

Qurbani, sacrifice and what reaches Allah

The sacrifice recalls Ibrahim's surrender and teaches that the heart of qurbani is taqwa, obedience and generosity rather than display.

CENTREPIECE Surah al-Hajj 22:36-37, Surah as-Saffat 37:102-107

FIRST KHUTBAH

1. The story is one of surrender to Allah

The Quran presents Ibrahim and his son meeting an immense command with patience and submission, before Allah provides the ransom (as-Saffat 37:102-107). The lesson is not carelessness with life. It is trust in the wisdom and mercy of Allah.

Source: Quran 37:102-107

2. Taqwa reaches Allah

Allah states that the meat and blood do not reach Him, but the taqwa within us does (al-Hajj 22:37). Cost, size and public attention cannot replace a heart obeying for Allah alone.

Source: Quran 22:37

3. Excellence includes the treatment of creation

Use trustworthy providers, avoid waste and follow the rules of sacrifice taught by qualified local scholars. Concern for animal welfare, clean distribution and the dignity of recipients belongs inside the act of worship.

SECOND KHUTBAH

Ask what else obedience requires us to place below the command of Allah: pride, waste, a harmful habit or the need to be seen. Sacrifice leaves a lesson after the meat is distributed.

Suggested closing: O Allah, accept our sacrifice and the taqwa behind it. Give us the trust of Ibrahim, protect us from showing off and allow our worship to benefit Your creation.

ONE ACTION FOR THIS WEEK

Verify your qurbani arrangement and choose one personal attachment or habit that must be surrendered for the sake of Allah.

PREPARATION NOTES

1. Read every cited verse or hadith in full before using it.
2. Add one example your own congregation will recognise.
3. Check questions of fiqh and recognised disagreement with a qualified local scholar.

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