

## Hajj 5

In the name of Allah most gracious most merciful

The Imam talked last Friday about the story of building the Haram Mosque (Kaaba), and about grace and benefits of doing Hajj (pilgrimage) to it.

All Muslims are looking forward to the approaching of the month of the-Hajjah; the new crescent announcing the start of the month; and at the same time; groups of people who are making the Hajj worship; start arriving at the ancient mosque. They arrive with steps of obedience and in response to Allah's command; when he said to Abraham may peace be upon him: {and proclaim to mankind to do Hajj, they will come to you walking and on every lean ride and they will come from every deep and far}. Indeed, they will come to witness what is good for them, and to call the name of Allah. And they will be looking into the wisdom, secrets and meaning of Hajj and its holy rituals.

The greatest lesson to learn from the hajj worship is the singularity of Allah for whom this mosque was built; and made the destination for all people to head to; to perform a worship for Allah alone and no one else.

The pure and clear belief of singularity is the bases for humanity to inherit earth. The Islamic nation only became powerful through monotheism. And it became weak and declined because of lack of this belief.

Belief in Allah alone means putting all hope in Allah alone; and fear Allah alone, and asking for help from Allah alone. And only to rule by the rules of Allah. It is an absolute belief that has no doubt.

For that reason Allah placed the mosque. The black stone at the mosque is a way of identifying a starting point. The black stone its self is not a source of grace. For no stone has a grace. Omar ebn-al-Khattab said about this stone: "I know you are but a stone that has no benefit nor do any harm. And except for that I saw the prophet of Allah (PPBU) kiss you I would never do so". Every Muslim should know beyond doubt that as he or she walk round the mosque (tawaf), kiss the black stone and receive the right corner of the mosque, should know that the one who can do you good or bad is Allah alone. And any alteration in this belief is falling into the traps of having associates with Allah (shirk). The very same reason for which this mosque was built to eliminate. That is the reason the messenger commanded Abu-Baker to call into the people on the day of sacrifice during Hajj that after that year; no polytheists or pagans should do Hajj, and no one will go round the mosque in the nude.

The other point to know about Hajj is that Allah specifies what and how people should behave and obey Allah's commands. HE warns from being lazy or ignoring any of the worship rituals. This emphasizes and enforces the holiness of the Hajj worship.

The third point to learn is that becomes clearer in making the Hajj worship and time a place and time to help and feel for others; being compassionate to the poor and needy, and giving in charity to them. Allah says: {let them witness benefits to them, call Allahs name in specific days, for what HE bestowed upon them of the useful animals. Eat of it and feed the needy the poor.} Hajj 28. The contented one is the one who does not ask despite his hunger and need. And the proud one is the one who is poor; yet he does not ask others.

Point 4, become clear in the value of obedience and fear of Allah, and its large effect. It is the scale by which deeds and

people are evaluated. In text relating to Hajj came in the Koran kept reemphasizing this. Allah says: {take supplies, and the best supply you can take is fear. Fear me; you who have brains}. Allah also says: {fear Allah and know that Allah is has tough punishment} bakara 196. and HE says: {this who is in a hurry, it can be done in two days, there will be no sin for that, and whoever is late; there is no sin for those who fear} bakara 203. and Allah said: {of what you sacrifice, indeed, it is not its meat and blood that will reach Allah, but will reach HIM from you is the fearing him}. Dear Muslims, fearing Allah is the collection of all goodness.

Dear Muslim, if you worship Allah, following his enlightenment, expecting and hoping for Allah's reward. And avoided Allah's prohibition based on enlightenment from him, for indeed you have materialized the fear of Allah in its details in the reality of your life. It is through it that you do your obligations towards your creator, and towards your fellow Muslims.

It is becoming acquainted with others, being friendly, and cooperating with them, with no regard to colour, language, titles, race, nationalities what makes the difference in Allah's scale. There is only one scale that evaluates the peoples grace with Allah: {the most generous of you is the one that fear Allah most.} Hujura 13. It is with fear of Allah that humans are elevated and become graced and honored. Just as Suhabe was elevated, and Salman was honored. And, without it one can become dishonored and disrespected, just as Aba-Lahab was because of his disbelief in Allah and being pagan and one who associate others with Allah.

All praise be to Allah, and all thanks be to Allah. And may Allah reward you generously.