

# ASSIGNMENT #1

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In this assignment, you will write the translation of one verse or Hadith about the importance or benefits of four obligatory Islamic worships (Prayers, Zakat, Fasting and Hajj) separately and the short explanation of each described verse or Hadith in your own words.

## Answer

### Prayers

In the light of the glorious Holy Quran, Allah (Subhanahu Wa Ta'ala) says about those who missed the prayers:

*“(The people in Hell will be asked) **What has caused you to enter Hell? (They will say): We were not of those who used to pray.**”*

*(Surah: Al-Mudassir, Verse: 42-43)*

#### Explanation:

In this verse, Allah (Subhanahu Wa Ta'ala) is clarifying that prayers (Salah) is very important to perform on time, and we should not miss any prayers. As the people in the Hell after the Day of Judgment will be asked, why you all are here and they will replied, we were not of those who used to pray. As being Muslims we should regularly pray five times a day because prayer is the act by which one stays in connection with Allah.

### Zakat

In the light of the noble Quran, Allah (Subhanahu Wa Ta'ala) says to give zakat to poor peoples and those who were in need. Indeed, Allah is seeing and will reward you:

*“And establish prayer, **and give Zakat**, and whatever good you put forward for yourselves; **you will find it with Allah. Indeed, Allah of what you do, is seeing.**”*

*(Surah: Al-Baqarah, Verse: 110)*

#### Explanation:

In this verse, Allah (Subhanahu Wa Ta'ala) is saying to establish prayer and give Zakat which is a form of obligatory charity that has the potential to ease the suffering of millions. We Muslims as believe that paying zakat purifies, increases and blesses the remainder of wealth. Zakat is also a spiritual connection to one's maker to purify your wealth for the will of Allah is to acknowledge that everything we own belongs to Him.

## Fasting

In the light of the merciful Holy Quran, Allah (Subhanahu Wa Ta'ala) says that fasting is prescribed to you and you may learn the piety and righteousness path:

**“Oh, you who believe! Fasting is prescribed to you as it was prescribed to those before you, that you may learn piety and righteousness.”**

*(Surah: Al-Baqarah, Verse: 183)*

### Explanation:

In this verse, Allah (Subhanahu Wa Ta'ala) is saying that fasting is prescribed to you, we Muslims fast for Allah's sake and refrain from eating and drinking as well as other addictions from dawn to sunset. Fasting abstains one not only from eating and drinking, but also keeps one away from evils and bad activities, and encourages to engage oneself in prayer, charity and other good deeds, and brings one closer to Allah.

## Hajj

In the light of Sahih al-Bukhari, narrated by Abu Huraira (Razi-Allahu Tala Anhu) that He said that our beloved Prophet Muhammad (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) said:

**“Whoever performs Hajj for Allah's pleasure and does not have sexual relations with his wife, and does not do evil or sins then he will return (after Hajj free from all sins) as if he were born anew.”**

*(Sahih al-Bukhari, Hadith: 1521)*

### Explanation:

In this Hadith, our Prophet Muhammad (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) is saying about the mercifulness of performing Hajj. We as Muslims do evolved in bad activities and evil sins. But Allah (Subhanahu Wa Ta'ala) the most merciful and righteousness, will forgive us from all sins as we were born anew. Hajj is an obligation that should be completed at least once in Muslims lives. It is a spiritual journey for the forgiveness, for the mistakes of the past.