

Fatwa No. 9573:

Q: What is the ruling on offering sacrificial meat as Sadaqah (voluntary charity) for the sake of Allah (may He be Exalted) following my son's success, his safety from a car accident or any other happy occasion? Is it permissible for me to eat this meat? Kindly take note that I offer this Sadaqah without having made a vow or swearing by Allah. Please guide me regarding this act and advise me on the proper conduct I should follow. May Allah reward you!

A: In essence, all actions are based on intentions; a deed will entail no reward if it is not coupled with a good intention. For example, a Muslim should intend to draw nearer to Allah (may He be Exalted) when he spends his wealth.

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There is nothing wrong with eating any of the sacrificial meat that is offered for the sake of drawing nearer to Allah (may He be Exalted) when there is a lawful occasion such as showing hospitality to a guest or appreciating the achievement of a child.

May Allah grant us success! May peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family and Companions!

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