

A'udhubillah...rajeem

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَمَلَائِكَتَهُ يُصَلُّونَ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ يَا أَيُّهَا
الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا صَلُّوا عَلَيْهِ وَسَلِّمُوا تَسْلِيمًا ﴿٥٦﴾

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

اللَّهُمَّ كُنْ لَوْلِيِّكَ الْحُجَّةِ بْنِ الْحَسَنِ
صَلَوَاتِكَ عَلَيْهِ وَعَلَى آبَائِهِ - فِي هَذِهِ السَّاعَةِ وَ فِي كُلِّ سَاعَةٍ
وَلِيًّا وَ حَافِظًا وَقَائِدًا - وَ نَاصِرًا وَ دَلِيلًا وَعَيْنًا
حَتَّى تُسَكِّنَهُ أَرْضَكَ طَوْعًا - وَ تُمَتِّعَهُ فِيهَا طَوِيلًا.

O Allah, send blessings on Mohammad and his Ahlul Bayt

O Allah, become, now and always, the Guardian, Shield, and Leader; Helper, Guide, and Protector;
of Your wali (representative), Al-Hujjat-ibn-Al-Hasan (Your blessings be on him and his forefathers)
so that he may become firmly established on Your earth, and govern for a long time.

Salawaat!

Our Holy Prophet (SAW) said:

حُسَيْنٌ مِنِّي وَ أَنَا مِنَ الْحُسَيْنِ

“Husain is from me, and I am from Husain”

In other words, Imam Husain (AS) is Rasool-Allah's flesh and blood, and the message of
Rasool-Allah (SAW), the existence of Islam is ONLY due to Imam Husain (AS).

The goal of this year's series of speeches by the students of ALI School
is Husain Shanaasi, that is to enhance our understanding of Imam Husain (AS)
under the guidance of this Hadees of Rasool-Allah (SAW).
These speeches are available on the ALI School website.

Moharram 9: The Night of Ashura

Zainab Imam



Umar Sad mounted his horse, occupied a place in front of his army and said: "O riders of Allah! Mount, and be it known to you that your place is in Paradise". Strangely enough, this is the same expression which was uttered by the Holy Prophet in a battle when he invited his companions to defend Islam.

As the army grew nearer Imam Husain (as) asked Hazrat Abbas to go and see what new development had taken place.

Hazrat Abbas approached the enemy army accompanied by twenty horse-men, and enquired from them about the reason for their sudden attack. They replied: "We have received orders from our Amir that either you should surrender immediately or we should fight against you". Hazrat Abbas said: "Don't be in a hurry. Let me go to the Imam and inform him of the situation". While Hazrat Abbas went and informed Imam Husain (as), his companions remained in front of the enemy forces. Imam Husain (as) said to his brother: "Go back to them and obtain an extension of time from them till tomorrow morning, so that tonight we may offer prayers to Allah (swt)." They granted relief to the Imam and his companions till the following morning. Imam Husain took advantage of this short opportunity and prepared himself for martyrdom.

Imam Husain called his companions after sunset and addressed them. He knew very well that he could not agree to surrender and take the oath of allegiance. He also knew that the enemy would not leave him alone and the matter would not be settled without fighting. In these circumstances his martyrdom as well as that of his companions was certain. In spite of all this, he spoke to his companions with perfect composure and confidence. He pointed out to them that the following day was the day of martyrdom, and insisted that each one of them should leave Karbala to go to their respective cities, because the enemies were after him only.

Imam Husain commenced his speech thus: "I thank Allah (swt) to the best of my ability and praise Him during the time of sorrow. It is a fact that I am not aware of any companions more faithful and honest than my companions and any relatives more righteous and kind than my

relatives. May Allah (swt) grant all of you a good reward. The day of our fighting with this army has arrived. I permit all of you to go away. You are free to depart without any restriction and should take advantage of the darkness of night". Imam Husain (as) blew out the candles. After a considerable amount of time he relit them and saw that no one had left. Imam Husain's family replied with one voice: "Should we leave to live a life after you? We pray to Allah (swt) that the time may not come when you may be killed and we may remain alive".

Muslim bin Awsaja said: "If we withdraw our support from you and leave you alone what excuse shall we have before Allah (swt)? I swear that I shall not leave you. I shall thrust my spear in the chest of your enemies and shall quench the thirst of my sword with their blood. And when there are no weapons left in my hand to fight with, I shall shower stones upon them."

After the meeting Imam Husain (as) and his companions prepared for the following day.

Imam Husain had brought cane and firewood to place in a ditch, which they had dug during the night. He said, "When they march against us and fight us, we will set the wood on fire, so we will not be open to attack from the rear. We can fight them from a single direction." He went out to his followers and instructed them to bring their tents close together. Imam Husain and his companions spent the rest of the night in prayers, seeking forgiveness from Allah (swt). Imam Husain (as) recited the following supplication:

"O' Allah, You are my trust in every sorrow and my hope in every hardship. You are truly the bestower of every bounty, the source of every blessing and the goal of every desire. You have guided me and shown me the significance of all matters which I face."

The night of Ashura came to an end -the night which will never come again in the history of mankind, which ended with the preparation for martyrdom of the great personalities in the way of Allah (swt).

The day of Ashura arrived. Imam Husain (as) made the biggest sacrifice ever witnessed by mankind. In one day, he sacrificed his brothers, nephews, and children on the land of Karbala. He remained patient after seeing so many shaheed in one day. Aun and Mohammed had been martyred. Qasim was trodden to pieces. Abbas was lying on the bank of the River Furaat. Ali Akbar's chest was torn open with a spear. By Asr time Imam Husain (as) was left alone.

Imam Husain rode his horse to a small mount, he then called out loudly:

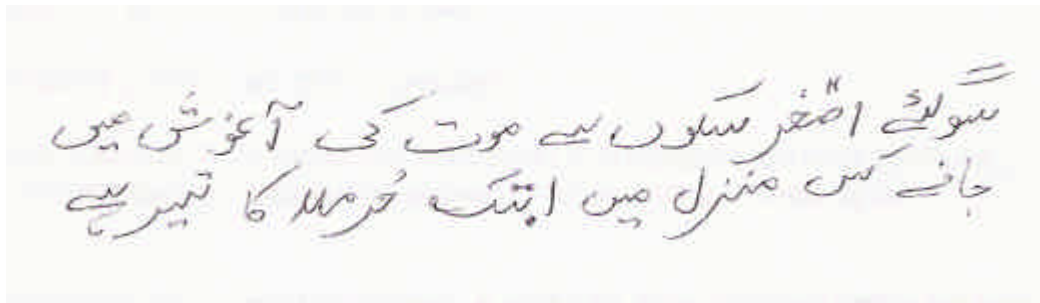
"IS THERE ANY HELPER TO HELP ME? IS THERE ANYONE TO HELP THE GRANDSON OF THE HOLY PROPHET?"

Imam Husain heard the sound of crying coming from his camp. He turned around and returned to the tents. "Zainab, your brother is still alive. Why are you crying?" "My brother Husain, when you called out, "IS THERE ANYONE TO HELP ME", Ali Asghar threw himself from his cradle." Imam Husain knew what Ali Asghar was trying to say. He went to Umme Rabab. Ali Asghar was on her lap crying while she was trying to comfort him. Imam Husain picked up Hazrat Ali Asghar and whispered in his ear. Ali Asghar stopped crying and looked up at his father smiling. "Umme Rabab, I am taking Ali Asghar to the battlefield with me so that I can get some water for him."

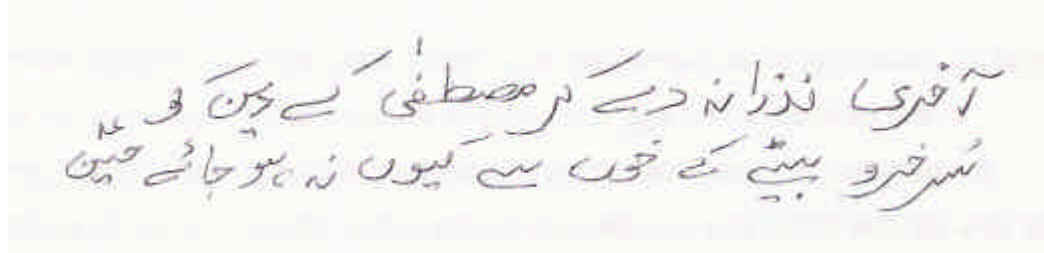
Imam Husain carried Ali Asghar to the battlefield on the scorching sands of Karbala. He covered Hazrat Ali Asghar with his abaa to protect him from the blazing sun. Imam Husain walked to Yazeed's soldiers. He held Ali Asghar high with both his hands and said: "O soldiers of Yazeed, you feel I have offended you, but what has this little child done to you? His mother's milk has dried up. He has not had a drop of water for three days. I ask you to give water to this innocent little child." Not one of Yazeed's soldiers brought any water for Ali Asghar. Imam Husain looked at the infant and said: "My son Ali Asghar, you are a grandson of Ali, fight your Jihad." Ali Asghar stuck his dry tongue out and moved it over his parched lips looking towards Yazeed's men. Ali Asghar shot a strange arrow - his dry tongue. It hit the hearts of Yazeed's soldiers who had children of their own. They became restless. Some started crying. They spoke amongst themselves: "Imam Husain is saying the truth. What has this child done to us? Why is he being punished like this? Let us give him some water." Umar Saad cried out:

"Hurmula! What are you waiting for? Silence the infant! Do you not know he is a grandson of Ali?" Hurmula aimed an arrow at Ali Asghar. It was an arrow with three sharp heads.

The arrow flew across the desert of Karbala and went through Imam Husain's arm instantly killing Hazrat Ali Aghar



Imam Husain (as) gently pulled the arrow from Ali Asghar's tiny neck. As blood gushed out from his neck, a voice came from the ground: "No, Husain, do not let Ali Asghar's blood fall to the ground, otherwise no crops will ever grow from this earth." Imam Husain looked up, as another voice came from the sky: "No Husain, do not let the blood gush towards the sky, otherwise, not a drop of rain will ever fall from this sky." The sky and the earth are refusing to accept Ali Asghar's blood. Imam Husain wiped Ali Asghar's blood on his face.



He started walking towards the tents, but went back. SEVEN TIMES, Imam Husain went forward and then turned back, Saying: "INNA LILLAHE WA INNA ELAIHE RAJEOON RIDHAN BI QADHA'IHEE WA TASLEEMAN LIAMR'IH."

He finally reached the tent where Bibi Rabab was standing. "Rabab, come and take Ali Asghar." Bibi Rabab took her little infant. She hugged him and cried her heart out.

Imam Husain and Bibi Rabab walked to the back of the tents. Imam Husain dug a small grave with his sword and placed Ali Asghar in the grave.

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یہ اہانت ہے میری رکھو حفاظت سے ذرا۔ اے زمین کربلا

بچے پر بیگیس کا پتھر

خون میں سب تر بہتر

بہتر خالق رحم کر

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اپنے پہلو میں ایسے آرام سے دیبھو سندا۔ پوٹے کا اہساں تیرا
لاش سے انکار صحت کر خون سے تو انکار تھا۔ اے زمین کربلا