

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

يَتَأْتِيهَا النَّفْسُ الْمُطْمَئِنَّةُ ﴿٢٧﴾ أَرْجِعِي إِلَىٰ رَبِّكِ رَاضِيَةً مَّرْضِيَّةً ﴿٢٨﴾

فَادْخُلِي فِي عِبَادِي ﴿٢٩﴾ وَأَدْخُلِي جَنَّتِي ﴿٣٠﴾

In the name of Allah the Beneficent, the Merciful.

“O you tranquil soul, return to your Lord Well pleased with Him and He well pleased with you. Enter then among my servants. And enter then into my Garden.”

Imam Husain (AS) recited these verses of the Holy Qur-aan on the day of Ashoora, towards the time of Asr prayers.

The nafs, or soul, is the most precious gift of Almighty Allah (SWT). Whoever has identified himself, has recognized his Creator. In the Holy Qur-aan, Allah (SWT) has repeatedly emphasized the importance of purifying the nafs and indicated that there would be a test of human beings through fear, hunger, and loss of wealth and lives. In this test the patient ones, the saabireen, will say:

“Innallillahi wa innailaihi raajjaoon”

“Verily we are from Allah (SWT) and unto Him we will return.”

The saabireen receive blessings from their Lord:

“Salawatun-mir Rabbihi wa rahmatun”

and the saabireen are the rightly guided muhtadoon. These souls receiving ‘salawaat’ are indeed personalities of extraordinary position, even when they are in the most heart-rending calamities in the way of the Lord.

Hunger, thirst, and loss...loss of loved ones, loss of the fruit of their lives, and loss of everything that they possessed...was to its maximum degree in the field of Karbala. Imam Husain (AS) suffered immense hardship but remained steadfast. Throughout the day of Ashoor, as he lost friends, family members, brothers, nephews, and sons, he repeatedly said: “Inna llillahi wa inna ilaihi raajjaoon.”

His companions Habeeb, Zuhair, Saeed, and Muslim ibne Ausaja all lay dead with their blood-stained bodies on the burning sands of Karbala. His brother Abbas, his nephews Qasim, Aun, and Mohammad, his son Ali Akbar and even his baby Ali Asghar had all been killed.

دولاکھ کے نرغے میں محمدؐ کا نشاں ہے
ہمدرد نہیں کوئی ہر اک دشمنِ جاں ہے
اب موت ہی حیدرؑ کے دُلا رے کی اماں ہے
مقتل کی فضاؤں میں یہ زہرؑ کی فغاں ہے
شبیرؑ ہے تنہا میرا عباسؑ کہاں ہے

Left all alone, Imam Husain (AS) raised his head towards the sky and said:

“O my Lord, I have given up all without exception out of my love for You. I have abandoned all my family and accepted the orphaning of my children in order to meet You. If, out of love for you, my body were chopped into pieces, even then my heart will not bend before anyone but You.”

This was the nafs-e-mutmainna; the soul that conquered all desires and surrendered itself completely to Allah (SWT). This soul had attained peace, serenity, tranquility, and the highest stage of spiritual excellence.

Imam Husain (AS) was willing to submit to the divine will.

“Rizan bi qazaai-hee wa tasleeman li amrih,”

showing patience,

“wa sabran alaa balaa-ik.”

Thus, the Imam showed the verse of the Qur-aan in action. He was fulfilling his pledge before Allah (SWT). After the supreme sacrifice, his soul would reflect divinity, obtaining eternal bliss. We affirm that the Imam fought fearlessly, just like his father, and Allah (SWT) will avenge his blood.

ALI School students have shown you through their last 9 discourses that the denial of Ghadeer, denial of Wilaayat-e-Imam Ali has led to the tragedy of Karbala.

Today is 10th Muharram and we have reached the blood filled Ghadeer of Karbala.

Imam Husain (AS), after bidding farewell to the women and children, rode into the battlefield. Yazeed’s forces with swords, lances, spears, and stones attacked him. He fought a fierce battle and showed immense courage and bravery. The forces attacked Imam Husain (AS) from the right and left simultaneously, writes one historian, but:

“Husain first turned towards the right and scattered them with his heavy charges. Then he fell upon those that had assembled on his left and crushed them severely.”

As they watched, the people could not believe how one so bereaved and heartbroken could fight so resolutely. The sword of Imam Husain (AS) flashed in the blazing sun like lightning. As he fought, he remembered his brother Abbas and eighteen year old son Ali Akbar. Then, he looked at the sky and saw that it was nearly time for ‘Asr and heard a voice, “Husain this is the time to fulfill your promise”. He put his sword back in its scabbard.

Noticing that Imam Husain (AS) had stopped fighting, Umar Saad and his soldiers regrouped, and attacked him from all sides. He said to his Creator,

“Ya ghiyaasal mustaghee-seen”

“O Lord, O Lord, the Helper of those who seek His help.”

Death had become pleasant to him.

“Faqaalal aana taba liyal mauth”

When Imam’s horse, Zuljanah, arrived at the camp its saddle was empty of its master and its body was pierced with arrows. Bibi Zainab (SA) left the camp to find out how Imam Husain (AS) was. She could hardly walk as she stumbled, step by step, towards her brother. Finally, she reached Tilla-e-Zainabia, a hillock, from where she could see the maqatal, the place where Imam Husain (AS) had fallen. She saw him completely surrounded. Umar Saad and Shimr went towards the wounded Imam Husain (AS).

“O Umar Saad,” she cried, “will you stand there and watch my brother being slaughtered mercilessly without a drop of water?”

Imam Husain (AS) gestured for his sister to return to the camp. As she arrived back there, the earth trembled, a dismal darkness enveloped Karbala, and a strong gust of wind rose. The air filled with the sound of

“Husain qatalil bi Karbala”

“Husain has been killed”

The accursed Shimr had severed the head of Imam Husain (AS) while he was still in sajda, in prayer to Almighty Allah (SWT). The severed head of Imam Husain (AS) could be seen high up on a lance. Imam Zain-ul-Abideen (AS) said,

“As salaamo alaika ya Aba Abdullah al-Husain”

شہدہ کے کراہنے کی جو آنے لگی صدا

دوڑی اُدھر نبی کی نواسی برہنہ پا

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