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- **ALI 191: SESSION 3**



- ***Sira of Imam al-Sadiq (a)***
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Qur'anic Aayaat on 'Ibadah

- قُلْ إِنِّي نُهَيْتُ أَنْ أَعْبُدَ الَّذِينَ تَدْعُونَ مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ 6:56
- وَمَا لِي لَا أَعْبُدُ الَّذِي فَطَرَنِي وَإِلَيْهِ تُرْجَعُونَ 36:22
- قُلْ إِنِّي أُمِرْتُ أَنْ أَعْبُدَ اللَّهَ مُخْلِصًا لَهُ الدِّينَ 39:11
- وَمَا خَلَقْتُ الْجِنَّ وَالْإِنْسَ إِلَّا لِيَعْبُدُونِ 51:56
- قُلْ يَا أَيُّهَا الْكَافِرُونَ * لَا أَعْبُدُ مَا تَعْبُدُونَ * وَلَا أَنْتُمْ عَابِدُونَ مَا أَعْبُدُ 109:
- 6:56 Say, 'I'm forbidden to worship those you call on other than Allah.' 36:22 Why should I not worship the One who created me? It is to Him that you will be returned. 39:11 Say, 'I have been commanded to worship Allah, with exclusive faith in Him. 51:56 I did not create the jinn and the humans, except that they worship Me.

Imam al-Sadiq & 'Ibadat

- Malik b. Anas, “ He was a man always disposed to one of three states: either he was fasting (*sa'iman*), or praying (*qa'iman*), or engaged in Allah's remembrance (*dhakiran*). He was among the greatest worshippers (*'udhamaa al-'ubbaad*), and the greatest of the abstemious people (*akaabira al-zzubhaad*) who fear Allah.’
- Imam al-Sadiq (a): *He who obeys someone in committing an act of disobedience [to Allah] has indeed worshipped him.* (Cf. with verse 36:60) and he said: *The best form of worship is to be in a state of perpetual reflection about Allah and His power.*

Any one who for presentation

- Read articles on Imam al-Sadiq in Wikipedia & New World Encyclopedia and point out things that sound inappropriate to you
- Pick up any one of the disciples of Imam Ja‘far al-Sadiq (a) and write a comprehensive report on him
- From thousands of sayings of Imam al-Sadiq (a) pick up any three and discuss what we can learn and implement from these sayings. Ensure that you give reliable reference to the sayings selected.
- Select two ethical episodes in the life of Imam al-Sadiq (a) and make simple lessons for Madrasah students.

Maxims from the Imam – part 2

- The earth would perish without an Imam

- Wisdom in Qur'anic ayat 2:269 is obedience to Allah and knowing one's Imam.
- When al-Qa'im appears, he will rule with justice
- The shi'a will hear and see al-Qa'im, from far
- Faith is that which is embedded in hearts
- The believer is more sanctified than the Ka'ba
- Return the trust, even to the killer of al-Husayn
- Trustworthiness is prosperity (*al-amanatu ghina*)

Those who interacted with him

- Anas b. Malik: I occasionally met al-Sadiq; he was smiling with sense of humor. When the Prophet was mentioned his face turned pale. He would make wudu before citing Prophet's Hadith He never talked about things that did not concern him.
- Ibn Abi Umair: upon reaching Makka he began saying *talbiyah* – his voice would halt and he about to fall from his camel. I told him, 'recite, O son of Rasullah. He (a): how can I, lest Allah says *laa labbayk, wala sa'aadayk*

Correspondence with the caliph

- Mansoor al-Abbasi, “Why don’t you visit us as other do?” Imam wrote to him: *we have nothing for which we may fear you, nor do you have anything to offer about the Hereafter that we seek your company. You have not acquired some success that we congratulate you, nor a tribulation has befallen you that we console you.* Mansoor: give us company so as to advice us. The Imam: *one who seeks this life would not counsel you, and one who desires the Hereafter would not associate with you.*

Imam's generosity

- The Imam had a farm that produced tasty dates.

Every year during harvest time, he would open the gates of the farm and allowed people to come and eat the dates, take them home & also send to people who could not come. A friend advised, “if you sell them instead, you will make a lot of money.” The Imam (a) replied: *I do not need the money. Thanks to Allah, I'm able to feed my family from the money I get from making mats.*
- What a contentment!; saw enjoyment in sharing

Passages from *Lantern of the Path / Misabah al-Shari ah*

Students to select passages for discussion