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Mustahab acts of Ihram

1- Cleaning the body and cutting the nail and shortening mustache above the lips and removing the hairs of armpit and pubic area before Ihram.

2- A person who intends to go to Hajj leaves the hair of the face and the head from the beginning of Dhu'l-Qa'dah and the person who intends to go to Umrah leaves them one month before, and some of Faqihs considered it as obligatory.

3- Performing Ghusl of Ihram before Ihram in Miqat. This Ghusl is also correct for a woman who is in her menstruation period and has given birth to a child. Performing it before other acts is permitted especially when there is a fear of nonexistence of water in Miqat and if water was found in Miqat, then it is Mustahab to perform that Ghusl again and after performing this Ghusl if Mukallaf (accountable; a Muslim who has reached the age of puberty) wears clothes or eats things which are Haraam for Muhrim, then performing again is Mustahab and if Mukallaf performs Ghusl in the day, that Ghusl suffices until the end of the next night and if it is performed in the night then it suffices until the end of the next day. But he/she should perform the Ghusl again if the ablution is invalidated before Ihram and after Ghusl.

4- Saying the following sentences while wearing the two clothing of Ihram:

> اَلحَمْدُ لِلّه الَّذی رَزَقَنی مَا أُواری بِه عَوْرَتِی و أُؤدّی فیهِ فَرْضی وَ أَعْبُدُ فیهِ رَبّی و اَنْتَهی فیه إلی مَا اَمَرَنِی الحَمْدُ لِلّهِ الَّذی قَصَدْتُهُ فَبَلَّغَنی و أَرَدْتُهُ فَأَعانَنی وَ قَبِلَنی وَ لَمْ یَقْطَعْ بی وَ وَجْهَهُ أَرَدْتُ فَسَلَّمَنی فَهُوَ حِصْنی وَ کَهْفِی و حِرْزی وَ ظَهْری وَ مَلاذی وَ رَجائی وَ مَنجای و ذُخری وَ عُدَّتی فی شِدَّتی وَ رَخائی .

5- The two towels of Ihram should be made of cotton.

6- Wearing Ihram in the following way: If it is possible, after the prayer of noon and if it is not, then after another obligatory prayer. If this is not also possible, then wear after performing six or two Rak'ats of Mustahab prayer, reciting Tawhid Sura after Hamd in the first Rak'at and "قل یا ایها الکافرون" after Hamd Sura in the second Rak'at although performing six Rak'ats is better. One

should praise and thank ALLAH (swt) after the prayer and sending Salawat (salutation to Muhammad (s.a.) and his family (a.s.)); then the pilgrim should say:

لَلَّهُمَّ إنَّی أسألُکَ أنْ

تَجْعَلَنی مِمَّنِ اسْتَجابَ لَکَ وَ آمَنَ بِوَعْدِکَ وَ اتَّبَعَ أمْرَکَ فإنَّی عَبْدُکَ وَ فی قَبْضَتِکَ لا أوُقی إلاَّ مَ وَقَیْتَ وَ لا آخُذُ إلاّ مَا أعْطَیْتَ وَ قَدْ ذکَرْتَ الْحَجَّ فَأسْأَلُکَ أنْ تَعْزِمَ لی عَلیهِ عَلی کِتابِکَ وَ سُنَّةِ نَبِیّکَ صَلَواتُکَ عَلیهِ وَ آلِهِ و تُقَوّینی عَلی مَا ضَعُفْتُ وَ تُسَلِّمَ لی مَناسِکی فی یُسر مِنْکَ وَ عافِیَة وَ اجْعَلْنی مِن وَفْدِکَ الَّذی رَضِیْتَ وَ ارْتَضَیْتَ وَ سَمَّیْتَ وَ کَتَبْتَ، اللّهُمَّ إنَّی خَرَجْتُ مِنْ شُقَّة بَعیدة وَ أنْفَقْتُ مالی إبْتِغاءَ مَرْضاتِکَ اللّهُمَّ فَتَمِّمْ لی حَجَّتی وَ عُمْرَتی، اللّهُمَّ إنّی أُرِیدُ الَّتمَتُّعَ بِالعُمرَةِ إلی الحَجِّ عَلی کِتابِکَ وَ سُنَّةِ نَبِیّکَ صَلَواتُکَ عَلَیهِ وَ آلِهِ، فَإن عَرَضَ لی عارِضٌ یَحْبِسُنی فَخَلِّنی حَیثُ حَبَسْتَنی بِقَدَرِکَ الَّذی قَدَّرْتَ عَلَیّ، اللّهُمَّ إنْ لَمْ تَکُنْ حِجَّةً فَعُمرَةً أُحَرِّمُ لَکَ شَعْری وَ بَشَری وَ لَحْمی وَ دَمی وَ عِظامی وَ مُخّی وَ عَصَبِی مِنِ النِّساءِ وَ الثِّیابِ وَ الطّیبِ أبْتَغی بِذلِکَ وَجْهَکَ وَ الدّارَ الآخِرَةَ

7- It is not sufficient to say the intention of Ihram in the heart, It is Mustahab for men to say Labbayk with a loud voice.

8- We have said before that obligatory Labbayk which causes the entrance in the state of Ihram is as follows as a precaution:

لَبَّیْکَ اللّهُمَّ لَبَّیکَ، لَبَّیْکَ لا شَرِیکَ لَکَ لَبَّیکَ، إنَّ الحَمْدَ وَ النِّعْمَةَ لَکَ وَ المُلْک، لا شَرِیکَ لَکَ

And it is Mustahab to say after that:

لَبَّیْکَ ذَ الْمَعارِجِ لَبَّیْکَ لَبَّیْکَ داعِیاً اِلی دارِ السَّلام لَبَّیْکَ، لَبَّیْکَ غَفّارَ الذُّنُوب لَبَّیْکَ، لَبَّیْکَ اَهْلَ التَّلْبِیَةِ لَبَّیْکَ، لَبَّیْکَ ذَاالْجَلالِ وَ الاِکْرامِ لَبَّیْکَ، لَبَّیْکَ تُبْدِئُ وَ الْمَعادُ اِلَیْکَ لَبَّیْکَ، لَبَّیْکَ تَسْتَغْنی وَ یُفْتَقَرُ اِلَیْکَ لَبَّیْکَ، لَبَّیْکَ مَرْعُوباً وَ مَرْهُوب اِلَیْکَ لَبَّیْکَ، لَبَّیْکَ اِلهَ الْحَقِّ لَبَّیْکَ، لَبَّیْکَ ذَا النَّعْمآءِ وَ الْفَضْلِ الْحَسَنِ الْجَمیلِ لَبَّیْکَ، لَبَّیْکَ کَشّافَ الْکُرَبِ العِظامِ لَبَّیْکَ، لَبَّیْکَ عَبْدُکَ وَ ابْنُ عَبْدَیکَ لَبَّیْکَ، لَبَّیْکَ یا کَرِیمُ لَبَّیْکَ

And it is also good to say these sentences:

لَبَّیْکَ أَتَقَرَّبُ اِلَیْکَ بِمُحَمَّد وَ آلِ مُحَمَّد لَبَّیْکَ، لَبَّیْکَ بِحَجَّة اَوْ عُمْرَة لَبَّیْکَ، لَبَّیْکَ وَ هذِهِ عُمْرَةٌ مُتْعَة اِلَی الْحَجِّ لَبَّیْکَ، لَبَّیْکَ اَهْلَ التَّلْبِیَةِ لَبَّیْکَ، لَبَّیْکَ تَلْبِیَةً تَمامُها وَ بَلاغُها عَلَیْکَ

9- One must repeat reciting Labbayk in the state of Ihram in these cases also:

1- When awaking from the sleep.
2- After each obligatory and Mustahab prayer.
3- When reaching other pilgrims who are ride.

4– When going up the ascent or coming down from that.
5– While getting in or off the vehicles, animals or like them.
6– Reciting then a lot in the time of the dawn and women also must recite these Labbayks during menstruation and lochia, and the ones who are performing Umrah should continuously recite Labbayks until he/she sees the house of Mecca and stops that after seeing them, but the Labbayk of Hajj are continuous until the noon of the day of Arafa and stops after that.

Makrooh (Disliked) acts of Ihram

1– Wearing black Ihram clothing. It is precaution and better to renounce that and wearing white Ihram clothing.

2– Sleeping in yellow bedding and pillow for a Muhrim.

3– Wearing impure clothing of Ihram and if clothing becomes impure during Ihram, it is better not to wash them in the state of Ihram, but it is possible to change that clothing.

4– Wearing striped clothing of Ihram.

5– Using henna before Ihram in the way that its effects remain until Ihram.

6– It is better for Muhrim not to use washcloth or like that on the body.

7– It is a precaution to say Labbayk answering someone who is calling a Muhrim.

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