

The Guests of Allah have returned

Abu Hurairah Radhiyallaahu Anhu states that Nabi Sallallaahu Alayhi Wa Sallam has said: "The Haji and one who performs Umrah are the Ambassadors of Allah. If they beseech Him, He would respond to them, and if they seek His forgiveness He would forgive them." (Ibn Majah)

As the guest of Allah, a Haji has the distinguished status of being the ambassador of Allah. He enjoys the special mercy and forgiveness of Allah for responding to His invitation.

Ibn Umar Radhiyallaahu Anhuma states that Nabi Sallallaahu Alayhi Wa Sallam has said: "When you meet the Haji, greet him, shake his hands and instruct him to seek forgiveness for you before he enters his home, for undoubtedly he is forgiven." (Ahmed)

Hajj affords the best training grounds for the revival of one's faith and purity of character. It is the most sublime manifestation of the universal brotherhood of the Muslim Ummah. It is a journey of intensified devotion and discipline.

A Haji is therefore expected to display:

- A dynamic revival of faith and trust in Allah
- A character infused with humility and purity,
- A compelling concern for the general well-being of the greater Ummah.
- A commitment to fulfill all obligatory observances
- A pledge to avoid all prohibited deeds
- An understanding of the purpose of life
- A conscious endeavor to prepare for the Hereafter

May the Almighty accept your Hajj, make it a source of your salvation in this world and the hereafter and grant you the ability to say "Labbaik" to the call of Allah at all times. Aameen

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