

# THE REWARD OF HAJ

There are several deeds which Rasulullah ﷺ has equated to the reward of Haj. Those who are not undertaking the Haj journey, may reap the reward of Haj by virtue of the following deeds:

## 1. Wudhu at home before attending Congregational Salaah:

Rasulullah ﷺ has stated: **“One who purifies himself (makes Wudhu) and leaves his home to attend the Fardh Salaah in congregation, receives the reward of a Haji in the state of Ihram, and if he leaves for the Salaatud-Dhuhaa (Chaast), he gets the reward of Umrah.”** (Abu Dawud)

## 2. Salaatul Ishraq:

Rasulullah ﷺ has stated: **“Whoever offers his Fajr Salaah in congregation, and then remains seated making the Zikr of Allah until (approximately 15 mins after) sunrise after which he offers two Rakaats of Salaah (Ishraq), will receive the reward of one complete Haj and one complete Umrah.”** (Sunan Tirmidhi)

## 3. Going to the Masjid to acquire Knowledge:

Rasulullah ﷺ has stated: **“Whoever goes to the Masjid for the purpose of learning or teaching Knowledge, receives the reward of a Haji whose Haj was perfect.”** (Tabarani)

## 4. Serving one's parents:

Sayyiduna Anas رضى الله عنه reports that a man came to Rasulullah ﷺ and said: “I wish to participate in Jihad, but I cannot afford it.” Rasulullah ﷺ enquired if any of his parents were alive, to which he replied, “Yes! My mother is alive.” Rasulullah ﷺ said: **“Show Allah how you serve her. If you do so you will be like a Haji, a Mu'tamir (one performing Umrah) and a Mujaahid.”** (Targheeb)

**Note:** The promises of “Reward of Haj” are restricted to the reward only. It does not mean that the compulsory Haj will be fulfilled by these deeds. (Sharh-Nawawi)



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