



## Zul Hijjah – The Month of Hajj and Qurbaani

Zul Hijjah is the last month of the Islamic calendar. Though the entire month of Zul Hijjah is sacred and blessed, the first ten days and nights of Zul Hijjah have even greater sanctity and virtue.

In regard to the first ten days of Zul Hijjah, Rasulullah ﷺ said, “The best days in the world are the ten days (of Zul Hijjah).” (At-Targheeb #1785)

*Hazrat Anas رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ has mentioned that the Sahaabah رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمْ would say that each of the first ten days of Zul Hijjah is equal to one thousand days in virtue, while the 9<sup>th</sup> (the Day of Arafah) is equal to ten thousand days in virtue. (Lataaiful Ma'arif Pg. 460)*

As far as the first ten nights of Zul Hijjah are concerned, then their greatness and virtue can be gauged by the fact that in the Qur'aan Majeed, Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى had taken a qasm (oath) on these ten nights. Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى says:

وَالْفَجْرِ  
وَلَيَالٍ عَشْرٍ

*(I take an oath) by the break of dawn and by the ten nights (of Zul Hijjah)*

## Sunnats and Aadaab of the First Ten Days and Nights of Zul Hijjah

1. Fasting during the first ten days of Zul Hijjah is equal to fasting for an entire year, and standing in salaah during the nights is equal to performing salaah on Laylatul Qadr, and the rewards of good deeds are multiplied seven-hundred times. (Jaami' Tirmidhi #758)

2. The Ibaadah carried out during these days earns more reward than the ibaadah carried out at any other time. (Saheeh Bukhaari #969)