

Bismillah-ir-Rahman-ir-Rahim

HAJJ, ‘UMRAH AND ZIYARAH

INTRODUCTION

All Praise is for Allah, Lord of the worlds, and may His blessings and peace be upon Sayyidina Muhammad al-Mustafa ﷺ, who is mercy for all the worlds, and on his Family and Companions رضي الله عنهم.

All Praise is for Allah ﷻ for bestowing upon us the honour of getting this book titled Hajj, ‘Umrah and Ziyarah printed. May it be a source of barakaat (blessings) and joy for all those who go for Hajj or ‘Umrah and Ziyarah, and may it fill our hearts with nur (spiritual light). Amin.

May Allah ﷻ give a high place in Jannah to our parents and relatives who have passed ahead. Amin.

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When we go for Hajj or ‘Umrah, we should carry a mushaf (copy of the Holy Qur’an) with us all the time: at the airport, while waiting to board a bus, travelling, and so on. We should try to complete the recitation of the Holy Qur’an at least once while on Hajj. If we get tired sitting, we should stand up to recite. And what joy it is to recite the Holy Qur’an in front of the Ka‘ba in a standing position.

What an honour it is for those who have memorized forty or more Ahadith to recite them in the Haramayn Sharifayn (the two noble sanctuaries).

I pray for the forgiveness of my parents, especially my grandmother A‘isha for teaching me love for Allah ﷻ, love for the Prophet ﷺ, and love for the Haramayn Sharifayn. She told me that we should try to sweep the floors of the Haramayn with our eyelashes! MaashaaAllah!

We have included in this book the Hadith narrated by Hadrat Jabir bin ‘Abdullah رضي الله عنه as reported in Sahih Muslim which explains how the Prophet ﷺ performed the Hajj. Hajj is still performed today the same way, all the manasik (ceremonies) in the same sequence.

In this book, we have only included the basic du‘as which are easy to memorize. Those who are interested in longer du‘as can consult other books of teachers in the Ahl as-Sunnah. We should prepare for Hajj and ‘Umrah well before-hand. We should learn the shurut (conditions), faraid (the obligatory), the waajibaat (required), sunan (of Prophetic tradition), and the mustahabbaat (recommended) aspects of each of the manasik (ceremonies) of Hajj.

When I went for Hajj, while doing the Tawaf, I only recited the Ratib al-Haddad of Imam ‘Abdallah bin ‘Alawi al-Haddad رضي الله عنه because it contains most of the du‘as recited during Tawaf except that at the four corners of the Ka‘ba, as recommended, I recited the verse:

Rabbana aatina fid-dunya hasanatan wa fi’l-akhirati hasanatan wa qinaa adhaaba’n-naar.

Our Lord! Give us good in this world, and good in the Hereafter and save us from the punishment of hell-fire. (2:201)

When I came back from Hajj, I informed my shaykh, al-Habib Ahmad Mash-hur bin taha al-Haddad رضي الله عنه. He said the barakaat (blessings) of your Hajj have reached here (that is, to his home in Jeddah). Al-Hamdu Lillah (All Praise is for Allah!)

A Sayyid saadaat from the Ahl al-Bayt once informed me that he requested Imam ‘AbdAllah bin ‘Alawi al-Haddad رضي الله عنه in a dream to give him ijaza (permission) to recite the Ratib. The Imam told him to get the ijaza from Siddiq. This gives me confidence to endorse the recitation of the Ratib while doing Tawaf for those who are committed to its recitation.

We should first try to enter the Haramayn Sharifayn through Bab us-Salam as it is Sunnah. Perhaps there are up to a hundred doors in the Haram in Makkah. So, afterwards, we should try to enter through other doors which have historical names up to the time of the Prophet ﷺ, such as Bab u’l-‘Umra, Bab Sayyidina Ibrahim عليه السلام, Bab Sayyidina Isma‘il عليه السلام, Bab Sayyidina AbuBakr رضي الله عنه, Bab Sayyidina ‘Umar رضي الله عنه, Bab Sayyidina ‘Uthman رضي الله عنه, Bab Sayyidina ‘Ali رضي الله عنه, Bab Sayyidina Bilal رضي الله عنه, and so on. When we enter each of these doors, we should pray two raka‘ah Salat us-Sunnah. There are so many other such things that fill us with joy.

We love to do all the ziyaaraat (visits to historical places), especially to Jannatul Ma‘lah and Jannatul Baqi‘. In this instance, the Saudi police acts in a contradictory fashion. It blocks you individually from reaching Jannatul Ma‘lah, so very few reach there, but when you have reached there, it is hospitable and provides you water. Does it want the rest of the people to believe that it encourages Ziyaaraat?

The hujjaaj, rest assured are not giving up on the ziyaaraat. When I went for ‘Umrah, some policemen at Jannatul Baqi‘ chased away some Arabs from the grave of Sayyidina ‘Uthman رضي الله عنه. The Arabs moved away, but one of them replied:

Hasbunallahu wa Ni‘mal Wakeel.

Allah is Sufficient for us and what an Excellent Trustee He is! (3:173)

The policemen were silenced! Al-Hamdu Lillah (All Praise is for Allah)!

Muslims have also been anguished by the actions of the Saudi Royal Family in that it has allied itself with non-Muslim countries to attack Muslim countries. Astaghfirullah (May Allah forgive). Amin.

We should avoid waste and extravagance, especially on Hajj. If one or more people have been lost, we should show them the way so that they are re-united with their group. There are so many good things we can do while on Hajj!

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