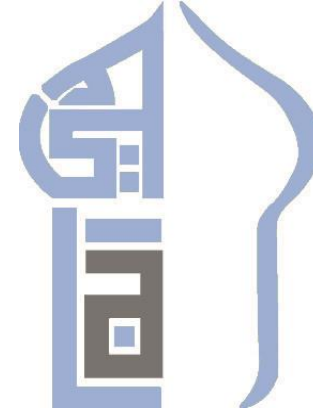


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ALI 413: Brief Explanation of Du'ā No. 4
From *Sahīfa Sajjādiyya*

SESSION 1:

وَكَانَ مِنْ دُعَائِهِ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ فِي الصَّلَاةِ عَلَى أَتْبَاعِ الرَّسُولِ وَمُصَدِّقِيهِمْ

***His Supplication in Calling down Blessings upon
the Followers of, and Attesters to, the
Messengers***

Interesting articles on the *Sahīfa*

Read the following articles during the course. You will find them interesting & highly beneficial; they talk about the circumstances that led to the compilation of the work.

1. A H Sheriff, “Saheefa Al-Kamilah: The Perfect Epistle” from *The Light* magazine, available at:

<https://www.academyofislam.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/ALI-201-Intro-Sheriff.pdf>

2. “Introduction to Al-Sahifa by the martyred Imam Āyatullāh Sayyid Muhammad Baqir Al-Sadr, available at:

<https://www.academyofislam.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/Sahifa-Intro-Sadr.pdf>

3. Sayyid Saeed Akhtar Rizvi, “The Illustrious Imammat-period of Imam Zaynal ‘Abidin,” found online at:

www.al-islam.org/al-serat/Illustrious.htm

Important points from A H Sheriff

1. A researcher accepted Islam due to *Sahīfa*. Her observation: *no other book would surpass this as it contained the supreme possible human approach towards the Creator Allah.*
2. Quotation from Shaykh al-Islam Tantawi of Egypt. His remarks: *I was deeply impressed by the value and magnificence of these invocations. I wonder how the Muslims have all along been ignorant of such a valuable treasure. They have been in deep slumber for these centuries. They could not even feel that Allah has supplied them with such a precious store of knowledge.*
3. Gift from the 12th Imam (af): *In a dream once, the Allāmah requested the 12th Imam for a gift of a book from which he could constantly benefit. The Imam recommended Sahīfa telling him that it was a gift from him and he should go and collect the book from a person named at a particular place. Allāmah confirms that in accordance with the advice of the Imam, he collected the Sahīfa from which he benefited a great deal in his exercises of self-purification. The book was cherished as an invaluable gift from the Imam and circulated round among the believers of the place.*

Article by S. Saeed Akhtar Rizvi

- Challenges faced by the Imam al-Sajjad (a)
- Hajar al-Aswad testified him Imamate
- Using Azaa al-Husayn to unite the Shi'ah
- Using Du'aa to teach Islam: for e.g.
 - Du'aa 20 on what are the best & elevated morals
 - Du'aa 30 on why it is necessary to avoid debts
 - Du'aa 17 against the mischief of Shaytan
 - Du'aa 27 for people facing war & opposition
 - Du'aa 24 on the position of parents
 - And many more supplications

Intro to Du'ā 4 from *Sahīfa*

The Du'ā covers Muslims of the past and present. The Prophet, peace be upon him and his progeny, once said: *How eager am I to meet my brothers.* So Abu Bakr and 'Umar said: “Are we not your brothers? We have believed in you, and migrated with you.” The Prophet (s) said: *No doubt, you have believed and migrated, yet I am eager to meet my brothers.* Then he repeated the statement. Then he said: *You are my companions. But my brothers are those who will come after you have gone. They will believe in me, love me, help me, and confirm me - without ever having seen me. How I wish to meet my brothers!* (Al-Āmāli of Sh. Mufīd, p.80, H. 9)

Passage 1 from Du'ā 4

اللَّهُمَّ وَاتَّبَاعُ الرُّسُلِ وَمُصَدِّقُوهُمْ مِنْ أَهْلِ الْأَرْضِ بِالْغَيْبِ عِنْدَ مُعَارَضَةِ
الْمُعَانِدِينَ لَهُمْ بِالتَّكْذِيبِ وَالِاشْتِيَاقِ إِلَى الْمُرْسَلِينَ بِحَقَائِقِ الْإِيمَانِ

Chittick: O God, as for the followers of the messengers and those of the people of the earth who attested to them unseen (while the obstinate resisted them through crying lies) - they yearned for the emissaries through the realities of faith,

Muhani: O Lord! Bless the followers of the Prophets and their followers (from among the inhabitants of the earth) in things unseen and at the time of controversy with their enemies who belied them while they are eager (to see) the Apostles with true faith

Notes on passage No. 1

Knowing and reading about the early followers of the Holy Prophet (s) inspires the generations that follow. Study the lives of close companions like Salman, Abu Dharr, Ammar, Miqdad, etc. It is important to know the life and practices (sīrah) of the early followers of the Prophet. Then there were those living on this earth who verified the truth of the followers without even having seen them (*musaddiqūhum minal-ardhi bil-ghyab*). *Saddaqa* (صَدَّقَ) = he verified. Allah ‘*azza wa-jall* (Mighty & Majestic) says about the Holy Prophet (s): (جَاءَ بِالْحَقِّ وَصَدَّقَ الْمُرْسَلِينَ) *He came with truth and confirmed the earlier messengers* (Q 37:37). The later-day followers were eager and yearned to believe and follow the messengers due to their deep faith. In Du‘ā al-Simāt we recite, “O Allah! Just as we were absent and didn’t witness these manifestations of Your glory, yet we believed in their truth and justice, without having been eyewitness”.

Notes on passage No. 1 cont.

In contrast there were those who belied (*takdhīb*) the Prophet and heaped different accusations against the Prophet (s). They belied and rejected him by calling him bewitched man, a poet, a soothsayer (*kāhin*), a magician and a mad person. The Quran defends the Prophet (s) eagerly on many occasions: *When the wrongdoers say, “You would only be following a bewitched man” (17: 47); You are not, by the favor of your Lord, a soothsayer or a madman (52:29); And they argued, “Should we really abandon our gods for a mad poet?” (37: 36); And the disbelievers say of the truth when it has come to them, “this is nothing but pure magic” (34:43); Have they not given it a thought that their companion is not insane? He is only manifest warner (7:184).*

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