THE MOST AGREEABLE DEEDS OF THE TENTH OF THUL- HIJJA

1. Performing Hajj and Umra: these are the most virtuous to do in these days. And those who had the chance to perform Hajj and Umra in these days will be rewarded with Janna. The Prophet (PBUH) said: "Umra is an expiation of the sins committed between it and the previous one and the reward of Hajj al Mabrur (the one accepted by Allah) is nothing except paradise."

2. Fasting: Alah (SWT) Kept the rewards of Fasting to Himself because of its righteousness and greatness. In His Hadeeth. Allah (SWT) said : "every deed of the son of Adam is for him except forfasting (Al Sowm), for it is for Me and I shall reward for it. (Sahih) In these virtuous days rewards are multiplied, so muslims should at least fast the day of Arafa. The Prophet (PBUH) said: fast the day of Arafa, for in deed I anticipate that Allah will forgive the sins of the year after it and the year before it."

3. Praying (Al Salat): making sure to perform salat on time and with sama'h and praying the sunnah and Nawafil and they are the best practices to stay close to Allah (SWT). And my slave keeps on coming closer to Me through performing Nawafil (praying or doing extra deeds besides what is obligatory, till I love him."

4. Al Takbir and making thikr: AlBukhari said that Ibn Omar and Abu Huraira used to go to the market and perform Takbir and the people in the market will repeat after. Omar (May Allah be Pleased with Him) used to make takbir in Mina and the people would repeat after him and Ibn Omar would do the same thing until Mina shakes from takbir.

5. Charity (Al Sadaqah): It is one of the righteous deeds that a Muslim should perform in the tenth of Thul- Hijja. Allah (SWT) said: O you who have believed, spend from that which We have provided for you before there comes a Day in which there is no exchange and np friendship and no intercession. And the disbelievers-they are the wrongdoers." Surat Al Baqara. The Prophet said: Wealth does not diminish by giving sadaqah.

THE TENTH OF THUL HIJJAH

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THE VIRTUES OF THE TENTH OF THUL HIJJAH

1. Allah (SWT) had sworn by the tenth of Thul Hijja, and this shows how virtuous these days are since Allah the greatest only swears by the greatest. Allah (SWT) said "By the dawn. And (by) the ten nights" and these ten nights are those of Thul Hijja and this is by the consensus of the majority of Hadith interpreters. Ibn Katheer in his interpretation said:

2. They are the Known (appointed) days that Allah (SWT) mentioned in Surat Al Hajj "That they may witness benefits for themselves and mention the name of Allah on Known days over what He has provided for them (sacrificial) animals." These known days are the first ten days of Thul Hijja.

3. They are the most virtuous days in life. It was narrated from Ibn' Abbas that the messenger of Allah (PBUH) said: there are no days which righteous deeds are more beloved to Allah than these days." Meaning the first ten days of Thul Hijja. They said: "O Messenger of Allah! Not even Jihad in the cause of Allah? He said: not even jihad in the cause of Allah, unless a man goes out with himself and his wealth and doesn't bring anything back."

4. They have Day of Arafa where there are the greatest Haj, the day of bad deed forgiveness and Hell fire liberation. Day is Arafa by itself is enough to make the tenth of Thul Hijja the most virtuous.

5. They have the sacrifice day. The greatest and most virtuous days for Allah the Sacrifice Day and the day After.

6. They are the most virtuous and righteous days because of all the Ibadat are required: Salat (prayers), Soum (Fasting), Sadaqat (charity) and Al Hajj (pilgrimage)

RECEIVING THE TENTH OF THU HIJJA

1. Muslims should welcome the seasons of worshipping in general and the Tenth of Thul Hijja in particular with sincere repentance and firm determination to return to Allah since the rewards of repentance are in life and hereafter. Allah (SWT) said in Surat Al Tawba "And turn to Allah in repentence, all of you, O believers, that you might succeed."

2. Getting close to Allah with worshipping (Ta'at). Muslims should take advantage and fill these days with righteous verbal and practical deeds. When a person has good intentions, Allah (SWT) helps him to fulfill his intentions, and whoever is faithful and truthful to Allah, Allah will reward him with the same. Allah (SWT) said: "And those who strive for us-we will surely guide them to Our way" Surat Al-Ankaboot.

3. Refraining from Committing sins. The way submission to Allah keeps close to Allah, committing sins cause staying away from Allah and being excluded from His Mercy. And a person would be deprived from Allah's Mercy because of a sin that he/she committed.