

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 تُسْكِنَهُ 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 12: Captives from Kufa to Damascus

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The Ahlul Bayth (AS) was being held captive by Ibne Ziyaad in Kufa. He had ordered that they be strictly guarded and have absolutely no visitors. He was scared; afraid of the effects the khutba of Bibi Zainab (SA) would have on the people of Kufa. They would soon rise against him. Yazeed had ordered that the prisoners be detained there, but Ibne Ziyaad wanted them out of his hands as soon as possible.

The torturous journey that began in Karbala continued towards Shaam. Again, the enemy soldiers brought unsaddled camels for the women and children. Again, a huge procession was prepared. The heads of the shuhadaa, including Hazrat Ali Asghar (AS), were raised high on spears. Bibi Rabab gazed mournfully at the innocent face of Ali Asghar. Sakina sat on her mother's lap staring sadly at the 'alam of Hazrat Abbas (AS), with her mashk still tied to it, and whispered, "I am not thirsty, Uncle, I am not thirsty."

Imam Zain-ul Aabideen (AS) was made to walk the whole way, the hot chains burning into his flesh. He would faint with the torture, but his captors knew no pity. They would lash him ruthlessly until Bibi Zainab (SA) stopped them from whipping the Imam to death.

Each head of the shuhadaa was assigned to a soldier of Yazeed's army, who was made responsible for its safe custody. Khoolee a hard-hearted tyrant was put in charge of the Holy Head of Imam Husain (AS). As the Brute's army marched from Karbala, it halted near Kufa where Khoolee lived. Khoolee left the camp to visit his wife in the town. He carried with him the Holy Head, but kept it covered under ashes of the kitchen hearth to hide it from his wife.

Later that night, Khoolee's wife noticed a pillar of light rising out from the hearth in the kitchen. She looked through a hole in the door and was stunned to see heavenly figures descending from heaven on a severed head in the hearth. She rushed back in to her room, and woke Khoolee to tell him what she had seen. Khoolee could no longer conceal the truth and revealed what he had hidden in the hearth.

The good lady cried, "May the wrath of Allah (SWT) be on you, O cursed one! You have brought the Holy Head of Imam Husain (AS) in my house!"

Shedding tears, the good lady rushed out of her house, wandering into the wilderness. She never again entered the house, and ultimately gave her life crying for Imam Husain (as).

Historians report that people noticed the lips of Imam Husain (AS) moving. When people listened carefully, they heard the Imam's lips clearly uttering the following verse of Surah Kahf:

“Or do you think that the men of the cave and the inscription were amongst our wonderful signs?”

Those who heard the recital of the sacred words immediately cried out, “Nay! O son of the Holy Prophet! The event of your sufferings and patience is more astonishing.”

Even after separation from his body, the head of Imam Husain (AS) advocated the unity of Allah (SWT), the authentic Prophethood of his grandfather, and the truthfulness of Islam as Allah's prescribed religion for mankind as a whole.

The Devil's army marched on with the severed heads of the shuhadaa raised on their lances. The journey from Kufa to Shaam took over twenty days. The women and the children were exhausted. Their suffering was great! The children would faint under the scorching desert heat and fall off the camels. The mothers would cry for help.

Imam Zain-ul Aabideen (AS) and Bibi Zainab (SA) would go looking for the children. Sometimes they would find them, barely alive, and other times, too late. Our fourth Imam buried the dead children, creating a trail of small graves along the path to Damascus.

During the journey, the lance carrying the head of Imam Husain (AS) suddenly stopped, lodging into the ground. Shimr approached Imam Zain-ul Aabideen (AS) with his whip, asking him why Imam Husain (AS) stopped here. Bibi Zainab (SA) went to her nephew's rescue and noticed Imam Husain (AS) had tears rolling down his cheeks. She asked her brother why he had stopped and why he was crying.

“My Sakina has fallen from her camel,” he replied.

Bibi Zainab (SA) ran back from where they came. Some distance away, she saw a lady holding Bibi Sakina (SA). As she came closer, she noticed Sakina was sleeping peacefully.

“May Allah reward you for your kindness to this orphan,” said Bibi Zainab (SA).

The lady replied, "Zainab, my dear, how can you thank your own mother? Do you not recognize me?" As the lady lifted her face, Bibi Zainab (SA) saw that it was Bibi Fatima (SA).

When the caravan reached the outskirts of Damascus, Umar Saad sent word of their arrival to Yazeed. Yazeed ordered that the caravan remain outside while the city was prepared for a celebration. He wanted the people of Damascus to line the streets to witness his victory.

He did not realize who the real victors of this conflict were. Bibi Zainab (SA) had conquered Kufa. Now Shaam had come and was waiting for her!

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شیرؑ کا پیغام لیے شام گئی ہے