

THE SPIRIT OF QURBANI

Qurbani is a sacred Ibaadah that holds great spiritual 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 the animal if it is slaughtered with a corrupt intention (for show). Rather it is your connection with Allah and the spirit with which you slaughter that determines whether the slaughtered animal is indeed a Qurbani.

There were many of the pious who would 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 funfair. 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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