

FRIDAY SERMON

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The new moon of Zul Hijja this year was visible in Saudi Arabia on Sunday 17th May and hence the Eidul Adha will be celebrated over there and in some other surrounding countries on Wednesday 26th May 2026. The day of Arafat will be on Tuesday 25th May 2026. As far as we are concerned, we will insha Allah be celebrating Eidul Adha on Thursday 27th May. Insha Allah we will read the prayers at 09h30 here in Masjid Baitoul Rahma and it will be followed by a collective lunch. So, all brothers and sisters should do their best to be here on time on Thursday next.

We still have some more days practice some good deeds that we can accomplish in the last days of the first ten days of Zul Hijja for this year. So as best we can we should avail ourselves of the opportunity that we have been given to multiply good deeds during the coming days and nights. May Allah accept them from each one among us who will engage himself/herself in such deeds because such deeds are valuable in the sight of Allah in these blessed ten days of Zul Hijja.

In addition, we learn from the hadiths that we should start making the following *takbeer* after each Farz prayer as from the fajr prayer of *yawme Arafat* that is on Tuesday 26 May 2026 until the thirteenth day of Zul Hijja which will be on Saturday 30th May. The *takbeer* is as follows:

“Allaho Akbar Allaho Akbar Laa Ilaha illallho Allaho Akbar Allaho Akbar wa lillahil hamd” which we translate as “Allah is the greatest Allah is the greatest, there is no One to worship except Allah, Allah is the Greatest, To Him is due all Praise.”

All Muslims (man and women) are expected to repeat these *takbeers* after the Farz Prayers.

Now I will share with you some Hadiths about Hajj and Eid ul Adha.

It was on the Day of ‘Arafah that Allah (SWT) perfected His religion, completed His favours upon His beloved Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him), and approved Islam as a way of life! Allah (SWT) refers to this day in Surah al-Maidah of the Holy Qur’an. He says: “This day I have perfected for you your religion and completed My favour upon you and have approved for you Islam as religion. [Quran | Surah Al-Ma'idah | 5:3]

The Day of ‘Arafah is also known as *Yawm Al-Waqf* (the Day of Standing), referring to the fact that pilgrims stand in front of their Lord for long periods of time, asking for His Divine Mercy.

Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) also said:

“There is no day on which Allah frees people from the Fire more so than on the day of ‘Arafah. He comes close to those (people standing on ‘Arafah), and then He reveals before His Angels saying, ‘What are these people seeking.’” [Hadith | Muslim]

What do pilgrims do on Hajj on the Day of ‘Arafah?

After praying Fajr Salah in Mina, pilgrims performing Hajj head to the Plains of Arafat. They recite *istaghfar* (asking for forgiveness) and make supplications, marking the Day of ‘Arafah when we ask Allah (SWT) for forgiveness for our sins.

Upon reaching the plains of Mount Arafat, pilgrims observe shortened Dhuhr and Asr prayers (two *rakat* instead of four).

On this day there is a sermon delivered from Masjid al-Nimra on Mount Arafat..

Pilgrims stand on the Plains of Arafat and make lots of Dua, asking Allah (SWT) for forgiveness.

Dua for Day of ‘Arafah

Muslims are encouraged to recite the following Dua on the day of ‘Arafah:

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ ، وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ ، لَهُ الْمُلْكُ وَلَهُ الْحَمْدُ ، وَهُوَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ

Translation: None has the right to be worshipped except Allah, alone, without partner. To Him belongs sovereignty and all praise and He is over all things omnipotent.

The Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) said:

“The best supplication is the supplication on the Day of 'Arafah, and the best words that I and the prophets before me have said are 'La ilaha illa Allah, wahdahu la sharika lahla hul mulk wa lahul hamd wa huwa ala kulli shayin qadeer' [Hadith | Tirmidhi]

It is also Sunnah to recite the Tahleel (Laa ilaaha il-lal-laah), Takbeer (Allahu Akbar) and Tahmeed (Alhamdulillah) frequently on the Day of ‘Arafah, and on the days of Eid- 11th, 12th 13th of Dhul Hijjah.

As a day in which Allah loves to forgive those who turn to him, remember to also turn to Allah with sincerity and ask for forgiveness for past sins.

What are the virtues of the Day of ‘Arafah?

The Day of ‘Arafah is an extremely blessed day and holds immense spiritual significance for Muslims.

In order to maximize the rewards of the Day of ‘Arafah, we should strive to devote ourselves to Allah, turn to Him in supplication and increase our good deeds such as reciting the Holy Qur’an and Salawat (salutations) upon the Prophet (PBUH).

It is also a time for seeking forgiveness and for strengthening our ties with family and friends.

Fasting on the Day of 'Arafah and performing acts of worship can help us earn great rewards, forgiveness of our sins and to gain Divine nearness.

Expiation and forgiveness of sins

Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) said that fasting on the Day of 'Arafah expiates sins for the previous and coming year [Hadith | Muslim]. So this is a chance for us to gain closeness to Allah (SWT) and reflect on our actions.

Other Hadiths on the Day of 'Arafah

As for you staying till the evening in 'Arafah, then Allah descends to the sky of the Dunya and He boasts about you to the Angels, and says: 'My slaves have come to Me, looking rough, from every deep valley hoping for My mercy, so if your sins were equivalent to the amount of sand or the drops of rain or like the foam on the sea, I will forgive them. So go forth My slaves! Having forgiveness and for what or who you have interceded for.' [Hadith | Tabarani]

Allah expresses His pride to His angels at the time of 'Isha' on the Day of 'Arafah, about the people of 'Arafah. He says, 'Look at My slaves who have come unkempt and dusty.' [Hadith | Ahmad]

Now hadiths about sacrifice on day of Eidul Adha.

Aishah (RA) narrated that the Messenger of Allah (PBUH) said: "A human does no action from the actions on the day of *Nahr* more beloved to Allah than spilling blood (of sacrificial animals). On the Day of Judgement, it will appear with its horns, and hair, and hooves, and indeed the blood will be accepted by Allah from where it is received before it even falls upon earth, so let your heart delight in it. [Hadith | Tirmidhi]

Anas bin Malik (RA) said:

"The Prophet (ﷺ) offered as sacrifices, two horned rams, black and white in color. He slaughtered them with his own hands and mentioned Allah's Name over them and said Takbir and put his foot on their sides." [Hadith Bukhari]

Jabir bin 'Abdullah said:

"The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) sacrificed two rams on the Day of 'Eid. When he turned them to face towards the prayer direction he said: 'Verily, I have turned my face towards Him Who has created the heavens and the earth, as a monotheist, and I am not of the polytheists. Verily, my prayer, my sacrifice, my living, and my dying are for Allah, the Lord of all that exists. He has no partner. And of this I have been commanded, and I am the first of the Muslims. [6:79,162-163] O Allah, from You to You, on behalf of Muhammad and his umma.' [Hadith | Ibn Majah]

Al-Bara' bin 'Azib narrated:

“The Prophet (PBUH) delivered the *Khutba* after offering the prayer on the Day of *Nahr* and said:

“Whoever offers the prayer like us and slaughters like us then his *Nusuk* (sacrifice) will be accepted by Allah. And whoever slaughters his sacrifice before the 'Id prayer then he has not done the sacrifice. [Hadith | Bukhari]

Zaid bin Arqam said:

“The Companions of the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said: ‘O Messenger of Allah, what are these sacrifices?’ He said: ‘The Sunnah of your father Ibrahim.’ They said: ‘What is there for us in them, O Messenger of Allah?’ He said: ‘For every hair, one merit.’ They said: ‘What about wool, O Messenger of Allah?’ He said: ‘For every hair of wool, one merit.’ [Hadith | Tirmidhi]

In the end I will read you an extract from the famous revealed Sermon of The Promised Messiah(as) which he delivered on 11th April 1900 in Al Aqsa Mosque in Qadian in the presence of an audience of 200 persons. This extract makes it clear why what we should be aiming for when we say we are participating in Qurbani. May Allah help us to do so. Incha Allah. Ameen

Masih Maood(as) said:

“In our religion, this deed is counted among those that are a means of attaining *qurb* [nearness] to Allah the Most Holy. They have been taken to resemble a mount that is like a flash of lightning in its speed and resplendence. It is for this very reason that these slaughtered animals have been given the name *qurban* [means of drawing nearness to Allah] because it is mentioned in the *ahadith* that they are a means of acquiring *qurb* [nearness] and communion with God Almighty for all those who offer these sacrifices with sincerity, devotion, and faithfulness. These sacrifices are among the most exalted acts of worship in the Shariah. Hence, the sacrificial animal is called *nasikah*. In the Arabic language, the word *nusuk* denotes submission and worship. Similarly, the word *nusuk* is also used in the aforementioned language to refer to the sacrifice of those animals whose slaughter has been enjoined by the Shariah. So this commonality of meanings in the word *nusuk* points out conclusively that a true worshipper and sincere servant is he who ‘slaughters’ his self along with all his faculties, *and all of the beloveds who have enamoured him*, for the pleasure of the Lord of all creation. Such a one repels the desires of his *nafs* with a force that causes them to be totally shattered and annihilated. He himself becomes consumed with no trace left of his self and becomes hidden.”

So incha Allah our friends will be in the mosque next Thursday at 9:30AM for the prayers of Eidul Adha. May Allah help us to understand the importance of the sacrifice of Eidul Adha and help us to participate in it as best as we can. May Allah treat each one among us with great indulgence because we are all sinners and we are in great need of His Forgiveness. Ameen!