



ALI 524: Arbbaeen: a civilizational perspective

TOWARDS A GOD-CENTERED GLOBAL SOCIETY



Arbaeen

- 40TH DAY POST-MARTYRDOM
 - Specific to Imam Husayn AS
 - Historical events
 - Release from prison and return, Jabir's visitation
 - Traditional view of Arbaeen
 - Sign of a Believer – ZIYARAH¹
 - Socio-political activity
 - Hadith of 11th Imam AS
 - Strategy of Believers during the Period of Ghaybah (Occultation)²

ZIYARAH – messages and motivations

- ▶ Ziyarat al-Arbaeen: Purpose of Imam AS's mission and martyrdom

وَبَدَلَ مَهْجَتُهُ فِيكَ لِيَسْتَنْقِذَ عِبَادَكَ مِنْ أَلْجَهَالَةِ وَحَيْرَةِ الضَّلَالَةِ

- ▶ to save Your servants from ignorance and perplexity of straying off

1. SAVE (from danger/drowning) – personal/social crisis (mental health, war/resources, environmental)
2. SERVANTS (Mumineen, Muslims, Monotheists, Humanity) – unification based on Tawheed and Wilayah
3. IGNORANCE – unawareness of the Truth and Reality – ideological and intellectual issues?
4. PERPLEXITY OF STRAYING OFF – inability to tread the Path – practical and social/political issues?

- ▶ Our motivation for ZIYARAH:

- ▶ Personal – Spiritual upliftment and emotional connection alongside ideological commitment
- ▶ Social - Spiritual upliftment and emotional connection alongside ideological commitment

- ▶ In Jama'ah through Service + with other Shi'ah/Muslims/Believers/Fitrah through Love + to Husayni values (God-centered – rights, freedoms, consciousness) through deepening Inisght (Baseerah)

From KARBALA to MAKKAH – return of the Imam (AJ)

Imam AS – journey from Makkah _____ KARBALA..... Makkah

▶ Imam Husayn AS to Imam Mahdi AJ

- ▶ Deep connection between the two – **ONE** movement, **ONE** purpose
- ▶ Movement – to return to **JUSTICE** => through REFORM in Ummah and lead back to the PROPHETIC SEERAH
- ▶ Purpose – basis of **IMAMAH** and **WILAYAH** => Khilafah of ALLAH SWT on earth and God-centered CIVILIZATION (Surah alFajr – Surah of Imam Husayn AS)
 - ▶ Materialization of the purpose of all Divine prophets = Husayn AS ‘inheritor’ of Prophets, MAHDI AJ his Wali
- ▶ AZA of Husayn (AS) in reality preparation for the DHUHOOR of alMahdi (AJ)
 - ▶ Arbaeen – collective commitment of mourners to the preparation of the world to welcome Divine rule
 - ▶ Arbaeen – spiritual-emotional-intellectual-physical-sociopolitical strategy to move humanity towards the Return

The Mubahathah Mawkib

- ▶ Arbaeen energy – ‘nothing but beauty’
 1. How can we participate and partake in the spiritual, moral, intellectual energy of Arbaeen?
 2. How can we contribute to increasing the social impact of Arbaeen within our communities and societies?
 3. How can the event of Arbaeen be used to move the world closer to the Reappearance of the Imam AJ?

