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Ibn ‘Abbās (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah (may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him) said: "There are no days in which righteous deeds are more beloved to Allah than on these days," referring to the first ten days of Dhul-Hijjah. They said: "O Messenger of Allah, not even Jihad in the cause of Allah?" He said: "Not even Jihad in the cause of Allah, except that of a man who goes out (to Jihad) with his self and his property but returns with none of them."

[Authentic] [Narrated by Al-Bukhāri and Abu Dāwūd, and this is the wording of Abu Dāwūd]

The Prophet (may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him) points out that good deeds in the first ten days of the month of Dhul-Hijjah are better than those performed during the other days of the year. The Companions (may Allah be pleased with them) asked the Prophet (may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him) about Jihad in the cause of Allah outside these ten days, as to whether it is better or the good deeds performed in these days. This is because it was well established among them that Jihad is one of the best deeds. In response, the Prophet (may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him) said that good deeds on these days are better than Jihad performed on other days, with the exception of a man who goes out for Jihad and risks his life and property for the cause of Allah and he loses both his property and life. This is what is better than good deeds in these virtuous days.

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