
From the Benefits of Hajj: Meeting the Scholars

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In the name of Allaah, the Most Merciful, the Bestower of Mercy

Shaykh Abdur-Razzaq al-Badr speaks with Shaykh Fawzaan

Host: We have the Noble Scholar Doctor Shaykh Abdur-Razzaq Abdul-Muhsin al-Badr with us on the line; he is in Madeenah the city of the Prophet. Please proceed Shaykh Abdur-Razzaq.

Shaykh Abdur-Razzaq: As salaamu alaikum wa rahmatuAllahi wa barakatahu

Shaykh Fawzaan and the host: wa alaikum salaam wa rahmatuAllahi wa barakatahu

Shaykh Abdur-Razzaq: Hayaak Allaah Shaykh Saalih.

Shaykh Fawzaan: How are you?

Shaykh Abdur-Razzaq: May Allaah preserve you, may Allaah bless you.

Shaykh Fawzaan: How is your father?

Shaykh Abdur-Razzaq: My father is good and he gives you the greetings of Salaam.

Shaykh Fawzaan: May Allaah give us all Salaam.

Shaykh Abdur-Razzaq: Hayaak Allaahu

Shaykh Fawzaan: May Allaah bless you

Shaykh Abdur-Razzaq: In the Name of Allaah the Most Gracious the Most Merciful. All praises belong to Allah the Lord of all that exist, and may the prayers and peace be upon our Prophet Muhammad and upon his Family and his Companions, all together. As to what follows:

From that which known; is that Hajj is tremendous obligation and a noble opportunity to meet with the people of knowledge and to benefit from them. I read in Siyar A'lam Al-Nubala in the biography of Aboo Jafar Muhammad bin Ali Al Baqir he said: Verily my desire to meet Amr bin Dinaar increases my Hajj because surely he loves us and he benefits us.

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And I read some notes also by Al-Dhahabee, may Allaah have mercy upon him, he said there was a large contingent of students of hadeeth who would embark upon Hajj their motivation being meeting Sufyaan ibn Uyaanah and other than him from the Imaam of the Scholars. Thus this is a noble opportunity while we are headed towards pilgrimage at the House of Allaah the Haram. If we could have a brief look from our Shaykh, while we are now as the brother know at the end of this program, at the importance of honouring the people of knowledge, connecting with them, taking from them, and not proceeding them, and being diligent upon taking religious verdicts from qualified among them. I ask Allaah the Exalted to bring about benefit through his knowledge and to make him firm upon his efforts and to be kind to him. Verily He answers the supplications. As salaamu alaikum wa rahmatullahi wa barakatahu.

Shaykh Fawzaan: wa alaikum salaam wa rahmatuAllahi wa barakatahu. That which you pointed out, that Hajj is an opportunity to meet the people of knowledge, yes this is correct. It is an opportunity to meet the people of knowledge from the East of the earth to the West of it. And this is from the benefits of Hajj. As Allaah the Exalted said:

[That they may witness the benefits (provided) for them.]¹

Thus from the greatest benefits of Hajj is meeting the Scholars, and benefiting from their knowledge and their virtue, their love, and connecting with them. One of them could be in the East and one of them in the West and the people yearn to see them, so he comes to Hajj and they come to Hajj and thus they gather together. Therefore this is from the greatest benefits of Hajj, meeting with the people of knowledge, and the people of virtue, and benefiting from them, and renewing the love between the hearts. This is from the benefits of the great Hajj.

Acquaintance between the pilgrims; between the brothers from the East and the West of the earth and benefiting from each other. Even the Scholars benefit from each other, by the reminders and the lessons, and presenting the problems between them. Not to mention the common people those who are in need of asking questions to the people of knowledge. At any rate this Hajj is a great opportunity. And this is from the divine wisdom in Hajj, there occurs the meeting between the Muslims from the East and the West despite their different colours, and languages, and understanding, and knowledge. Thus this one will benefit from that one.

¹ (Soorah al-Hajj 22:28)