الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْمَلِكِ الرَّحِيمِ، الْمُتَفَضِّلِ عَلَى عِبَادِهِ بِالْحَيْرِ الْعَمِيم، فَلَهُ الْحَمْدُ أَكْمَلُهُ، وَلَهُ لِلْجَلَالُ أَعْظَمُهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنْ لاَ إِلَهَ إِلاَّ اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لاَ شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَلَهُ الْجَمْدُ وَهُوَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ، لَهُ الْمُلْكُ وَلَهُ الْحَمْدُ، وَهُوَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا وَنَبِيَّنَا مُحَمَّداً عَبْدُ اللَّهِ وَرَسُولُهُ، وَصَفِيُّهُ مِنْ خَلْقِهِ وَحَبِيبُهُ، صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ، وَعَلَى مَنْ تَبِعَهُمْ بِإِحْسَانٍ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ. اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ، وَعَلَى مَنْ تَبِعَهُمْ بِإِحْسَانٍ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ.

Praise be to Allah, who prescribed Hajj for His servants to witness benefits and proclaim His name. I bear witness there is no deity except Allah, having no partners.

I also testify that Muhammad is the Servant of Allah and His Apostle. Allah has preferred him over many others and selected him to be His Messenger. May the peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, his family, his companions, and all those who will follow them in righteousness till the Day of Judgment.

The number of months in the sight of Allah is twelve, so ordained by Him the day He created the heavens and the earth; from among them four are sacred.

1. Dhul Hijjah is from the four sacred months of the Islamic Calendar - Dhul Qa'dah, Dhul Hijjah, Muharram and Rajab. The rewards of any good deed done in these months are multiplied, as are the sins.

(Qasam) By the break of dawn and by the ten nights (of Dhul Hijjah)

- 2. The greatness of the first ten days and nights of Dhul Hijjah can be gauged by the fact that Allah **#** takes a Qasam on the first ten nights
- Sayyidna Abdullah ibn Abbas so reports that the Prophet so said, "There is no virtuous deed carried out in any day of the year that can be equal to the reward in these ten days of Dhul Hijjah". (Nisai)
- Sayyidah Hafsah reports that the Prophet never left out four actions:

  Fasting on the day of Aashuraa, fasting on the first 9 days of Dhul Hijjah,
  fasting three days of every month; and performing two rakaats Sunnah
  before the fardh of Fajr. (Nisai)
- Fasting any of the first 9 days of Dhul Hijjah equals the reward of a entire year.

"There are no days in the year wherein the worship of Allah is more beloved to Him than the ten days of Dhul Hijjah. The fast during these 9 days is equivalent to the fast of an entire year and standing up in 'ibaadah during these nights is equivalent to the reward of the night of Qadr."

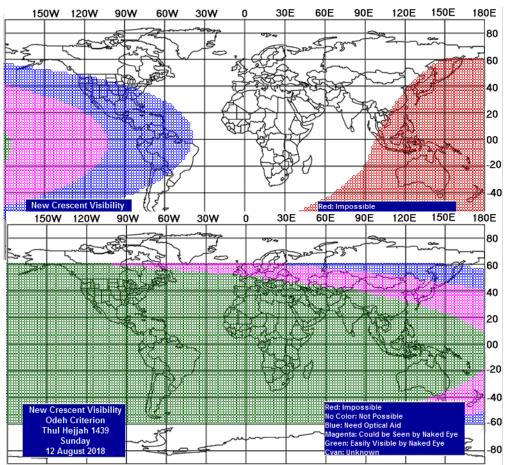
- 3. One should endeavour to make as much ibaadat as possible
- "Yaa Rasulullah, what is the reward of the person who fasts on the day of Aashurah?" "It carries the reward of fasting for an entire year. The Sahaabi then asked: "What is the reward of fasting on the day of Arafah "It expiates the sins of the present year and the previous year." (Ibn Hibban)
- 4. Takbeer-e-Tashreeq should be recited by both males and females from the Fajr of the 9th of Dhul Hijja till Asr on the 13th of Dhul Hijja.

5. The sincerity of your sacrifice will benefit you in the hereafter

"There is nothing dearer to Allah during the days of Qurbaani than the the sacrificing of animals. The sacrificed animal shall come on the Day of Qiyaamah with its horns, hair and hooves. The sacrifice is accepted by Allah before the blood reaches the ground.

## Eid al-Adha and its connection with Hajj

- The Prophet introduced the two festivals of Eids in Madinah. The first Eid prayer was observed in the second year of the Hijrah.
- Whereas Hajj was made obligatory in the ninth year of Hijrah.
- The Prophet connected Eid al-Fitr with the completion of the month of Ramadan & Eid al-Adha was connected with the tenth of Dhul-Hijjah.



Saturday No New Moon Visible for Dhul Hijjah

Sunday New Moon Visible for Dhul Hijjah