

Hajj is a great pillar of Islam, its made obligatory by Allah the Almighty on Muslims: As he SWT said **{A pilgrimage to the House of Allah is due by the Muslim- so for whoever is able to visit must do so. But whoever disbelieves - then indeed, Allah is free from need of the worlds.} Ali Imran verse 97**

People have been doing hajj since Abraham (PBUH) had ruled it out in the House of Allah Kabaa, and authorized the people to hajj as ordered by the Lord , the Almighty until these days and will continue for as long as believers are habitant on this earth!

The obligatory hajj is permanent even after the emergence of the Great Sediton: **"This House is to be visited for both Haj and Umrah (the spiritual and nonobligatory visit) even after the arrival of the Yajooj and Majooj. Authentic source**

If Allah SWT take the souls of the believers at the end time and there will be nothing left on the ground except those whom realizes the time and they are alive while reviving the Hajj, as the Messenger of Allaah (peace and blessings be upon him) said : "the hour does not come so they don't perform pilgrimages. Authentic Hadith.....

The pilgrimage were imposed by Allah the Almighty on his servants, which is one of the great pillars of the religion of Islam, he said: {A pilgrimage to the House of Allah is due by the Muslim- so for whoever is able to visit must do so. But whoever disbelieves - then indeed, Allah is free from need of the worlds.) **Ali Imran verse 97**

He SWT then said: {Complete the Hajj and Umrah for the sake of Allah ..} Al Bakharah verse 157). He SWT also said: **{proclaim to the people that the Hajj(pilgrimage) they will come to you on foot and on every lean camel, they will come from every distant pass) Hajj 27**

In an authentic hadeeth of Ibn Omar, May Allah be pleased with him, The Prophet (PBUH) said: "Islam was built on five testimonies and there is no Lord worthy of worship except Allah, Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah, establish prayers, pay into charity/zakat, perform Hajj (pilgrimage) and fasting in the month of Ramadan.

"Hajj is one of the pillars of Islam, and a dignified non-secret worship with its characteristics and virtues.

The virtues of Hajj are many and varied:

It is one of the best work and the closeness of the Lord Allah SWT:

Abu Hurayra (may Allah be pleased with him) said: "The Prophet (PBUH) was asked : which work is better?" he said . Believe in Allah and his messenger -was asked, what then? he said: "Jihad (struggle) for the sake of Allah". Was asked, what then? He said "perform the best Hajj (pilgrimage)". Authentic narration by Bukhari, Muslim, al-Tirmidhi, a Nassaiey, and Ahmed.

One of the virtues of Hajj is that "it will wipeout sins and grants forgiveness Abu Hurayra - may Allah be pleased with him- said: I heard the Prophet (PBUH)- says: "The one who performs Hajj(Pilgrimage), doesn't commit any offenses or wrongdoings and then returned home will be purified from sin just like when he was first born. Narrated by Bukhari and Muslim and Altrmzei narrates: "The one who performs Hajj, does not commit any obscenity, will have all his future sins wiped out "

The hajj raises the ranks and grades, Ibn Omar, May Allah be pleased with him, said: " I heard the Prophet (PBUH) saying : "the person who performs Hajj does not raise or put a hand down except Allah writes in his records a good, a bad deed gets wiped off, and he is spiritually reworded. Narrated by Bayhaqi, Ibn Habban in his authentic sources and classed as authentic by Albaani.

Oh servants of Allah SWT! Our Prophet (PBUH)has commanded US– to hasten the pilgrimage, and warned us against the humiliation during its performances : Ibn Abbas, May Allah be pleased with him narrates: The Prophet (PBUH) said: "Hurry to perform Hajj-I mean the obligatory-None of you would know what you are offering!". Narrated by Imam Ahmed, classed as Authentic by Albani.

Oh you have a good health, plenty of wealth and means of transport to perform Hajj, do so before its too late and you lose your ability and faced with unexpected death!
The truth is Hajj (Pilgrimage) is made obligatory pillar on those who have an ability to perform both financially and healthily.

Ibn Qadama (may Allah be pleased with him) said in Mughni, anyone who is able to perform Hajj and it becomes an obligatory duty upon them where they can do it, they must do so without any hesitation.

As Allah SWT says:

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The order by Allah SWT is to be done immediately, which means the ordainment should be implemented as soon as the performance of Hajj becomes due on any believers. There should be no excuses to postpone pilgrimage without an acceptable justification!

In the second part of the Khutba

Imam has focused on prayers both obligatory and none obligatory

Abu Hurayrah narrates from the beloved prophet (PBUH) who said, If the congregational prayer is held there should be no other established prayer (Nawafil) except the obligatory one. Authentic by Imam Muslim.

This hadith indicates that if the pray was held, no one should embark on the Nawafil (none obligatory prayer) where the obligatory prayer is due to be performed then you should break the Nawafil and join the congregation at once.

For the sake of this matter, the standing committee of ruling and Fatwa was asked this question to be ruled out, is it permissible to breakoff Nawafil prayer in order to join the obligatory prayer or should the Nawafil be completed before starting the obligatory prayer?

The answer is this, Yes, if an obligatory prayer is held then cut the Nawafil that you are in and join Imam (the person who leads the prayer) straight away as our beloved prophet (PBUH) advised us to do so.

May Allah SWT help us all to perform Hajj (the pilgrimage) as soon as practicable, doable and possible for us. Oh Allah, help us all to establish our prayers both the obligatory and none obligatory in the best manners and according to the sunnah the tradition of our beloved messenger-Ameen