



Sirah of Sayyida Fatima al-Zahraa عليها السلام

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Sûrah al-Nahl, Ayat 58 & 59

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ * وَإِذَا بُشِّرَ أَحَدُهُم بِالْأُنثَىٰ ظَلَّ
وَجْهَهُ مُسْوَدًّا وَهُوَ كَظِيمٌ ﴿٥٨﴾ يَتَوَارَىٰ مِنَ الْقَوْمِ مِنْ
سُوءِ مَا بُشِّرَ بِهِ ۚ أَيَسِكُّهُ عَلَىٰ هُونٍ أَمْ يَدُسُّهُ فِي التُّرَابِ
ۗ أَلَا سَاءَ مَا يَحْكُمُونَ ﴿٥٩﴾

16:58 And when one of them is informed of [the birth of] a female, his face becomes dark, and he suppresses grief. 16:59 He hides himself from the people because of the ill of which he has been informed. Should he keep it in humiliation or bury it in the ground? Unquestionably, evil is what they decide.

Questions for Discussion

- How would you link verses 16:58 & 59 to our discussion on the life of Sayyida Fatima عليها السلام ?
- Fatima preferred the Hereafter over this world? Is this correct? Please comment.
- Do you remember any Du'a from Sayyida Fatima عليها السلام ?
- Did Fatima play any political role after the demise of her father, the Messenger of Allah صلى الله عليه وآله ?

Division of household duties

- Fatimah عليها السلام agreed with Imam Ali عليه السلام that she will undertake duties inside the house, (of preparing) the dough, (baking) the bread and house keeping. Ali (a) guaranteed to Fatimah all that is needed from outside the house, such as providing the firewood and food.
- One day he said to her: O Fatimah do you have something (to eat in the house)? She replied: By He who glorified you we do not have anything to give you since three days. He said: Why did you not inform me? She said: the Messenger of Allah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ always advised me against asking you for anything. He said to me ‘Do not ask your cousin for anything. If he brought you something, fine; and if not then do not ask him for anything.’

Fatima's Du'as of the week- 1

اللَّهُمَّ افْتَحْ لَنَا خَزَائِنَ رَحْمَتِكَ وَهَبْ لَنَا اللَّهُمَّ رَحْمَةً لَا تُعَذِّبُنَا بَعْدَهَا فِي الدُّنْيَا وَالْآخِرَةِ
وَارزُقْنَا مِنْ فَضْلِكَ الْوَاسِعِ رِزْقًا حَلَالًا طَيِّبًا وَلَا تُحَوِّجْنَا وَلَا تُفْقِرْنَا إِلَى أَحَدٍ سِوَاكَ

- Saturday: O Allah open for us the treasures of your mercy. Give us compassion O Allah. Do not punish us in this world and the hereafter. Provide us from Your abundant bounties a pure and good livelihood, and let us not be in need or want of anyone other than You.

• اللَّهُمَّ اجْعَلْ أَوَّلَ يَوْمِي هَذَا فَلَاحًا وَآخِرَهُ نَجَاحًا وَأَوْسَطَهُ صَلَاحًا

- Sunday: O Allah make the first part of this day successful, the last have a happy ending and the middle be righteous.

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ قُوَّةً فِي عِبَادَتِكَ وَتَبَصُّرًا فِي كِتَابِكَ وَفَهْمًا فِي حُكْمِكَ

- Monday: O Allah I ask you for strength in worshiping you, comprehension of your book, and understanding of your commands.

Fatima's Du'as of the week-2

وَاجْعَلْ صَالِحَ مَا نَقُولُ بِأَلْسِنَتِنَا نِيَّةً فِي قُلُوبِنَا اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّ مَغْفِرَتَكَ أَوْسَعُ
مِنْ ذُنُوبِنَا وَرَحْمَتِكَ أَرْجَى عِنْدَنَا مِنْ أَعْمَالِنَا

- Tuesday: Let us speak from the depths of our hearts whatever we say by our tongue. O Allah, verily the plentiness of your forgiveness has enough room to absorb our sins, and we rely more on your mercy than on our good deeds.

اللَّهُمَّ احْرُسْنَا بِعَيْنِكَ الَّتِي لَا تَنَامُ وَرَكُنْكَ الَّذِي لَا يُرَامُ وَبِأَسْمَائِكَ الْعِظَامِ
وَصَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ

- Wednesday: O Allah protect us with Your eye that never sleeps Your pillar that never falters, and Your mighty names, and bless Muhammad and his family

Fatima's Du'as of the week -3

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ الْهُدَى وَالتُّقَى وَالْعَفَافَ وَالْغِنَى وَالْعَمَلَ بِمَا تُحِبُّ
وَتَرْضَى

- Thursday: O Allah! I seek from You the guidance and *taqwa*, chastity and sufficiency (free of need of others) and deeds according to what You love and are pleased with

اللَّهُمَّ اجْعَلْنَا مِنْ أَقْرَبِ مَنْ تَقَرَّبَ إِلَيْكَ وَأَوْجَهٍ مَنْ تَوَجَّهَ إِلَيْكَ
وَأَنْجَحِ مَنْ سَأَلَكَ وَتَضَرَّعَ إِلَيْكَ

- Friday: O Allah! Render us among the nearest of those who seek nearness to You and the most illustrious of those who turn to You and the most successful of those who ask from You and beseech You

Fatima reacts when Ali taken to Abu Bakr

- Fatima went to the Masjid and said to Abu Bakr, ‘Do you intend to take my husband away from me, making me a widow? If you do not release him, I swear by Allah, I will dishevel my hair and tear my collar and go to the grave of my father and pray to Allah against you.’
- She took the hands of al-Hasan and al-Husayn and proceeded towards the grave of the Prophet
- Ali sent Salman to request Fatima not to imprecate.
- Fatima: O Salman! They desire to kill Ali and my patience has now parted away, let me go . . .
- Salman: Allah sent your father as *rahmat lil ‘alameen* and Ali has asked you to return to your house

Fatima talks to Ansaar

- Ibn Qutayba (d. 322 AH) narrates: At night, Ali took Fatima to the Ansaar, and she told them to support Ali. They replied, ‘O daughter of Messenger of Allah, we have taken the oath of allegiance to this man (Abu Bakr) and die has been cast. If your cousin and husband had approached us in the beginning before we had given the *bay‘ah* to Abu Bakr we would have supported him and listened to him regarding the caliphate.
- *What would you say to the Ansar?*
- Refer to *House of Sorrows* (p.70) to see the reponses of Imam Ali (a) and Sayyida Fatima (a).

Shariati on Fatima's struggle

- This is why Medina now witnesses one of the most wonderful views of history. Next to the mosque of the Prophet, in the heart of the dark night, a woman in mourning, sitting upon a horse, being led by a man, passes through the dark empty streets of the town.
- Ali walks. Fatima, the beloved and rebellious daughter of the Prophet rides. Every night they leave their home with the same purpose. Ali goes with her to seek the Ansaar. They are more sincere and impartial than the Muhajirun who are mainly from the Quraysh tribe. They support each other. An aged political structure brings them together. Now the Caliph, from among them, is their influential master. (*Fatima is Fatima*, p. 209)