

Virtues of Qurbaani

Sunnats on the day of Eid

Rasulullah (Sallallahu alayhi wasalam) has said: "There is no deed that is more beloved to Allah Ta'ala on the day of Eid ul Adha than that of spilling the blood of the animal. (i.e. Qurbani.).

In another Hadith it is mentioned; that the person offering the sacrifice will receive a reward for every hair on the back of the animal.

Once Nabi (sallallahu alayhi wasalam) told his beloved daughter Hazrat Fatima (RA), "Stand by your animal when it is being slaughtered, for verily all your past sins will be forgiven when the first drop of blood falls.

1. To take a bath
2. To use a miswaak
3. To put on ones **best** clothes
4. To apply Itr
5. To perform Eid Salaah at the Eid Gaah
6. To go to the Eid Gaah by foot
7. To go by one route and return by another.
8. Not to perform any Nafil Salaah at the Eid Gaah.
9. To eat the liver of ones own animal after the Eid Salaah.
10. To say the Takbeer aloud whilst going for Eid Salaah

TEN GREAT NIGHTS

The first ten days of Zul Hijjah are very great and sacred in the sight of Allah Ta'ala. It is reported in one Hadith that Rasulullah (Sallallahu alayhi wasalam) has mentioned that "No good action is loved more by Allah Ta'ala than those good actions that are performed on the first ten days of Zul Hijjah", whether it be Nafil Salaah, Zikr, Charity, recitation of the Quraan Shareef etc. In another Hadith it is reported that if one fasts on any one of these ten days (excluding the tenth of Zul Hijjah as this is the day of Eid), he will receive the reward of fasting for an entire year, likewise if a person makes Ibaadat on one of these nights he will receive the reward of making Ibadah on laylatul Qadr. One should read "Subhanallah, Alhamdulillah, La Ilaha Illallah and Allahu Akbar in abundance.

Al-Maktab

Qurbaani

Thousands of Muslims all over the world will be celebrating Eid ul Adha by slaughtering animals in the name of Allah. This will once again revive the incident of Hazrat Ibrahim (A.S.) where Allah Ta'ala commanded him to slaughter his young son, Hazrat Ismaeel (A.S.)

Once Hazrat Ebraheem (A.S.) saw himself in a dream slaughtering his son. The dreams of Prophets are always true. Hazrat Ebraheem (A.S.) understood that this a command of Allah Ta'ala and told his son about it. Ismaeel (A.S.) replied "O! my father, Do as you are commanded, Insha Allah I will be patient." Both father and son began walking towards Mina, a place about three miles out of Makkah. On the way they met the cursed Shaytaan who tried to mislead them. Ebraheem (A.S.) picked up seven pebbles and threw them at Shaytaan, driving him away from them. Finally they reached the place where Ebraheem (A.S.) was going to fulfill this command of Allah Ta'ala.

Ismaeel (A.S.) was made to lie with his face on the ground. Thereafter Ebraheem (A.S.) took a sharp knife and ran it on the neck of his son when he heard a voice from the sky saying, "O! Ibrahim, You have fulfilled the obligation of your dream." Immediately the Angel Jibraeel (A.S.) came down from the sky and placed a sheep in place of Hazrat Ismaeel (A.S.).

Allah Ta'ala was very pleased with them for verily they had fulfilled his command. Until the day of Qiyamah all Muslims around the world will remember this great incident of Hazrat Ebraheem and Hazrat Ismaeel (A.S.)

Some important Laws of Qurbani

- ⇒ Qurbani is waajib on any person owning the amount of Nisaab i.e. approximately R1150-00
- ⇒ It is sunnatul Muakkada to slaughter the animal facing towards the Qiblah.
- ⇒ It is makrooh (detestable) to grab the animal by its back legs or to cause it any type of discomfort.
- ⇒ One animal should not be slaughtered in front of another. This causes unnecessary pain to the animal.
- ⇒ The knife that is being used for Qurbani should be sharpened so that the least amount of pain be caused to the Qurbani animal.
- ⇒ It is sunnah to eat the meat of the Qurbani animal on the day of Eid.
- ⇒ Skinning should only start once the animal is completely dead. (at least five to ten minutes after slaughtering.)