the Children, i.e. descendants of (Hazrat) Isma'eel Alaihis Salaam; and the reward of performing Sa'ee is similar to freeing seventy slaves; and the condition of performing Waqf on the day of Arafat, (is that) Allah Manifests His Special Manifestation on the sky of the earth, and He shows Pride over you before the Angels. He says, My servants have come through immense difficulty from great distances, hoping for My Mercy. (O My servants) If your sins are equivalent to the particles of sand, and the drops of rain, and all the foam on the sea, I will forgive them all. O My servants! Return! You have been pardoned and they too for whom you intercede. And for every pebble that you throw at The Jamrahs, one such major sin will be forgiven, which is one that causes complete destruction. And to make Qurbani (sacrifice an animal) is a great treasure for you by your Rabb; and for every hair that you remove, good will be written and sin will be erased. After that, the condition of your Tawaaf of the Kaa'ba is such, that you are performing Tawaaf, but there are no sins upon you. An Angel will appear and place it's hand between both your shoulders, and He will say, Do virtuous Deeds in the future and whatever was in the past has been forgiven. **[Tabrani Kabeer, Baz'zaar]**

This Hadith Shareef also proves that the Beloved Nabi of Allah ﷺ has been blessed with ilm e Ghaib, i.e. knowledge of the unseen; hence, the Beloved Rasool ﷺ asked if he should inform them of what they came to ask or they would like to mention it.

**Question:** What is the reward and virtue of a person who passes away while on his way for Hajj?

**Answer:** It is reported from Hazrat Abu Hurairah رضي الله عنه that Rasoolullah ﷺ said, For the one who dies while going for Hajj, the reward for one who does Hajj annually will be written for him, until Qiyaamat; and for the one who dies while going for Umrah, the reward of one who makes Umrah will be written for him until Qiyaamat; and for the one who goes out for Jihad and dies on the way, the reward of a victor will be written for him till Qiyaamat. **[Abu Ya'la]**

It is reported from Ummul Mo'mineen (A'isha) Siddiqa رضي الله عنها that Rasoolullah ﷺ said, For the one who departs in this path for Hajj and Umrah and then dies, he will not be questioned. Neither will there be any accountability, and it will be said to him, enter into Paradise. **[Tabrani, Abu Ya'la, Darqutni, Baihaqi]**

It is reported from Hazrat Jabir رضي الله عنه that Nabi ﷺ said, This House (Kaa'ba) is a Pillar from amongst the Pillars of Islam. So whosoever does Hajj and Umrah is under the Divine Protection of Allah, and if he dies, Almighty Allah will enter him into Jannat, and if He returns him to his house, then He does so with blessings and bounties. **[Tabrani]**

**Question:** What is that basic thing which makes Hajj compulsory upon a person?

**Answer:** It is reported from Hazrat Ibn Umar رضي الله عنهما that a person asked, What is it that makes Hajj Waajib? He ﷺ said (availability of) provisions and a means of transport. **[Tirmizi, Ibn Majah]**