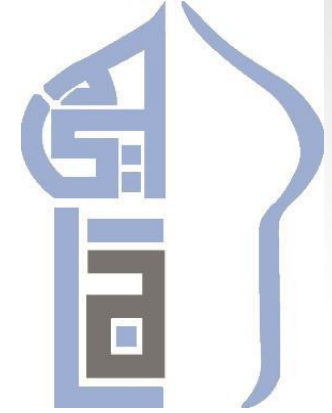


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## ALI 413: Brief Explanation of Du'ā No. 5 From *Sahīfa Sajjādiyya*

### SESSION 1:

وَكَانَ مِنْ دُعَائِهِ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ لِنَفْسِهِ وَلِأَهْلِ وَوَلَايَتِهِ

*His Supplication for himself and the People  
under his Guardianship*

Wednesday Jan 10, 2018.

# 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/saheefa-al-kamilah-the-perfect-epistle-by-a-h-sheriff/>

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.pdf3>

Sayyid Saeed Akhtar Rizvi, “The Illustrious Imamate period of Imam Zaynul ‘Ābidīn,” found online at:

[www.al-islam.org/al-serat/Illustrious.htm](http://www.al-islam.org/al-serat/Illustrious.htm)

# Intro to Du'ā 5 from *Sahīfa*

This is an important supplication because Imam al-Sajjad (a) prays for himself, his family and for his Shī'ahs as they were under his guardianship (wilāyah). Our present Imam al-Mahdī (af) must also be praying similarly for us. It is necessary that we read, understand and try to reflect on this Du'ā. It has 15 passages: the first 6 begins with “*Yaa man,*” – O He Who, addressing to Allah directly; with the exception of passage 13, all remaining passages begin with ‘*Allahumma,*’ – O Allah; and the Imam invokes Divine blessings on Muhammad and his family (salawāt) 13 times in the entire Du'ā.

# Muslims describing Allah

One day ‘Ali b al-Husayn, peace be on them, was in the masjid of the Apostle of Allah, may Allah bless Him and his family, when he heard some people describing Allah in terms of His creation. He became fearful and frightened of that. He rose and went to the tomb of the Apostle of Allah, may Allah bless Him and His Family. He stood before it and raised his voice to talk to his Lord. He said in his conversation to Him (see the next slide).

1. In which book can we find this event?
2. In the masjid of Nabī! What can you infer?
3. Why would Imam become fearful and frightened?

# Imam Converses with Allah

*My Allāh. Your power has been shown but the form of Your Majesty has not been shown. They are ignorant of You and they try to estimate You on the basis of what You are not, and they make comparisons with You. O my Allāh, I renounce those who seek to discover You through human comparisons. My Allāh, there is nothing like You, and they have not become aware of You. It is clear that the favour which they have is their evidence for You, if they would (choose to) know You in Your creation, My Allāh, I am free from the fact that they should give You (these characteristics). Indeed they have pictured You according to Your creation. Thus they do not know You and have adopted some of Your signs as (if they were their) Lord. In that way they have attempted to describe You. May You be exalted, O my Allāh, above the pictures of You of those who try to describe You in human terms. (Kitāb al-Irshād, pp. 363-64).*

# Du'ā No. 5 from *Sahīfa* -Psg 1

يَا مَنْ لَا تَنْقُضِي عَجَائِبُ عَظَمَتِهِ، صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ  
وَأَلِهِ، وَاحْجُبْنَا عَنِ الْإِلْحَادِ فِي عَظَمَتِكَ

Chittick: O He the wonders of whose mightiness will never end! Bless Muhammad and his Household and prevent us from deviation concerning Your mightiness!

Muhani: O You, the wonders of Whose glory are never exhausted, bless Muhammad and his Āl (family) and restrain us from forsaking Your Greatness.

# Notes to Sahīfa – 5:1

The Du‘ā starts with the Wonders of Divine ‘*azmat* (mightiness, greatness and enormity) which never diminishes. *Al-‘azīm* (العظيم) means ‘the supreme which is above all imperfections’ is one of the excellent names of Allah and appears several times in the Quran. In *Āyatul Kursī* we read at the end: *وَهُوَ الْعَلِيُّ الْعَظِيمُ* - *and He is the All-exalted, the All-supreme* (Q 2:255). Before asking for anything, the Imam begins with *salawāt*, the importance of which was discussed in detail in Du‘ā 2. We quote one Hadith from *Nahjul Balāgha*: and prays that one should not stop believing and thinking about God’s might. But before this prayer, the Imam invokes for Divine blessings on Muhammad and his family. This shows the power and function of *salawāt*; covered in detail in Du‘ā No. 2.

# Notes to Sahīfa – 5:1 – cont.

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