

مَنْزِلَةُ مُهْرَبِنِي

InshāAllah we plan to cover three aspects about Muharram commemorations: (i) The mission of Imam al-Husayn (a), (ii) why Shi'i Muslims mourn the tragedy in a specific way and (iii) and learning of noble values from Imam al-Husayn (a).

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# The creation cried for Imam al-Husayn (a)

Imam al-Sadiq (a) said: *O Zurarah! The sky rained blood for forty days and the earth became dark for forty days and the sun was eclipsed and turned red for forty days; the mountains were torn into pieces and dispersed and the seas gushed out and the angels wept for forty days over His Eminence (a)... Whenever my grandfather remembered Imam Husayn (a), he would weep so much that his tears moistened his beard and everyone around him also began weeping. Angels near the grave of Imam Husayn (a) cry over him so much that every angel in the sky and in heavens cries in sympathy.* (Kāmil al-Ziyārat, Ch. 26, H. 6)



# Mission of Imam al-Husayn عليه السلام

كربلاء

We will discuss only three points as follow:

1. Reforming the ummah. Refer to Imam's Last Will to Muhammad al-Hanafiyya in *From Medina to Karbala in the Words of Imam al-Husayn*, pp. 46 & 47) & his letter to people of Basra (Ibid. p. 62)
2. Upholding truth and justice. He responded to Kufans: *By my life, the Imam cannot be but one who puts the Book [of Allah] into practice, is passionate about social justice, is devoted to the right, and has devoted everything for the sake of Allah* (Ibid, p. 66)
3. Awakening the conscience of the people. Advice to Abdullah b. 'Umar (Ibid, p. 53)

# Why we mourn in a special way

For today we will confine to three points only:

1. It was great and unparalleled tragedy in history. “By Allah, we, . . . We did not displace any rock, stone, or mud clod without seeing fresh, boiling blood underneath. And all the walls became red like blood. The skies rained fresh blood for three days and nights and we heard a herald say . . . You killed the best of all who ever rode a mount. You killed the best of all from youth to elderly (KZ, Ch. 24, H.2)
2. Keep the remembrance of the martyrs alive (FMtoK, p. 115 & 117)
3. Gain inspiration from their sacrifice and be ready to offer everything for the sake of Allah (swt).



# Imams on weeping for Karbala

The 12<sup>th</sup> Imam (af) grieves on him strongly, in his Ziyarat Nahiya

- ولا بكينك بدل الدموع دماً حسرة عليك

- *I will weep on you blood instead of tears*

السلام عليك يا ثار الله و ابن ثاره و الوتر الموتور

*Peace be on you O fearless warrior of Allah,*

*Son of a fearless warrior of Allah,*

*And one who was killed,*

*But to whom blood revenge is still denied.*

# Values Learned from Imam Husayn

Let us discuss three main lessons we derive. *There is certainly a moral in their accounts for those who possess intellect.* لَقَدْ كَانَ فِي قَصَصِهِمْ عِبْرَةٌ لِأُولِي الْأَلْبَابِ ۗ

1. Willingness to sacrifice for a greater cause. Imam's sermon in Mecca: *Beware that whoever is willing to sacrifice his blood for us in the cause of Allah, they must accompany us, for I will set off tomorrow morning* (FMK p.70; In Zubala see p.123).

2. Concern for humanity. On Ashura Imam asked Bishr to send his son to release his brother from Ray.

3. Steadfastness despite great difficulty. Response to Umm Salama (FMK, p. 39; To Muslim b. Aqil, p. 68)



# Imam al-Husayn's companions

Steadfastness of al-Husayn's companions on the eve of Ashura, Abbas Qummī quotes:  
*How excellent was the youthfulness of men who persevered in patience, the like of which I have not seen among men.*

*Those were virtuous noble men like pure milk*

*Unlike contaminated water turning to urine after drinking (Nafas al-Mahmum)*

# Ya'qub sorrow for Yusuf

• قَالَ بَلْ سَوَّلَتْ لَكُمْ أَنْفُسُكُمْ أَمْرًا فَصَبْرٌ جَمِيلٌ عَسَى اللَّهُ أَنْ  
يَأْتِيَنِي بِهِمْ جَمِيعًا إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْعَلِيمُ الْحَكِيمُ 83 وَتَوَلَّى عَنْهُمْ وَقَالَ  
يَا أَسْفَى عَلَى يُوسُفَ وَأَبْيَضَّتْ عَيْنَاهُ مِنَ الْحُزْنِ فَهُوَ كَظِيمٌ  
84 قَالُوا تَاللَّهِ تَفْتَأُ تَذْكُرُ يُوسُفَ حَتَّى تَكُونَ حَرَضًا أَوْ تَكُونَ  
مِنَ الْهَالِكِينَ 85 قَالَ إِنَّمَا أَشْكُو بَثِّي وَحُزْنِي إِلَى اللَّهِ وَأَعْلَمُ  
مِنَ اللَّهِ مَا لَا تَعْلَمُونَ 86



# Translation 12: 83 -86

12:83 *He (Yaqub) said: Nay, your souls have made a matter light for you, so patience is good; maybe Allah will bring them all together to me; surely He is the Knowing, the Wise.*

12:84 *And he turned away from them, and said: O my sorrow for Yusuf! and his eyes became white on account of the grief, and he was a repressor (of grief).*

12:85 *They said: By Allah! you will not cease to remember Yusuf until you are a prey to constant disease or (until) you are of those who perish.*

12:86 *He said: I only complain of my grief and sorrow to Allah, and I know from Allah what you do not know.*

# Merits for crying for al-Husayn (a)

*Imam al-Sadiq (a): On Judgment Day all will be raised crying except those who cried over my grandfather, Imam Husayn (a). Those who have cried over him will receive glad tidings when they are resurrected. They will be delighted and happiness will be apparent from their faces. People will be fearful and restless but they will feel safe from grief and hardships. People will be separate and dispersed and worried but they will be sitting with Imam Husayn (a) under the shade of the 'Arsh, conversing with him, fearless of the trials of Judgment Day. (KZ, Ch26, H.6)*



# Merits of crying for al-Husayn

Imam al-Sadiq (a): There are no eyes and tears loved more by Allah than the eyes of those who cry and shed tears over Imam Husain (a). And there is none who cries but that his crying reaches Lady Fatima (a) and he supports her in her lamentation, and his crying also reaches the Holy Prophet (s) and in this way he fulfills our rights. (*Kāmil al-Ziyarat*, Ch. 26, H. 6)

# Imam al-Husayn

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