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I have reviewed the book and found it to be a serious attempt form and honest and serious *Da'ee*. Through this work he has provided a good and plentiful source of information that helps the pilgrim to do the *Hajj* rites and rituals, from all sides and aspects in a correct way that is solid and established in the Qur'an and *Sunnah*. It fulfils the needs of this everlasting excursion in modern times. It does this in a captivating way with many original ideas. It has enjoyable diversity that attracts the reader to the peaceful cities of Makkah and Madinah especially those from outside the Arabian Peninsula. More importantly, it provides authenticated proof for all *Fiqh* related issues.

We ask Allah (High and Mighty) to reward the author well, give him his due reward and make this book a reserve for him. May Allah benefit all Muslims from this effort and

reward everybody who contributed to it. May Allah accept from all pilgrims and visitors to the holy cities, and forgive them and us all. *Aameen*. We pray on the Prophet (ﷺ).

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Chapter 1

Hajj as an Obligation, Types of Hajj, Who and When to go

﴿يَأْتِيهَا النَّاسُ آتِفُوا رَبِّكُمْ إِنَّ زَلْزَلَةَ السَّاعَةِ شَيْءٌ عَظِيمٌ ﴿١﴾
يَوْمَ تَرَوْنَهَا تَذْهَلُ كُلُّ مُرْضِعَةٍ عَمَّا أَرْضَعَتْ وَتَضَعُ كُلُّ
ذَاتِ حَمَلٍ حَمْلَهَا وَتَرَى النَّاسَ سُكَرَىٰ وَمَا هُمْ بِسُكَرَىٰ وَلَٰكِنَّ
عَذَابَ اللَّهِ شَدِيدٌ ﴿٢﴾ وَمِنَ النَّاسِ مَن يُجَادِلُ فِي اللَّهِ بِغَيْرِ عِلْمٍ وَيَتَّبِعُ
كُلَّ شَيْطَانٍ مَّرِيدٍ ﴿٣﴾﴾

“O Mankind! Fear your Lord and be dutiful to Him! Verily, the earthquake of the Hour (of Judgement) is a terrible thing. The Day you shall see it, every nursing mother will forget her nursling, and every pregnant one will drop her load, and you shall see mankind as in a drunken state, yet they will not be drunken, but severe will be the Torment of Allah. And among mankind is he who disputes concerning Allah, without knowledge, and follows every rebellious devil.”

Surah Al-Hajj (22:1-3)

Throughout your journey, reflect on these opening Ay'at in Surah Al-Hajj. It is a clear reminder of what will happen on the Day of Judgement and also a reminder to those that dispute about Allah. Only from Ayah 27 onwards does Allah refer to the Hajj itself!

For your convenience I have included the meaning of the entire Surah in chapter 14 (taken from *Interpretation of the Meanings of the Noble Qur'an* by Dr. Muhsin Khan). Heed the warnings and take a lesson from it...

The Farewell Hajj (*Hajjatul-Wadaa'*) is known as such from the following narration:

«عَنْ ابْنِ عُمَرَ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمَا قَالَ: قَالَ النَّبِيُّ ﷺ بِيَمِينِي:

«أَتَدْرُونَ أَيُّ يَوْمٍ هَذَا؟» قَالُوا: اللَّهُ وَرَسُولُهُ أَعْلَمُ. فَقَالَ: «فَإِنَّ هَذَا يَوْمٌ حَرَامٌ، أَفَتَدْرُونَ أَيُّ بَلَدٍ هَذَا؟» قَالُوا: اللَّهُ وَرَسُولُهُ أَعْلَمُ، قَالَ: «بَلَدٌ حَرَامٌ، أَفَتَدْرُونَ أَيُّ شَهْرٍ هَذَا؟» قَالُوا: اللَّهُ وَرَسُولُهُ أَعْلَمُ، قَالَ: «شَهْرٌ حَرَامٌ»، قَالَ: «فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ حَرَّمَ عَلَيْكُمْ دِمَاءَكُمْ وَأَمْوَالَكُمْ وَأَعْرَاضَكُمْ كَحُرْمَةِ يَوْمِكُمْ هَذَا، فِي شَهْرِكُمْ هَذَا، فِي بَلَدِكُمْ هَذَا». وَقَالَ هِشَامُ بْنُ الْغَازِ: أَخْبَرَنِي نَافِعٌ عَنِ ابْنِ عُمَرَ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمَا: وَقَفَ النَّبِيُّ ﷺ يَوْمَ النَّحْرِ بَيْنَ الْجَمْرَاتِ فِي الْحَجَّةِ الَّتِي حَجَّ بِهَذَا، وَقَالَ: «هَذَا يَوْمُ الْحَجِّ الْأَكْبَرِ»، فَطَفِقَ النَّبِيُّ ﷺ يَقُولُ: «اللَّهُمَّ اشْهَدْ». فَوَدَّعَ النَّاسَ فَقَالُوا: هَذِهِ حَجَّةُ الْوَدَاعِ «

Narrated Ibn 'Umar: "At Mina, the Prophet (ﷺ) said, 'Do you know what is the day today?' The people replied, 'Allah and His Messenger know it better.' He said, 'It is the forbidden (sacred) day. And do you know what town is this?' They replied, 'Allah and His Messenger know it better.' He said, 'This is the forbidden (sacred) town (Makkah). And do you know which month is this?' The people replied, 'Allah and His Messenger know it better.' He said, 'This is the forbidden (sacred) month.' The Prophet added, 'No doubt, Allah made your blood, your properties, and your honour sacred to one another like the sanctity of this day of yours in this month of yours in this town of yours.' Narrated Ibn 'Umar: On the Day of Nahr (10th of Dhul-Hijjah), the Prophet stood in between the Jamr'at during his Hajj which he performed and said, 'This is the greatest Day (i.e. 10th of Dhul-Hijjah).' The Prophet ﷺ started saying repeatedly, 'O Allah! Be witness (I have conveyed Your Message). 'He then bade the people farewell. The people said, 'This is Hajjatul-Wadaa'."

(Bukhari:1742)

The Farewell Sermon (Khutbah):

The "Farewell Khutbah" of our beloved Prophet (ﷺ) as narrated by Jaabir bin 'Abdullah (رضي الله عنه):

حَتَّى إِذَا زَاغَتِ الشَّمْسُ أَمَرَ بِالْقِصْوَاءِ فَرَحِلَتْ لَهُ، فَرَكِبَ حَتَّى أَتَى بَطْنَ الْوَادِي فَخَطَبَ النَّاسَ، فَقَالَ: «إِنَّ دِمَاءَكُمْ وَأَمْوَالَكُمْ عَلَيْكُمْ حَرَامٌ كَحُرْمَةِ يَوْمِكُمْ هَذَا فِي شَهْرِكُمْ هَذَا فِي بَلَدِكُمْ هَذَا أَلَا إِنَّ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ مِنْ أَمْرِ الْجَاهِلِيَّةِ تَحْتَ قَدَمِي مَوْضُوعٌ، وَدِمَاءُ الْجَاهِلِيَّةِ مَوْضُوعَةٌ، وَأَوَّلُ دَمٍ أَضَعُهُ دِمَاؤُنَا. دَمٌ - قَالَ عُثْمَانُ: «دَمُ ابْنِ رَبِيعَةَ». وَقَالَ سُلَيْمَانُ: «دَمُ رَبِيعَةَ بْنِ الْحَارِثِ بْنِ عَبْدِ الْمُطَّلِبِ». وَقَالَ بَعْضُ هَؤُلَاءِ: كَانَ مُسْتَرْضِعًا فِي بَنِي سَعْدِ فَقَتَلْتُهُ هَذَا. «وَرَبَا الْجَاهِلِيَّةِ مَوْضُوعٌ، وَأَوَّلُ رَبَا أَضَعُ رَبَانَا رِبَا عَبَّاسِ بْنِ عَبْدِ الْمُطَّلِبِ فَإِنَّهُ مَوْضُوعٌ كُلُّهُ. فَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ فِي النِّسَاءِ فَإِنَّكُمْ أَحَدْتُمُوهُنَّ بِأَمَانَةِ اللَّهِ، وَاسْتَحَلَلْتُمْ فُرُوجَهُنَّ بِكَلِمَةِ اللَّهِ، وَإِنْ لَكُمْ عَلَيْهِنَّ أَنْ لَا يُوطِئَنَّ فُرُوشَكُمْ أَحَدًا تَكْرَهُونَهُ، فَإِنْ فَعَلْنَ فَاصْرُبُوهُنَّ صَرْبًا غَيْرَ مُبْرَحٍ، وَلَهُنَّ عَلَيْكُمْ رِزْقُهُنَّ وَكِسْوَتُهُنَّ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ، وَإِنِّي قَدْ تَرَكْتُ فِيكُمْ مَا لَنْ تَضِلُّوا بَعْدَهُ إِنْ اعْتَصَمْتُمْ بِهِ كِتَابَ اللَّهِ وَأَنْتُمْ مَسْئُولُونَ عَنِّي، فَمَا أَنْتُمْ قَائِلُونَ؟» قَالُوا: نَشْهَدُ أَنَّكَ قَدْ بَلَغْتَ وَأَدَيْتَ وَنَصَحْتَ ثُمَّ قَالَ بِإِضْبَعِهِ السَّبَابَةَ يَرْفَعُهَا إِلَى السَّمَاءِ وَيَنْكُتُهَا إِلَى النَّاسِ «اللَّهُمَّ! اشْهَدْ، اللَّهُمَّ! اشْهَدْ، اللَّهُمَّ! اشْهَدْ». ثُمَّ أَذَّنَ بِأَلَّا، ثُمَّ أَقَامَ فَصَلَّى الظُّهْرَ،

"...When the sun began to incline to the west, he ordered that Qaswaa (his camel) should be saddled for him, and he rode to the bottom of the valley of Uranah where he sat on his camel and addressed the people saying:

