



Rasulullah (sallallahu ‘alaihi wasallam) said: “On no day is the worship of Allah Ta‘ala more beloved than in the first ten days of Zul-Hijjah. The fasts of each of these days are equal to the fast of an entire year, and the worship of each of these nights is equal to the worship of laylatul qadr (the night of power).” (Sunan Tirmizi #758)

Imagine being told that if you work on a particular day, you will receive an entire year’s salary! No one will let such an opportunity pass by. Instead he/she will “grab it with both hands”. Here we are afforded the good fortune of receiving an entire year’s fasting for each day that we will fast. To crown it all, we are guaranteed the worship of laylatul qadr by night, whereas in Ramadhaan we need to search for it. It is now for us to take advantage of this golden opportunity and earn the maximum benefit.

Rasulullah (sallallahu ‘alaihi wasallam) has taught us to increasingly recite tasbeeh (subhaanallah), tahleel (laa ilaaha illallah), tahmeed (alhamdulillah), takbeer (Allahuakbar) during the first ten days of Zul-Hijjah. (Al Mu’jamul Kabeer – At Targheeb wat Tarheeb vol 2, pg. 198)

**Reminder:** It is preferable (not necessary) for a person performing qurbaani to abstain from trimming and removing hair or clipping nails from the first of Zul-Hijjah to the time he/she slaughters his/her qurbaani animal. Hence hair and nails should be removed prior to the commencement of Zul-Hijjah.