

Virtues of **MAKKAH MUKARRAMAH**

1. The First House of Worship

Surely the first House of worship established for mankind is the one at Bakkah - a place full of blessings and a centre of guidance for all of mankind. In it are clear signs and the standing-place of Ibraheem عليه السلام. Whoever enters it becomes secure.

[Surah Ale-Imran; V:96/97]



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2. A City of Peace & Security

And remember when
Ibraheem عليه السلام said, “My Rabb,
make this city (Makkah)
secure and provide fruits to
its people - those among
them who believe in Allah
and the Last Day.”

[Surah Baqarah; V:126]



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3. A City beloved to Nabi ﷺ

Abdullah bin Adiy bin Hamra رضي الله عنه said that he saw Rasulullah ﷺ on his she-camel in Al-Hazwarah (a place in Makkah) remarking: 'By Allah, you are the best land of Allah, and the dearest of the land of Allah to me. By Allah, had I not been expelled from you I would never have left.' [Sunan Ibn Majah]



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4. Multiplied Rewards for Salaah

Rasulullah ﷺ said, “One Salaah in my Masjid (Masjid An Nabawi) is better than one thousand Salaah in any other Masjid except Al-Masjid Al-Haram (In Makkah), and one Salaah in Al-Masjid Al-Haram is better than one hundred thousand Salaah elsewhere.”

[Sunan Ibn Majah]



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5. Protected from Dajjaal

Rasulullah ﷺ said, “There will be no town which Dajjaal will not enter except Makkah and Madinah. There will be no entrance (into Makkah and Madinah) but the angels will be standing in rows guarding it.”

[Sahih Bukhari]



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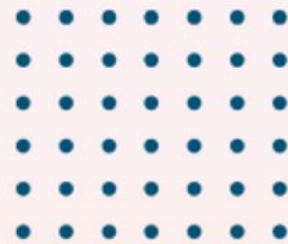
6. Allegiance will be taken with the Mahdi

Rasulullah ﷺ said,

“There will be a dispute following the death of a Khalifah and a man of the Bani Hashim will flee from Al-Madinah to Makkah [fearing that people will try to make him the Khalifah]. [Recognising him as the Mahdi], some of the people of Makkah will come to him and will bring him out against his will, and they will pledge allegiance to him between the corner [Black Stone] and the Maqam...”

[Sahih Ibn Hibban]





7. A Place of Constant Return

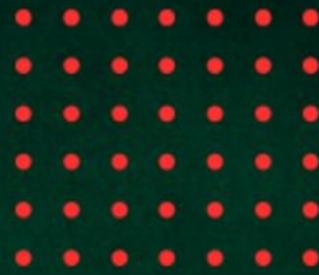
“And [mention] when We made the Sacred House a place of return for the people and (a place of) security. [Surah Baqarah ; V:125]

It is such that the heart keeps desiring to return to it over and over. And as the centuries have gone by, the numbers desiring to visit it has only increased. And the more one visits it, the more one desires to visit it again.

Look how the people spend their halaal wealth, leave behind their businesses, their homes and families because their hearts are drawn to this blessed place. They care not what it costs, because the visitation of the House of Allah for Hajj and Umrah only wipes away poverty and sin just as the furnace purifies gold, silver and iron from its impurities.



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8. A Place of Revelation

Indeed, one of the greatest honours of Makkah Mukarramah is the emergence of a Messenger from among its people and the revelation that brought about a significant transformation in the social fabric of the ignorant society.

People who had humiliated themselves with idol worship turned to worshiping Allah, the Creator. Women, whose status was degraded in society, became honorable. Those who were once considered lowly slaves rose in dignity through faith. It was in this place that the revelation of the Quran, the starting point of Prophet Muhammad's ﷺ mission, took place.



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9. A Place chosen by Allah for Hajj

Hajj is one of the Five Pillars of Islam, obligatory for a Muslim who is financially and physically capable. Performing Hajj is a great aspiration for every Muslim.

Hajj is specifically ordained to be conducted in the Masjid al-Haram, Safa and Marwa, Mina, Arafah & Muzdalifah. All these locations are situated in Makkah Mukarramah. This is a great honour bestowed by Allah on the sacred land of Islam.



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10. Allah attributed the Ka'bah to Himself

Allaah Ta'ala attributed the Sacred House in Makkah Mukarramah to Himself specifically: "And purify My House for those who perform Tawaaf..." [Surah Hajj; V:27]

This connection is specific due to the sacredness that Allah has endowed the Ka'bah with, the honour He has given to Makkah and His love for it. This alone is sufficient honour for this city and the Masjid al-Haram.

