

## Lessons learnt from Hajj.

### In the name of Allah Most Gracious Most Merciful

All thanks be to Allah, the Lord of the worlds. All peace and prayers be upon the most honorable of all messengers.

Dear all, after the end of this great pillar of the religion; we ought to stop and reflect upon what we learnt from it. Because Allah makes an act compulsory or makes an act a part of an Islamic law if and only if it has a benefit or good that comes out of it to the person or society, benefit in this life or the next. Islamic laws are all based on justice and mercy.

Allah says: **{I have not created Jin and mankind but to worship me. I do not want them to sustain me or feed me. For it is Allah who is the Provider, He is the most powerful, the Almighty the most sold.}** 51- 56,57.

Allah also said: **{Allah will not get its flesh or blood, but what gets to Him is the fear and obedience you have for Him}** 22-37.

About fasting Allah said: **{You believers, it has been written upon you to fast just as it was written upon those before you; so that you may fear Him}** 2-183. Indeed, the benefit of this worship is for the individual to fulfill fear of Allah.

Pilgrimage or Hajj is like just like other types of worships included in Islamic law by Allah; were brought about for a purpose. It is the duty of each Muslim to fulfill such purposes and lessons. Lessons for Hajj are:

1. Emphasizing the singularity of Allah, and commonality or unity of humans. It is the enchantments that every Hajj keeps calling, and the Takbeer made by every Muslim which indicates that Allah is one, has no partners, and has no competitors. That makes it necessary to call upon Him

alone, ask for His help alone, and He alone be intended with all our worships. Allah says: **{Say all my prayers, devotion, living and dieing is for Allah the Lord of the worlds. He has no partners, That is what I was commanded, and I am the first to be a Muslim}**. 6-162.

While the unity of the slaves is made clear by the size of the crowd that assembles at that blessed location; despite the different habits, costumes, race, colour, language or creed, yet this religion made them all unite, the Ethiopian, the Persian and the Roman European. For they all are descendants of Adam, and Adam was made from dust.

2. The other lesson we learn from this great pillar of Islam is remembering Allah. This is done through regular verbally uttering His name, or through repeated supplications, or through frequent praising and glorifying Him (Tasbeeh and Takbeer).
3. Another lesson learnt from Hajj is the submission and obedience by adhering to Allah's command. This is apparent in many rituals of Hajj; even if no immediate wisdom or benefit can be seen from it. It is done as a form of obeying Allah.

Omar once stood at the black holy stone at the corner of the Kabba and said: "I declare by the almighty God, that I know that you are but a rock that can be bring no harm and no benefit, and if not for seeing the prophet (PPBU) hold you with his hands I wouldn't otherwise hold you. He Also said something similar about the trotting part in instead of strolling between Safa and Marwa and the uncovering of the shoulders for Hajj.

Hager **هاجر**, the wife of the prophet Abraham, knew the lesson when Abraham was about to leave her and her baby in the dessert with no food or water. She asked him

repeatedly “Abraham, where are you going and leaving us in this barren valley, no people in it, and nothing is in it.” He never answered. Then she asked him “Has Allah orderrf you with this?” he said “yes”. She replied: “Then he will not leave us” and she turned back.

4. Another lesson we learn from Hajj is patience, and the good behaviour despite the difficulties; yet all are seeking Allah’s pleasure and Allah’s reward. A Muslim is commanded to have the best form of interaction and dealing with others, and commanded to behave well. Allah says: {This who decides to go for Hajj, let them not do sin, no immoral acts and no clashes, arguments or quarrels during Hajj} 2-197.

The messenger (PPBU) said: {A true good devoted Hajj has no reward other than Paradise. And he was asked: and what makes a Hajj devoted? He said: giving food for charity, and talking pleasantly to others}

I ask Allah to give us and keep for us health, well living and security. And may He grant us the pleasure of worshiping Him. He is the most Generous. And all thanks be to Allah.