***Unreliable Hadith about Sacrifice***

**1-** The Messenger of Allah peace be upon him said: "These actions are obligatory for me and supererogatory for you: offering a sacrificial animal (on the Day of al-Adha; the feast of sacrifice), offering voluntary prayers at night and offering two Rak'ah of the Forenoon prayer." This hadith was reported by Al-Hakim, Al-Bazar and Ibn 'Udai. It was narrated by Ahmed, Abu Ya'li and Al-Hakim. It was mentioned that all transmitted chains of this Hadith are weak. Some scholars, such as Ahmed, Al-Baihaqy, Ibn As-Salah, Ibn Al-Jawzy and Al-Nawawi, graded this Hadith as unreliable.

**2-** Ibn 'Umar reported: "The Messenger of Allah peace be upon him stayed at Al-Madinah ten years, during which he used to offer a sacrificial animal every year." This Hadith was narrated by Ahmed and At-Tirmidhi who graded it as good. The transmitted chain of this Hadith is weak. Its transmitted chain includes Al-Hagag bin Artah and 'An'anah who was accused of deception.

**3-** Abu Hurairah reported that the Messenger of Allah peace be upon him said: "A person who has much sustenance and does not offer a sacrificial animal, let him not enter our place of prayer." This Hadith was narrated by Ahmed, Ibn Majah, Al-Darqutney, Al-Baihaqy and Al-Hakim. Al-Hakim graded it as sound, and Al-Zahaby agreed with him. Scholars see that it is preponderant that this tradition is a saying of Abu Hurairah not the Prophet.

**4-** Mekhnaf bin Sulaim reported that the Prophet said: "O mankind, people of each house shall offer a sacrificial animal every year." Ibn Hagar said: "Ahmed and the four Imams narrated this Hadith from a strong transmitted chain." Other scholars graded this Hadith as unreliable as one of its narrators called Abu Ramlah said that this Hadith is unknown. Al-Ma'afry also said that this Hadith is unreliable and it cannot be used as a proof.

**5-** 'Aisha may Allah be pleased with her said: "O Messenger of Allah, may I borrow (money) to offer a sacrificial animal?" The Prophet replied: "Yes, as this is a paid debt (i.e. you will get a great reward from Allah)." This Hadith is weak. It was narrated by Al-Darqutney and Al-Baihaqy.

**6-** Zaid bin Arqam reported that he or they (the Prophet's Companions) said: "What are these sacrificial animals (i.e. why we offer them)?" The Prophet replied: "That is the tradition of your father Ibrahim." They said: "O Messenger of Allah, what is our reward from offering the sacrificial animal?" The Prophet said: "You will get a good deed for each hair of it?" They said: "O Messenger of Allah, how about its wool?" The Prophet said: "You will get a good deed for each hair of the wool." This Hadith was narrated by Ahmed and others. It was graded as unreliable. One of its transmitted chain is 'Aaedh-Allah Al-Mugashe'y whose hadith are not sound.

**7-** 'Aisha reported that the Messenger of Allah said: "No deed of the Children of Adam on the Day of Sacrifice is more beloved to Allah than shedding blood (of the sacrificial animals). On the Day of Judgement, horns, hair and nails of the sacrificial animal will be brought(to witness for the person who offers it). Before its blood falls down the earth, Allah gives reward for it. So please your souls with it." This Hadith was narrated by At-Tirmidhi and others. Among its transmitted chain, there are Abdullah bin Nafi' who is a weak narrator and Abu Al-Muthana who is not taken as a proof and he also did not hear from Hisham bin 'Urwah.

**8-** Ibn Abbas reported that the Prophet said: "Money is not spent in anything better than offering a sacrificial animal on the Day of Sacrifice." This Hadith was narrated by Al-Baihaqy and others, and it was graded as unreliable.

**9-** Abu Hurairah reported that the Prophet said: "Your Lord wonders at (is pleased with) your deed of slaughtering the sheep on your Feast." This Hadith was narrated by Al-Baihaqy, and it was graded as unreliable.

**10-** Imran bin Husain reported that the Messenger of Allah said: "O Fatema (the Prophet's daughter), attend your sacrificial animal, for Allah will forgive all your deeds when the first drop of its blood is shed, and say: Truly, my prayer and my service of sacrifice, my life and my death, are (all) for Allah, the Cherisher of the Worlds, no Partner has he: this am I commanded, and I am among Muslims." Imran said: "O Messenger of Allah, this deed (of attending the sacrifice, forgiving the sins and saying these words) is special to you and your family as you are worthy of it or it is for all Muslims?" The Prophet said: "It is for all Muslims." This Hadith was narrated by Al-Hakim. One of its transmitted chain is Al-Nadr bin Ismail Al-Bagley who reported, on the authority of Abi Hamza Al-Thumaly, and both of them are weak narrators.

**11-** Ibn 'Umar reported that the Prophet said: "Whoever slaughters a horned ram (as a sacrifice), he will be rewarded as if he offered one hundred camels; whoever slaughters a castrated ram, he will be rewarded as if he offered fifty camels; whoever slaughters an ewe (a female sheep), he will be rewarded as if he offered a cow; and whoever slaughtered a cow, he will be rewarded as if he offered ten camels." This Hadith is unreliable. It was narrated by Al-Baihaqy who said: Abu Bakr Al-'Abasy (one of its narrators) is unknown and he used to narrate denied traditions.

**12-** Abu Hurairah reported that the Prophet said: "Choose (big and strong) sacrificial animals as they will help you pass through Al-Sirat (the Straight Way) (on the Day of Judgement)." This Hadith was narrated by the owner of Al-Firdaws (a book) who is a very weak narrator. One of its transmitted chain is Yahia bin 'Ubaidellah and his Hadith are unreliable.

**13-** The Prophet said: "Whoever offers a sacrificial animal by his will and for Allah's sake, this sacrificial animal will be a veil for him against the Fire (on the Day of Judgement)." This Hadith is forged. It was narrated by At-Tabrany. One of its transmitted chain is Abu Dawood Al-Nakhai' who is a liar.

**14-** The Prophet said: "Allah saves with each organ of the sacrificial animal an organ of the one who offers it." This Hadith has no origin.

**15-** Ali reported that the Prophet said: "O people, offer sacrificial animals for Allah's sake, for Allah will reward you for the blood that falls on the earth." This Hadith was narrated by At-Tabrany. It is a forged Hadith.

**16-** The Prophet said: "A child of Adam does not perform any deed on this Day (the Day of Sacrifice) better that shedding blood (of the sacrificial animals), except keeping relation with relatives that he does not visit them." This Hadith was narrated by At-Tabrany. One of its transmitted chain is Yahia Al-Khushani.

**17-** Ali bin Abi Taleb offered two rams for Sacrifice, and said: "The Messenger of Allah recommended me to offer sacrificial animals for him and I do this (i.e. one ram is for the Prophet and the other for Ali)." This Hadith is unreliable. It was narrated by Abu Dawood and At-Tirmidhi, who said that this Hadith is eccentric and we only knew it by Sharik.

**18-** Ibn Abbas reported "The Prophet peace be upon him prohibited slaughtering (the sacrificial animals) at night." This Hadith is not sound. Ibn Hazm said: This Hadith is not strong. Mubasher bin 'Ubaid (one of its narrators) is known for fabricating Hadith deliberately. Also this Hadith is incompletely transmitted.

**19-** Abi Kebash reported: "I brought young sheep at Al-Madinah (for trade) but I could not sell him. Then I told Abu Hurairah about that and he said that he heard the Prophet saying: "It is good to offer young sheep as sacrificial animals." And people offered them." This Hadith is unreliable for some of its narrators are unknown. It was narrated by At-Tirmidhi who said that this Hadith is eccentric, and said in another book that this Hadith is good. At-Tirmidhi also reported that this Hadith was narrated on the authority of Abu Hurairah as untraceable. He also said that this Hadith was narrated on the authority of Ibn Abbas, Um Bilal bint Helal on the authority of her father, Jabir, 'Uqbah bin 'Amer, and others.

At-Tirmidhi also said that there are some Hadith that strengthen each other and they refer that it is permissible to offer young sheep as sacrificial animals even if there are old ones, but they do not refer that the young sheep are better.

\* Note! Ibn Al-Araby said: There is no any authentic Hadith that shows the favor of offering sacrificial animals.

We suffice that offering sacrificial animals has favor as it is mentioned in the Qur'an and Sunnah as the Prophet peace be upon him offered two rams for Sacrifice, and his Companions, followers and other Muslims has followed this tradition. It was also proved that the Prophet said: "The greatest days for Allah is the Day of Sacrifice." (Narrated by Ahmed and others)

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