34972 - Ruling on Hajj

the question

What is the ruling on Hajj? What is the ruling on one who denies that it is obligatory?

Summary of answer

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Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

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The one who is able to do it should hasten to perform the duty of Hajj . Allah says (interpretation of the meaning):

"And Hajj (pilgrimage to Makkah) to the House (Ka'bah) is a duty that mankind owes to Allah, those who can afford the expenses (for one's conveyance, provision and residence); and whoever disbelieves [i.e. denies Hajj (pilgrimage to Makkah), then he is a disbeliever of Allah], then Allah stands not in need of any of the 'Alamin (mankind, jinn and all that exists)." [Al 'Imran 3:97]

And Allah knows best.