

QURBANI

A Sacred Ibaadah!

Not a Festival of Fun!

Rasulullah ﷺ said, “There is no action a person can perform on the day of Qurbani that Allah loves more, than the sacrificing of animals.” (Tirmizi)

Qurbani is a momentous Ibaadah that holds great spiritual and moral significance. It is an act of humbling oneself before Allah and offering a sacrifice while praying to Allah for its acceptance. Allah Ta’ala says, “It is neither its flesh nor its blood that reaches Allah, but rather it is your Taqwa that reaches Him.” (Surah 22, Verse 37)

Allah is not impressed at the size and weight of your animal. Rather it is your connection with Allah and the spirit with which you slaughter that determines whether the slaughtered animal is indeed a Qurbani rather than mere butchered flesh and bones.

There were many of the pious who use to rear a baby animal for the entire year for the purpose of Qurbani. Thus when the time of sacrifice came, the entire family would weep at the pain of slaughtering this pet of the home to which the entire household had become attached.

Contrast this with our current situation today. Qurbani is not a circus, nor a funfare. As we understand that there is no element of fun and entertainment in Salaah, we should understand the same for Qurbani.

May Allah Ta’ala grant us the true spirit of Qurbani, Ameen.



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