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Question

As-salamu ‘alaykum.

If a Muslim sacrifices a goat or sheep, but forgets to say “Allahu akbar” during the act, does the animal become *haram*? If he remembers later and says “Allahu akbar,” will that make it *halal*?

Please clarify. Jazakum Allah khayran.

Answer

In the Name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.

As-sal?mu ‘alaykum wa-rahmatullahi wa-barakatuh.

It is necessary to slaughter with the name of Allah (*tasmiyah*). The proper words for the *tasmiyah* are
“*bismillahi Allahu akbar*,”
although
“*bismillah*”
would suffice, as well.

If a Muslim forgets to say the *tasmiyah* at the time of slaughtering, then the animal is still *halal*. He does not need to say the words afterward.

However, if he/she leaves it out intentionally, then the animal will not be *halal*.

پرسش: اگر کسی ذبح کرتے وقت "بسم اللہ" کہے بغیر ذبح کر دے تو ذبح کیا حلال ہے؟ (اگر کسی نے جانور کو جان بوجھ کر "بسم اللہ" کے بغیر ذبح کر دیا تو کیا ذبح حلال ہے؟)

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And Allah knows best.

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