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Lots of ritual and Mustahab acts for “Hajj” and “Umrah” has been mentioned in the words of great Faqihs (Allah’s heaven be upon them) and we have brought a considerable part of them here.

But it is better to perform them with the intention of “Rija”, which means hoping for the goodness of the act in the eyes of religion and having benefits and blessings, because some of them do not have enough proof (and we do not consider the principle of tolerance correct in the proof of traditions and Mustahab acts).

Another important point is that performing some of those Mustahab acts today, with crowd congestion, is impossible for many people. Therefore they can perform those actions which is possible, and if the Hajji wants to perform an act which is difficult to perform but have an intention of performing that, Allah will give him/her the reward according to his/her intention as it has been mentioned in hadeeth of Ma’soomin (a.s.).

It is Mustahab for a person who intends to travel to Mecca or other places to ask Allah for goodness of the travel and prepare his/her will and pay alms in order to buy his/her health with that alms and it is Mustahab to perform four Rak’ats prayer in the home when he/she is preparing for travel and recites Hamd and “قل هو الله” Suras in each Rak’at and recite;

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَتَقَرَّبُ إِلَيْكَ بِهِنَّ، فَاجْعَلُنَّ خَلِيفَتِي فِي أَهْلِي وَ مَالِي .

And it is Mustahab to stand at the door of his/her house and recite Hamd Sura three times in front, right side and left side also Ayat al-Kursi (verse 255 of Baqara Sura) three times in the same way and says after that:

اللَّهُمَّ احْفَظْنِي وَ احْفَظْ مَا

مَعِيَ وَ سَلِّمْنِي وَ سَلِّمَ مَا مَعِيَ وَ بَلِّغْنِي وَ بَلِّغْ مَا مَعِيَ بِبَلَاغِكَ الْحَسَنِ الْجَمِيلِ.

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