

ALI 172: Preparing for Ziyaarat to Iraq

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Qur'ānic Āyāt 2:197

وَمَا تَفْعَلُوا مِنْ خَيْرٍ يَعْلَمُهُ اللَّهُ وَتَزَوَّدُوا فَإِنَّ خَيْرَ الزَّادِ التَّقْوَىٰ وَاتَّقُونِي يَا أُولِيَ الْأَلْبَابِ

- 2:197 *And whatever good you do, Allah knows it. And take provision, for indeed the best provision is taqwaa. So be wary of Me, O you who people of understanding!*

Your Imam's Du'a is with you

- وَبَارِكْ لِلْحُجَّاجِ وَالزُّوَّارِ فِي الزَّادِ وَالنَّفَقَةِ
- وَأَقْضِ مَا أَوْجَبْتَ عَلَيْهِمْ مِنَ الْحَجِّ وَالْعُمْرَةِ
- bless pilgrims going to *hajj* & *ziyārat* with travel provision and sustenance
- and let them fulfill what you have regulated in *hajj* and *'umrah*

We plan to cover in this webinar?

- Items which are overlooked: *adaab* of traveling, manners of visiting the holy Imams, what needs to be done there
- Significance of some of holy the places
- How to derive maximum benefits?
- Recommended recitations
- Miscellaneous items
- Question & answer pertaining to ziyaarah

Sample of one of many Hadiths

- Imam al-Sadiq (a): O Ibn Marid, whoever performs the ziyaarah of my grandfather, Amirul Mu'minin (a), with awareness of his merits, Almighty Allah writes for him the reward of accepted Hajj and 'umrah for every step he takes... by Allah, the fire of hell will not touch the feet that are covered with dust during the pilgrimage to the tomb whether the journey is on foot or on a ride. O Ibn Marid, write this Hadith with gold-water.” *Mafateeh al-Jinan*, Ch. 4,

Adaab of safar

- Refer to *Mafateeh al-Jinan*, sec. on Ziyaarah; 1st part is *Adaab al-Safar*
- A few points: (pp. 388 – 392)
 - (1) Recommended travel days
 - (2) إِنَّ أَبِي . . . اشترى السلامة مِنَ اللَّهِ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ بِمَا تَيْسَّرَ
 - (3) Recommended recitations, next s.
 - (4) مِنْ فِقِّهِ الْمُسَافِرِ حِفْظُ نَفَقَتِهِ

Some of the recitations for trip

- Thank Allah by a heart that remembers, a tongue that recites *dhikr*, & an eye that weeps
- HP (s): if you wish to have good provision & companion on your trip then recite 5 surahs
- O Allah, I leave my house seeking Your grace and to visit the *wasee* (Legatee) of Your Prophet, (a). So make it easy for me and provide me with the means for undertaking the *ziyaarah*, and take care of my family in my absence, making good for it in the best manner, O Most Merciful of the merciful!

Points often overlooked in trips

- Assisting & serving fellow pilgrims
- Holy Prophet (s) & Imam al-Sajjad
- Compatibility in spending
- Remain *tahir*, esp. during prayers
- Preserve timing of prayers
- صلاة الفريضة أفضل من عشرين حجة، وحجة واحدة أفضل من دَارِ مُلَيْتٍ ذَهَبًا يَتَصَدَّقُ بِهِ حَتَّى تَفْرَغَ

Manners of visiting the Ahlul Bayt

- Knowledge about the holy person
- Understand & ponder over recitations
- What if we were to visit them during their life time? How different it would be?
- Total humility & reverence when nearing
- A‘maal besides *idhn dukhool* & *ziyaarah*
- Renewal of the pledge to the Imam (a)
- How can I change on account of this trip?

Specific manners

- Perform the *ziyaarah* of Amirul Mu'minin (*a*), with humility & awareness of his merits—that is, knowing that he is (i) the Prophet's direct successor & (ii) an Imam obeying whom is obligatory
- Take *ghusl*, put on clean clothes and apply some perfume to oneself
- Do not enter the *haram* if *ghusl* is wajib

Interaction with fellow pilgrims

- Be considerate to them. They have rights over you. Serve them, prepare necessities
- Overlook their faults and mistakes
- Proper use of bathroom & keeping it clean
- Avoid: loud talking, inappropriate joking, making fuss about issues, talking privately, entering places reserved for women
- Exhibit pleasant manners and interactions

Interacting with other pilgrims

- Exhibit good *akhlaq* of interaction
- Net work with them, exchange contacts
- Have a look at their Du‘a manuals
- Their way of devotion may be better
- Greet them, pray for them, take interest in their affairs, esp. about their countries
- Exchange visits & taking meals together

Session 2 will cover

- The city of Kufa & the masjids
- Najaf: the Haram of Imam Ali (a)
- Merits of Ziyaarah of al-Husayn (a)
- *Adab* of Ziyaarah of al-Husayn (a)
- At the Haram of al-Husayn (a)
- At the Haram of Hadrat ‘Abbas (a)
- Bidding farewell
- Miscellaneous

Must read: online references

- Etiquette of ziyaarat, lecture & slides

<http://www.dartabligh.org/>

- Holy places in Iraq & their history:

<http://www.al-islam.org>

- Significance of ziyaarah: www.al-islam.org/revolution/2.htm

- Ziyaarah manuals with translation:

<http://www.asserattours.com>