

10 Points on the Day of 'Arafah

The day of 'Arafah is the most important day for a Haji. Whilst only a select few of the Ummah are chosen by Allah Ta'ala to physically be on the plains of 'Arafat on the 9th of Dhul Hijjah, there are several virtues and deeds mentioned regarding the day of 'Arafah which apply to those afar as well. Hereunder are ten of them.

The Virtue of the Day

1. The day of 'Arafah is one of the best days of the year,

Sayyidna Anas (radiyallahu 'anhu) says:

"The day of 'Arafah equals 10 000 days in virtue!"

(At-Targheeb, vol. 2 pg.200 and Lataiful Ma'arif, pg.460)

2. "On the day of Arafah, Allah frees even those who are not physically in Arafah. Therefore the next day is Eid for all." (Ibn Rajab -rahimahullah in Lataiful Ma'arif, pg.482)

3. The Day of 'Arafah has also been labelled as "Yawmul Eid" by Sayyiduna 'Umar (radiyallahu 'anhu) as it's the day in which Allah Ta'ala announced the perfection of Islam. (Sahih Bukhari)

Deeds for this Day

4. DO on the Day of 'Arafah:

- Fast
- Recite kalimah shahadah a lot
- Excessive Du'a
- Sadaqah

5. DON'T:

- Persist on Sin (i.e, make tawbah -repent- from all sins)
- Be arrogant

These 2 types of people are deprived on this blessed day.

(Ibn Rajab -rahimahullah- in Lataiful Ma'arif, pg.494)

6. Zikr on the Day of 'Arafah

Rasulullah (sallallahu 'alayhi wasallam) would recite the following abundantly on the day of Arafah:

Lailaha illallahu wahdahu lasharika lahu lahu mulku walahul hamdu biyadihil khayru wahuwa 'ala kuli shayin qadir

(Musnad Ahmad; see Majma'uz Zawaid, vol.3 pg.252)

كان أكثر دعاء النبي عليه السلام يوم عرفة
"لا إله إلا الله وحده لا شريك له، له الملك وله الحمد بيده الخير وهو على كل شيء قدير"
أحمد والترمذي-

7. Sayyiduna 'Ali's (radiyallahu 'anhu) dua on the Day of 'Arafah

Allahumma a'tiq raqabati minanar wa awsi'li minar rizqil halal, wasrif 'anni fasaqatil jinni wal ins

Translation: O Allah! Free me from the fire, increase my lawful sustenance, and keep away the transgressive Jin and humans from me.

(Ibn Abi Dunya, see Lataiful Ma'arif, pg.494)

دعاء سيدنا علي رضي الله عنه يوم عرفة:
اللهم أعتق رقبتى من النار، وأوسع لي من الرزق الحلال، وأصرف عني فسقة الجن والإنس
ابن أبي الدنيا-

8. "Fasting on the day of Arafah will expiate the sins of the past and future year." (Sahih Muslim)

9. Rasulullah (sallallahu 'alayhi wasallam) said:

"He who protects his ears, eyes and tongue on this day (Day of 'Arafah) will be forgiven"

(Musnad Ahmad with a reliable chain, Majma'uz Zawaid, vol.3 pg.251)

Shaytan's Humiliation

10. The day of 'Arafah is the day when Shaytan is most humiliated (due to Allah's extensive forgiveness)

(Muwatta Imam Malik, Musnad Ahmad and Ibn Majah, Hadith: 3013)

Conclusion

All of the above will have real significance to us if we implement it and not just share it.

May Allah Ta'ala grant us all the tawfiq (ability) to practice on all the above and may He bless us with repeated opportunities of physically being on the plains of 'Arafat. Amin.



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