

A HADITH REGARDING THE BENEFITS AND BLESSINGS OF *HAIJ*

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'Sabeeh al-Targheeb wa Tarbeeb'
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It is narrated on the authority of Ibn Umar - *radiAllaahu anhumaa* - who said: I was sitting with the Prophet - *sallAllaahu alayhi wa sallam* - in the *masjid* in Mina when a man from the Ansaar came and a man from the Thaqeef, they gave *Salaam* and said, "O Messenger of Allaah, we came to ask you questions."

So the Messenger said: "If you want I can inform you why you came and what you want to ask, and I will do so, and if you want I will hold back and you can ask me and I will answer you."

They said: "Tell us O Messenger of Allaah!"

The man from Thaqeef said to the Ansaari: "Ask." So the Ansaari man said: "Inform me O Messenger of Allaah!"

The Messenger of Allaah said: "You came to me, to ask about leaving your house and aiming for the *Bait-ul-Haraam* and the reward for it; about praying two *Rakah* after *Tawaaf* and the reward for it; going between as-Safa and Marwa and the reward for it; your staying the evening in Mina, and the reward for it; stoning the *Jamarah* and the reward for it; slaughtering an animal and the reward for it; and the *Tawaaf* of *al-Ifaadh*."

The man said: "I swear by the One who sent you with the truth! This is what I came to ask you about."

The Prophet said: "As for you leaving your homes aiming for the *Bait-ul-Haraam*: then your she-camel does not place its foot nor does it raise it except that Allaah writes for you a reward due to it, and wipes off one of your sins.

As for the two *Rakah* after the *Tawaaf*, then it is equivalent to freeing a slave from the Children of Ismaeel.

As for your circuiting of as-Safa and al-Marwa, then it is the same as freeing 70 slaves.

As for you staying till the evening in Arafah, then Allaah descends to the sky of the *Duniya* and He boasts about you to the Angels, and says: ‘My slaves have come to Me, looking rough, from every deep valley hoping for My mercy, so if your sins were equivalent to the amount of sand or the drops of rain or like the foam on the sea I will forgive them. So go forth My slaves! Having forgiveness and for what or who you have interceded for.’

As for stoning the *Jamaar* (the pillars), then for every stone that you throw, it removes a big sin from the deadly sins.

As for your slaughtering, then it is saved for you with your Lord.

As for shaving your head, then there is a reward for every strand of hair that you shaved, and a sin is wiped off by it.

As for you performing *Tawaaf* of the House after all this, then by this time you are performing *Tawaaf* with no sin upon you and an Angel comes and places his hand between your shoulders saying: “Perform good deeds in what you face of the future for verily your past sins have been forgiven.”

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