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## Hajj Merits & SIGNIFICANCE

**Hajj is one of the most integral pillars of Islam upon which Islam has been established. Imam Baqir (as) says *"Islam has been established on the following five elements: prayer, zakāt, fast, hajj and wilāyah"*.[1]**

**Hajj is of two kind; obligatory and *mustaḥabb*, it holds immense virtue and abundant reward. Many traditions have been narrated from the Holy Prophet (s.a.w) and the purified *Ahl ul-Bayt* (as) on the merits of hajj. Imam Sadiq (as) says: "*Those who perform Hajj and 'Umrah form the delegation of Allah; if they beg Him, He will grant them; if they call upon Him, He will answer them; if they want to intercede for others, He will accept it; and if they keep auiet, He will speak on their behalf, and they will be compensated with a reward of one million dirhams for the expense of one dirham*".[2]**

[1]. Al Kafi, vol. 2 p. 18, H. 1 ; Wasail Al-Shia, vol. 1 p. 7, chapter. 1, H. 1.

[2]. Al Kafi, vol. 4, p. 255, H. 14.