

Takbir on the Days of Tashriq

The first question of Fatwa no. 6043

Q1: Allah (may He be Exalted) has commanded us to engage ourselves in continuous Dhikr (Remembrance of Allah) during the Days of Tashriq (11th, 12th and 13th of Dhul-Hijjah). What is the evidence for this, how is it performed, and how many times should it be done?

A: Allah (may He be Exalted) orders us to remember Him unlimitedly on the Days of Tashriq, saying (what means): (And remember Allah during the appointed Days.) There is nothing in the Qur'an or the Sunnah of the Prophet (peace be upon him) that specifies the number or the form of Dhikr to be recited after the Five Obligatory Prayers on the Days of Tashriq. One of the most authentic reports concerning the formula of Takbir (Magnification of Allah) during that time is what was narrated by 'Abdul-Razzaq, with an authentic Sanad (chain of narrators), on the authority of Salman Al-Farisy (may Allah be pleased with him), who said,

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"Say: 'Allahu Akbar! Allahu Akbar! Allahu Akbar! Allahu Akbaru Kabira! (Allah is the Greatest! Allah is the Greatest! Allah is the Greatest of all Greatness!)" The was said that the Takbir should be recited twice followed by: "La ilaha illa-Allah, wa Allahu Akbar! Allahu Akbar, wa lillahi'l-hamd (There is no deity but Allah. Allah is the Greatest! Allah is the Greatest, and all praise is due to Allah). This was reported on the authority of 'Umar and Ibn Mas'ud (may Allah be pleased with them both).

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

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