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Virtues & Ibaadat of Dhul Hijjah

Allah Ta'ala takes an Oath on the first ten nights of Dhul Hijjah, "By the ten nights." (Fajr, Aayat 2)

Nabi (Sallallahu alaihi wasallam) said, "There are no days in which Allah loves good deeds more than on these ten days."

Nabi (Sallallahu alaihi wasallam) said, "One fast during these days is equal to the fasting of one complete year, and the Ibaadat of one night is equal to the Ibaadat of Laylatul Qadr." (Tirmizi)

Allah Ta'ala has left Nafl Ibaadat 'uncapped'. There is no restriction as to how much Nafl a person can engage in. Obviously, one should keep in mind one's own health, responsibilities, etc. when engaged in Nafl Ibaadat.

The first ten nights of Dhul Hijjah should not be wasted. Not a second should be wasted. If one cannot pass these nights in Nafl Ibaadat, then at least, one should stay away from sins. No Muslim will want to squander the Special Moments we are currently passing.

We have penned six points of Ibaadat to be made during the nights of Dhul Hijjah which one may follow in order to gain about thirty minutes of Ibaadat.

- 1. Tilaawat for a duration of 20 minutes.
- 2. Two Rak'aats Nafl Salaah.
- 3. 100 x Istighfaar.
- 4. 200 x Durood Shareef.
- 5. Approximately three minutes of Du'a.
- 6. Approximately 20 x third Kalimah.

Each of the first ten nights of Dhul Hijjah spent in Ibaadat will equal to the reward of spending Laylatul Qadr in Ibaadat – **Allahu Akbar!**

Over and above that, all our daily Fardh Salaahs, Sunnats, etc. should be adhered to more diligently during this period. Perform all the Sunnah Salaahs that are stipulated for the various Salaahs. This includes eight Rak'aats of Asr and seventeen Rak'aats of Esha. An effort should be made to perform Awwabeen, Tahajjud, Ishraaq and Chaasht. Also, men should ensure their punctuality for the Fajr Salaah with Jamaat. All their Salaahs should be performed in the Masjid with Takbeer-e-Ula.

May Allah Ta'ala accept our broken efforts, Aameen.