

# YUSUF MOSQUE

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## TRANSLATION SUMMARY:

EID EL-KEBIR SERMON NOVEMBER 27, 2009

**In the Name of God, Most Gracious, Most Merciful. Whoever God Guides there will be NO ONE to stray him, and whoever strays, there will be no one to Guide him back except Allah.**

**Dear respected brothers and sisters,**

Today, we thank and praise God. We're here celebrating 3id AL-AD7A, 3IDLA-KBIR. The prophet SAL in a hadeeth that imam abu dawud relates, said: **the greatest day amongst the days with ALLAH soub7anahu wa ta3ala is the day of Na7r**. Whenever the Eid arrives, the earth and the universe shine in utmost beauty. This is a reflection of the joy of Muslims. This joy that fills the poor and the rich; Child and adult; This joy that endears generosity in people; This joy that reconciles between foes. Today you praise God for your obedience, for the rewards he promised you, for the good deeds you did in the month of Dhul Hijja and for fasting in it. Today marks an important milestone for those performing the Hajj may God bless them and bring them home safely.

In this day we remember the extraordinary story of Ibrahim when he challenges his fatherly instincts in complete submission to Allah, as he walks his son Ismail to present him as a sacrifice. And we remember Ismail as he patiently accepts the divine decree. No one after Ibrahim will ever be asked to make a sacrifice of that magnitude, no one, until the end of time. But that is the magnitude of the sacrifice of the man who is our model.

The question we should ask today, what are you willing to sacrifice for Allah SUB7ANAHU? Where have you put God on your list of priorities? **If you want to know where you stand with God, look where God stands with you**. This day should be a day in which you turn back to God. From this day forward, don't miss a prayer. Ibrahim 3alayhi Assalam said, **my prayer, my ritual, my life and my death are for God**. From this day forward, pursue the worldly things for the sake of the pleasure of Allah: by providing for your family, by taking care of their needs, by supporting the community, by thinking of other people.

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This is a blessed day. Prophet Mohammed SAL said, the days of Eid are times of eating, drinking, and times of remembrances of God. **It's a good Sunna to sacrifice today** for yourself and for your children, you should do it yourself if you are well trained or you should at least attend the ritual. **It's obligatory** to do it after the prayer. The ud7iya should be of good quality, free of any type of defects. Share the ud7iya with your family and the needy. **The four days of the Eid** are blessed days, and to remind all of you it's the sunna to do the TAKBIR: Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar wa lillahi Al7amd after each prayer until the fajr prayer of the 4th day according to Imam Malik, or the Asr prayer of the 4th day according to Imams Abu 7anifa and Shafi3i.

The prophet Mohammed SAL in his khutba on the day of Na7r SAID: **From this day forward, your blood and your property amongst you is SACRED, like the sanctity of THIS DAY (and he meant the eid), and the sanctity in THIS MONTH (and he meant dul-7ijja), and the sanctity in THIS CITY (and he meant Makkah), UNTIL THE DAY YOU MEET YOUR LORD.** And then Prophet Mohammed SAL said: **Have I not delivered this message?** And they said **YES, and he said O Allah BEAR WITNESS!** and then Prophet Mohammed SAL said: **Let the one present tell the one absent.** This is a strong emphasis that you cannot shed anybody's blood; you cannot violate anybody's integrity. You cannot steal from anybody whether it's an individual or a corporation.

My dear respected brothers and sisters, the day of the 3id symbolizes the moderation of our religion. Make this day a day of happiness among your family, your neighbors and your friends, make it a day of repentance and renewal of your covenant with God and his messenger Prophet Mohammed SAL. Elevate and honor your women and treat your kids with kindness and love. Today you get rewarded when you walk up to someone with whom you're in dispute and sincerely forgive them and reconcile your differences. Today Greet, shake hands and smile in the faces of people.

## Eidukum Mubarak.