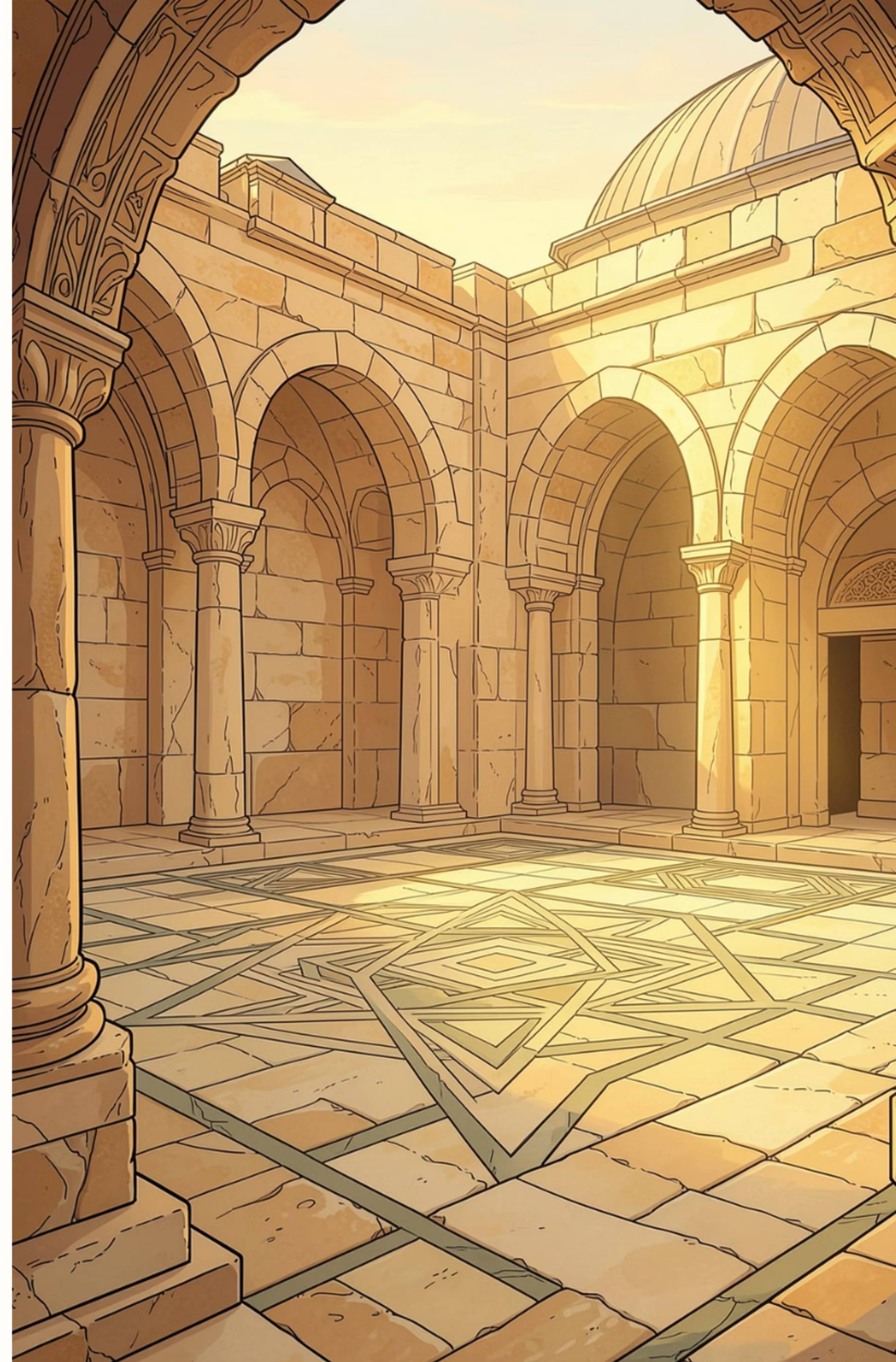


The First 10 Days of Dhul Hijjah

A Time to Become Beloved to Allah

Do what is beloved to Allah, in the days most beloved to Allah.



The Best Days of the Entire Year

"There are no days in which righteous deeds are more beloved to Allah than these ten days." — Prophet Muhammad ﷺ (Bukhari)

Out of all 360 days in the Islamic calendar, Allah has singled out these ten as the most beloved. Not the last ten nights of Ramadan — though they are great — but these ten *days*, in their entirety, hold an unmatched status. Every fast, every prayer, every word of dhikr, every act of kindness performed in these days carries a weight unlike any other time of year. This is not a small invitation — it is one of the greatest gifts Allah has placed in our calendar.



Allah Highlights These Days

Surah Al-Fajr, the 89th chapter of the Qur'an, opens with a powerful oath sworn by Allah Himself.

"By the dawn, and by the ten nights..."

Surah Al-Fajr (89:1–2)

When Allah takes an oath by something in the Qur'an, it signals its profound importance. The vast majority of classical scholars — including Ibn Abbas (RA) and Ibn Kathir — hold that these ten nights refer to the first ten nights of Dhul Hijjah.

To be mentioned in Allah's own words, in His eternal Book, is a distinction beyond measure. These days were not chosen by scholars or tradition — they were chosen and honoured by Allah Himself.

📖 Ibn Abbas (RA) said: "These are the ten days of Dhul Hijjah."



Why These Days Are So Sacred

These ten days carry extraordinary weight because of everything that converges within them — time, place, ritual, and legacy all align.



Sacred Month

Dhul Hijjah is one of the four sacred months in Islam. Sins are weightier, and good deeds carry greater reward throughout its duration.



Eid al-Adha & Qurbani

The 10th marks Eid al-Adha, the Feast of Sacrifice — honouring Ibrahim (AS) and his willingness to give everything for Allah.



The Day of Arafah

The 9th of Dhul Hijjah — the greatest day of the year — when pilgrims stand before Allah and sins are forgiven across the earth.



The Season of Hajj

The fifth pillar of Islam reaches its climax during these days. Even those not on Hajj are invited to share in the spiritual blessing.

The Legacy of Sayyidina Ibrahim (AS)

At the heart of Dhul Hijjah is one story — a story of complete surrender to Allah. Sayyidina Ibrahim (AS) did not delay, did not negotiate, and did not place conditions on his obedience. When Allah called, he answered.

Submission

He surrendered every comfort — his son, his family, his homeland — purely for the sake of Allah.

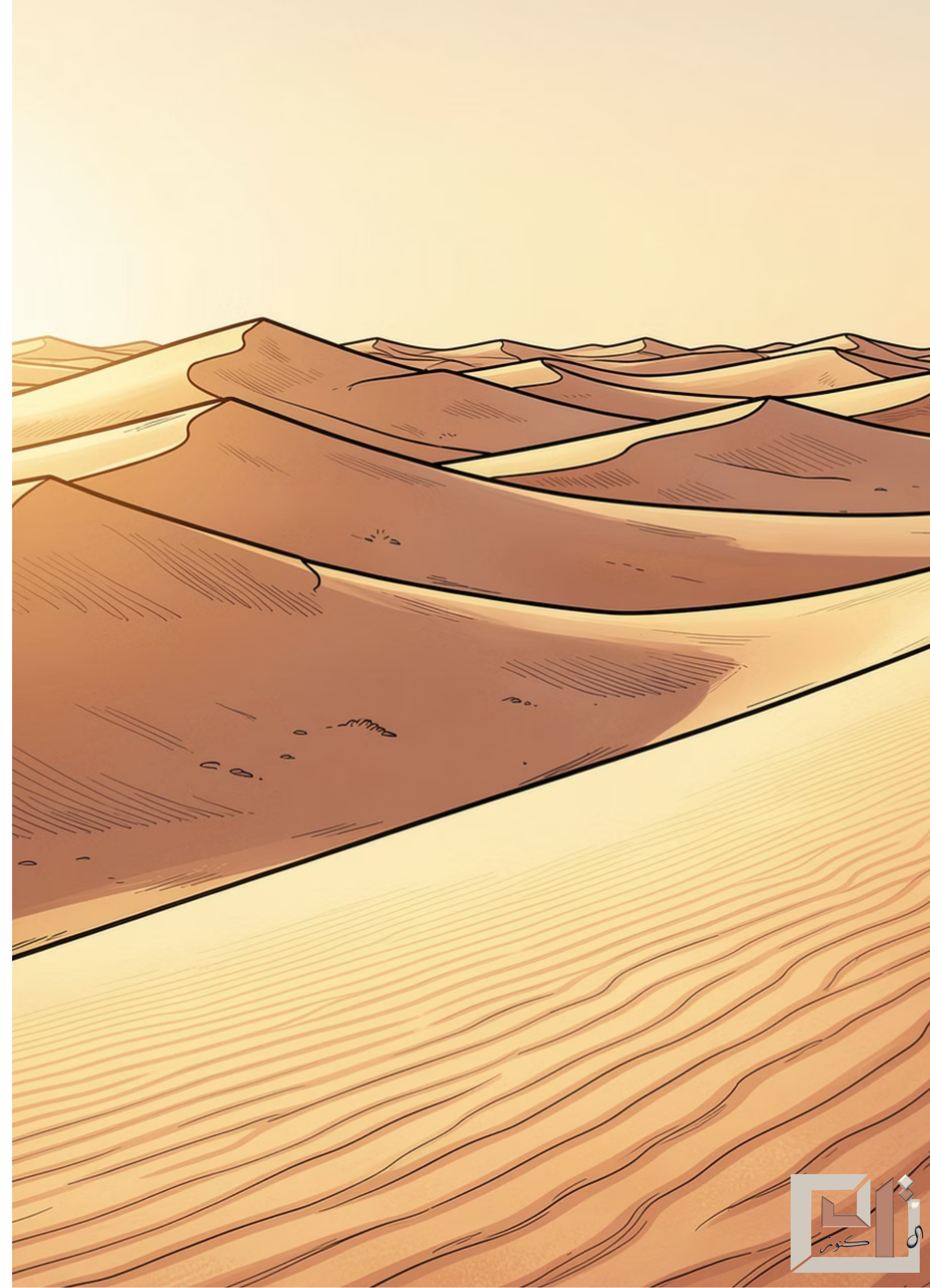
Sacrifice Without Hesitation

He raised the knife before relief came. Obedience first. Understanding later. Trust always.

Unshakeable Trust

Even when tested beyond comprehension, his conviction in Allah's plan never wavered.

As we enter these days, we are invited to ask ourselves: *Do I reflect even a fraction of that trust*



☀ THE 9TH OF DHUL HIJJA

The Day of Arafah

"Fasting on the Day of Arafah expiates the sins of the previous year and the coming year." — Prophet Muhammad ﷺ (Muslim)

For those not on Hajj, fasting on the 9th of Dhul Hijjah is among the most powerful acts of worship available. In a single day of sincerity and hunger, two full years of sins can be wiped clean by the mercy of Allah.

This is not an obligation — it is an open invitation. A divine act of generosity from a Lord who seeks reasons to forgive. Mark the date. Prepare your intention. Do not let this day pass you by.

On This Day, Allah Frees

The Prophet ﷺ said: "There is no day on which Allah frees more people from the Fire than the Day of Arafah."

What To Do

- Fast
- Make abundant du'a
- Recite istighfar continuously
- Give charity if able
- Read Qur'an throughout the day



Fill Your Home With Dhikr

The Prophet ﷺ said: *"Increase in saying SubhanAllah, Alhamdulillah, La ilaha illa Allah, and Allahu Akbar during these days."*

سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ

SubhanAllah

Glory be to Allah

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ

Alhamdulillah

All praise is for Allah

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ

La ilaha illa Allah

There is no god but Allah

اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ

Allahu Akbar

Allah is the Greatest

Let these words replace idle conversation. Let them fill your kitchen, your car, your quiet moments. What flows from the tongue shapes what settles in the heart.



The Most Beloved Deeds

These days are not reserved for those on Hajj. Wherever you are, the doors of worship are wide open. Every act of goodness is amplified — every deed is seen and recorded.

1

Guard Your Salah

Pray on time, with presence and focus. These ten days are a chance to reset your prayer habits.

2

Recite the Qur'an

Even a few verses daily, read with reflection, carries immense reward in these sacred days.

3

Fast & Give Charity

Fast as many days as you are able. Give in Allah's way — a small act of charity now can change everything.

4

Tawbah & Istighfar

Return to Allah. These days are a season of forgiveness. Don't let pride or delay stand between you and His mercy.

Takbeer of Tashreeq

From the Fajr of the 9th of Dhul Hijjah to the Asr of the 13th, it is obligatory upon every Muslim to recite the Takbeer of Tashreeq after every Fard salah.

اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ، اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ، لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ، وَاللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ، اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ، وَلِلَّهِ الْحَمْدُ

"Allah is the Greatest, Allah is the Greatest, there is no god but Allah; Allah is the Greatest, Allah is the Greatest, and to Allah belongs all praise."

When to Recite

After every obligatory (Fard) prayer — beginning from Fajr on the 9th of Dhul Hijjah through to Asr on the 13th of Dhul Hijjah.

Household Tip

Teach this to your children. Let it be something your household recites together after salah. When children hear adults take something seriously, they carry it for life.

This declaration of Allah's greatness is not merely ritual — it is a proclamation of who holds authority over all things.



A Moment of Reflection

"If this were my last Arafah — what am I presenting to Allah?"

We do not know if we will see these days again. Every year that passes is a year we will not get back. The pilgrims standing on the plain of Arafah weep, because they know: this moment is everything.

You do not need to be in Makkah to feel the weight of these days. Wherever you are — in your home, your kitchen, your daily routine — these days are calling you to return to what matters most.

May Allah allow us to reach these ten days with health, with sincerity, and with hearts turned towards Him. May He accept our fasting, our dhikr, our prayers, and our sacrifices — and may He make us, and our families, among those most beloved to Him. Ameen.

