

# Wise Sayings of Imam Khomeini<sup>(RA)</sup> on Hajj



One vital philosophy of Hajj is the fostering of understanding and fraternity among Muslims.

All Muslims should make efforts to revive the spirit of the Hajj and the Holy Qur'an and to return these two to the scenes of their lives.

In the absence of bara'ah (repudiation of disbelievers) and in the absence of unity Hajj is no Hajj at all!

Let us break up the idols in the Holy Mecca, and at the 'Aqabat. Pelt stones at the devils at the head of which is the Great Satan (America) and dive them away, and thus, perform the Hajj of Khalilullah (Prophet Abraham), Habi-hullah (Prophet Muhammad), and Waliyyullah (Imam Mahdi).

O speakers and writers! Inform your brothers-in-faith at the great gatherings in Arafat, Mash'ar, Mina, Mecca, and Medina, of the socio-political problems of your own regions and ask one another for assistance.

Go to Mina and observe there the divine ideal which is sacrificing one's dearest things in the path of the Absolute Beloved. Know that as long as you do not forego these dear objects, foremost among them is the love of oneself and love of this world in the wake of it. you shall not reach the Absolute Beloved.

During the Hajj ritual that you perform at Safa and Marwah, search, sincerely and heartily, and find the beloved because by finding him all

worldly kneaded yarns of attachment will be torn away; all doubts and suspicious as well as all beastly fears and hopes shall fade away.

During your circumambulation of God's sanctuary and when you recite "Labbayk, Labbayk" (I hear and obey) to the divine call, negate and rule out associates for Almighty God in all stages, and from the self or ego, which is the greatest source of polytheism and say 'No' to all the taghuts (fake deities) and their offspring.

When touching the Hajar al-Aswadl (the Black Stone) make a covenant with God to be inimical to His and His Messenger's enemies as well as the enemies of the pious and noble people, and never to be obedient servants to them (the enemies of God) no matter who they are or where they live. Let your covenant with God also call for the eradication of fear and submissiveness from your hearts, for the enemies of God and at the head of which is the Great Satan (America).

Go to Mash'ar al-Haram and 'Arafat with gnostic awareness and at each station enhance the heart's assurance of the divine promises and sovereignty of the oppressed, and contemplate on the signs of God in silence.

Take note that Hajj pilgrimage is not a business trip; it is not a trip in pursuance of the world; it is the journey towards closeness to God.