

Sirah of Imam Ali Zaynul:
'Abideen (a)

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Objective of the Course

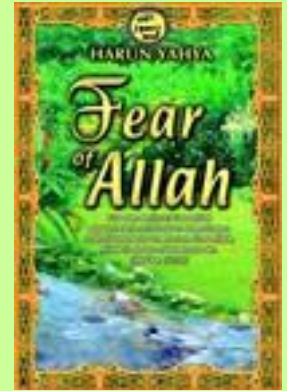
- Have an in-depth understanding on the life of our 4th Imam (a)
- How different were his life situations
- Fulfilling role of Imam thru supplications
- Using 'azaa to bind together the community after Karbala tragedy
- Reciprocal Rights in Islam

“Imam Zaynul ‘Abideen
or Imam Sajjad”

When one or both are
mentioned, what comes
to your mind ?

Responses of the Instructor

- The 2nd Ali
- Great worshipper
- Love for Du‘aas
- Exalted morals
- Human dignity
- Revival of Ahlul Bayt
- Art of talking to Lord
- Prisoner
- Courageous
- Great orator
- Strong will power
- Deep faith in Allah
- Tragedy -> strengthen
- Great patience
- Working w/ women



IMAGES IN
OUR MINDS



Bio-data of the Imam (a)

- Birth: AH 38/659 CE, caliphate of Ali
- Ancestors: Imam al-Husayn, Amirul Mu'mineen & Abu Talib
- Mother: Shahrbanu d/o Yazdigird, last ss king
- Upbringing: By three Imams
- Political rulers: Yazid, Ibn Zubayr, Mu'awiyah II, Marwan, Abdul Malik, Walid b. A. Malik
- Death: AH 94/ 712 CE

Maxims from the Imam (a)

- Allah did not create you in vain
- Two drops endeared by Allah: blood shed in way of Allah & tear shed in night darkness
- Sitting with the pious is invitation to piety
- real richness is asking less from others
- Seeing a believer w/affection is *'ibadat*
- Avoid lies- big or small, serious or joking
- Delight at sinning is greater than sin itself

Praise for the Imam

- This is he (*hadha al-ladhee*):
- whose ability the valley of Makkah recognizes
- whom the (sacred) house recognizes
- (as do) the sanctuary and the area outside the sanctuary (al-hill)
- This is the son of the best of all Allah's servants
- This is the pure pious man, the pure eminent man

Grieving for Karbala

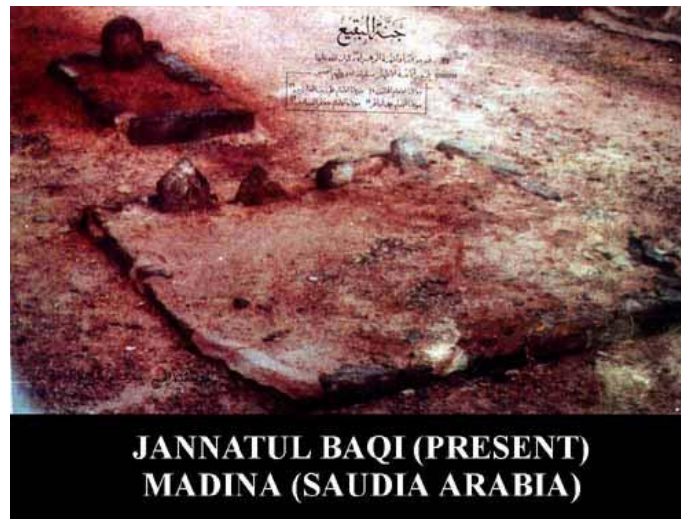
- For 20 years whenever food was placed before him, he would weep
- Woe upon you [for suggesting that my sorrow should end]! Jacob the prophet had twelve sons, and God made one of them disappear. His eyes turned white from constant weeping, his head turned grey out of sorrow, and his back became bent in gloom [cf. 12: 84], though his son was alive in this world. But I watched while my father, my brother, my uncle, and seventeen members of my family were slaughtered all around me. How should my sorrow come to an end?'

Risalat al-Huquq, from the Intro

[1] The greatest of God's rights against you is the right which He has made incumbent upon you for Himself and which is the root of all rights, then [2] those which He has made incumbent upon you in yourself, from your crown to your foot, in keeping with the diversity of your organs. He has given [3] your tongue a right against you, [4] your hearing a right against you, [5] your sight a right against you, [6] your hand a right against you, [7] your leg a right against you, [8] your stomach a right against you, [9] and your private part a right against you. These are the seven organs through which deeds take place.



**JANNATUL BAQI BEFORE DESTRUCTION
(MADINA)**



**JANNATUL BAQI (PRESENT)
MADINA (SAUDIA ARABIA)**

Jannatul Baqee in Madina: before & after destruction

Further reading refer to:

- *The Life of Imam Zayn al-'Abidin*, Baqir Sharif al-Qarashi; online copy at http://www.maaref-foundation.com/english/library/pro_ahl/ima_m04_sajjad/zayn_al_abidin/index.htm
- *Glimpses of the lives of the Messenger Muhammad and His Household* by Balagh Foundation