



Motherhood in Islam

Session Four

Ponder and answer:

How would we show love of Ahlul Bayt (a) in our homes and families?

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Ayat of Qurba

قُلْ لَا أَسْأَلُكُمْ عَلَيْهِ أَجْرًا إِلَّا الْمَوَدَّةَ فِي الْقُرْبَىٰ

Say: I do not ask of you any reward for it but love for my near relatives

(Sura Shura, 42:23)

Dua for children from Sahifa as Sajjadiyya

Make them . . .

loving and well-disposed

toward Thy friends . . .

Hadith on Love of Ahlul Bayt (a)

Raise your children to love me
and to love my Ahlul Bayt.

Holy Prophet (s)

Cultivate in your children three traits;
Love of the Holy Prophet(s),
love for the Ahlul Bayt,
and tilaawah of the Quran

Imam Ali (a)

Surely whoever dies on the love of the family of Muhammad dies the death of a martyr

Surely whoever dies on the love of the family of Muhammad dies the death of one who is forgiven

Surely whoever dies on the love of the family of Muhammad dies the death of one who is repentant

Surely whoever dies on the love of the family of Muhammad dies the death of a believer who is complete in faith

Surely whoever dies on the love of the family of Muhammad Allah will make his grave a visiting place for angels.

Holy Prophet (s)

A man is with he whom he loves

A man came to the Holy Prophet (s).

The Holy Prophet asked him: ‘what have you prepared for the Day of Judgment?’.

The man replied; I have not prepared a lot, except that I love Allah and His Messenger.

The Holy Prophet (s) told him: ‘A man is with he whom he loves’.

A Persian Poem

من غم و مهر حسین، با شیر از مادر گرفتم
روز اوّل کامدم، دستور تا آخر گرفتم
بر مشام جان زدم يك قطره از بوی حسینی
سبقت از مشک و گلاب و نافه و عنبر گرفتم

Love and grief for Husayn

I received from the milk of my mother

I put on my soul

a drop of the scent of Husayn

and overcame the scent of Musk, Rose, and Amber . . .

Poem by Marhum Hajj Murshid Chalui

<http://arghanoon63.blogfa.com/post-73.aspx>

Qualities of those who love the Ahlul Bayt (a)

إِنَّ اللَّهَ تَعَالَى إِطَّلَعَ إِلَى الْأَرْضِ فَاخْتَارَنَا وَاخْتَارَ لَنَا شِيعَةً
يَنْصُرُونَنَا وَ يَفْرَحُونَ بِفَرَحِنَا وَ يَحْزَنُونَ لِحُزْنِنَا وَ يَبْذُلُونَ أَنْفُسَهُمْ وَ
أَمْوَالَهُمْ فِيْنَا، فَأَوْلَئِكَ مِنَّا وَ إِلَيْنَا وَهُمْ مَعَنَا فِي الْجَنَانِ

Allah looked at the Earth and chose us, and chose for us Shiahs (followers) who help us, are happy for our happiness and sad for our sadness, and give out of themselves and their wealth for us. So those [Shiahs] are from us and for us, and will be with us in Heaven.

Imam Ali (a)

Relationship with the Ahlul Bayt (a)

- Relationship between a believer and the Ahlul Bayt (a) should go beyond intelligence and belief. There should be emotional attachment.
- Understanding their position as Divine leaders.
- Respect and Reverence for them.
- Familiarity with their lives and achievements.

Ways of increasing emotional attachment

- Explaining the status of the Ahlul Bayt (a) and how much they loved their followers.
- Happiness and sadness for their occasions
- Discussing their lives and characteristics
- Knowing about, and visiting the holy lands
- Closeness to the Imam of the time
- Familiarity with duas of the Ahlul Bayt (a)

Some Points on Religious Training

Foster the faith of your child. Children that have been raised from the beginning with faith in Allāh (swt) have a strong will and powerful soul and from their early years are mature and courageous; this is easily observed by their actions and words. The readiness of the soul of a child to learn faith and Akhlāq is like fertile ground in which any type of seed can grow. Therefore, parents should teach their child love for Allāh (swt) and the Ahlul Bayt (as) and leaders of Islam from the earliest opportunities.

It is narrated from Imām as-Sādiq (as): “Teach traditions to your children as soon as possible, before opposers (to your beliefs) reach them before you do

It is narrated from Imām as-Sādiq (as): “When our children reach 5 years of age, we tell them to pray Salāt, so you tell your children to do this when they reach 7 years of age; and we tell our children at the age of 7 years to fast however much they have the ability to, half a day, or more, or less, and to break their fast when they become hungry or thirsty so that they get used to fasting and develop the ability for it, so you tell your children at the age of 9 years to fast however much they have the ability for, and when thirst overcomes them, to break their fast

It is also narrated in a tradition: “We command our children to (do) the tasbih of Hadrat Fātima, just like we command them to (pray) Salāt.

<http://www.al-islam.org/heavenlypath/12.htm>

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<http://www.al-islam.org/heavenlypath/12.htm>

<http://www.sufikids.com/teachings.html>

<http://www.ezsoftech.com/stories/love.for.prophet.asp>