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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ  
وَأَذِّنْ فِي النَّاسِ بِالْحَجِّ يَأْتُوكَ رِجَالًا وَعَلَى كُلِّ ضَامِرٍ يَأْتِينَ  
مِنْ كُلِّ فَجٍّ عَمِيقٍ.  
قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ:  
الْحَجُّ الْمَبْرُورُ لَيْسَ لَهُ جَزَاءٌ إِلَّا الْجَنَّةَ.

## AL-ḤAJJ: AN INVITATION FROM ALLAH

Dear brothers and sisters, tomorrow the month of *ḥajj* begins. The *ḥajj* is one of the five pillars of Islam. It is a journey towards the symbols of Allah ﷻ, a physical and spiritual devotion to Him ﷻ and a journey through the history of Islam. It is the honour to be received as guests of Allah ﷻ in His holy house. The *ḥajj* is an invitation from Allah ﷻ to humanity: “**And announce the *ḥajj* to the people, they will come to you on foot and on every lean camel, from every far place.**”<sup>1</sup> Dear Muslims, the journey of the *ḥajj* is also a journey to Paradise. As our Prophet ﷺ said: “**The accepted *ḥajj* has no reward except Paradise.**”<sup>2</sup> May Allah ﷻ always direct our hearts towards the Ka‘ba. *Āmīn*.

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<sup>1</sup> Al-Ḥajj, 22: 27.

<sup>2</sup> Aḥmad ibn Ḥanbal, Al-Musnad, II: 461.