

ALI 530 – The Ahlul Bayt and Family Relationships

Session Three: The Will of Bibi Fatima (a)

Concerns at the time of death

What would be your biggest concern at the time of death?

From Dua Abu Hamza Thumali

Have mercy on me when I am on the death bed
turned over at the hands of my dear ones,

Be kind to me when I am carried

while my relatives hold the edges of my coffin,

Be generous with me when I am carried, alone to my grave,

Have mercy on my solitary confinement

in this new residence so that I may not be

comforted by anyone but You.

Importance of making a will

كُتِبَ عَلَيْكُمْ إِذَا حَضَرَ أَحَدَكُمُ الْمَوْتُ إِنْ تَرَكَ خَيْرًا الْوَصِيَّةَ
لِلْوَالِدَيْنِ وَالْأَقْرَبِينَ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ حَقًّا عَلَى الْمُتَّقِينَ

Prescribed for you, when death approaches any of you and he leaves behind any property, is that he make a will for his parents and relatives, in an honourable manner; an obligation on the God-wary

Sura al-Baqarah, no.2, verse 180

It is not proper for a Muslim to pass the night except that his will and testament is near his pillow.

One who goes from this world after making a good will die the death of a martyr.

Holy Prophet (s)

Different types of Wills

- Imam Ali (a) in Nahjul Balagha. Letter no.31

<http://www.al-islam.org/nahjul-balagha-part-2-letters-and-sayings/letter-31-advice-one-his-sons-after-returning-battle>

- Imam Husayn (a) to Muhammad al-Hanafiyya

<http://kerbela.info/en/xeber/259-imam-hussain-amp039s-as-letter-to-muhammad-hanafiyah>

- Will of Religious Leaders

- Imam Khomeini <https://www.al-islam.org/imam-khomeinis-last-will-and-testament>

- Ayatullah Mar'ashi Najafi
<https://www.islamicinsights.com/religion/history/ayatollah-marashi-najafi.html>

Will of Bibi Fatima

Three Parts;

- 1) Personal - Request for good deeds on her behalf
- 2) Concern for her children and progeny
- 3) Social-Political Issues

Her Written Will

In the name of Allah. This is the will of Fatimah, the Prophet's daughter. I make a will while I testify that there is no god but Allah, and Prophet Muhammad is His servant and Messenger. Heaven and Hell are certain to exist, and no doubt the Day of Judgment will occur. Allah will revive the dead and will make them enter gathering the plane of Resurrection. O' Ali! I am Fatimah, the daughter of Muhammad, Messenger of Allah. He gave my hand to you in marriage so that I am yours in both this world and the hereafter. You are more deserving of me than others. At night perform my Ghusl and shrouding, say funeral prayer on me, and bury me. Do not inform anybody of my demise. I entrust you to Allah. Give my Salam to my all offspring who will be born until the Day of Judgment.

1) Personal

a) Request for Quran recitation and sitting by her grave

When I die, perform my funeral ghusl, enshroud me, perform funeral prayer on me, place me in the grave, put the *lahad* stone on me, throw soil on it, and flatten it. Then sit beside my grave facing me, recite the Qur'an a lot and pray for me because at this moment the dead one needs to company of the alive. I entrust you to God, the Almighty.

b) Request to remember her

O' Abal-Hasan! My life is going to end in just a few seconds, and it is the time of leave-taking. Listen to me because you will never hear the voice of Fatimah anymore.

O' Abal-Hassan! I want you not to forget me [and to do good deeds on my behalf].

O' Abal-Hassan! I want you not to forget me and always visit me after my death.

c) Only two people to give ghusl

O' Asma'! When I pass away, you and Ali ibn Abi-Talib perform my ghusl and do not allow anybody to enter my house while my body is still in it.

2) Her children

a) Be good to my children

I entrust you to Allah and recommend that you do good to my children.

O' the company of Batul [a name of Lady Zahra]! I enjoin you to do good to my children; Who are accustomed to my eagerness and affection. Those separated will start a day while they are perplexed orphans, wandering; They choose Allah [over anybody else]; that day is the time of separation

b) Special mention of Imam Husayn (a)

O' the best guide! If you want to weep, weep for me; And shed tears because today is the time of separation; Weep for me and my orphans; And do not forget the one who will be killed out of hostility in Iraq

c) Marry Amamah

O' Prophet's cousin! May Allah give you a good reward! I enjoin you to remarry because men need to marry. After my death, get married to my sister's daughter, Amamah, because she is as kind to my children as I am.

Poem of Bibi Fatima (a)

My children spent last night hungry

The youngest will be killed in a battlefield

In Karbala, he will be martyred through deceit and guile

Woe to his killers! And painful punishment, abasement
and degradation be upon them!

Those who will enter the lowest ranks of Hell by this crime

And their downfall and abasement will increase constantly.

3) Social and Political issues

a) Do not tell people of my death

I want nobody but you to perform my ghusl and shrouding. When I pass away, bury me at night and do not inform anybody of my death.

Perform the funeral prayer on me, bury me at night, and do not inform anybody.

When I die, do not inform anybody of my death, and do not show my grave to anybody

b) Do not allow these people to attend my burial

I want none of those who oppressed me and usurped my rights to attend my burial because they are enemies of mine and the Prophet. Do not permit any of them or their followers to recite the funeral prayer on me. Bury me at night when everybody is asleep.

c) Inform these people

When I die, inform nobody but Umm Salamah, Umm Ayman, Fiddah [from among women] and from among men my two sons [Imam Hassan and Imam Husayn], Abbas, Salman, Ammar, Miqdad, Aba Dhar, and Hudhayfah.

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