

# The Husayni (a) Paradigm of Justice

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# Uncovering the Truth

Our identity is formed based on our understanding of our Imams (a)

Attempts have been made to distort the true image.

Our goal in this course is to hear from Imam (a) himself as to what his goal was. Justice? What does that mean?

As a background we will need to speak a bit about historical events prior to Karbala.



# Derailed - 11 AH

Initially all seemed to be well. Story of the Muslims at Qaadisiyah.

One with far-sighted vision like Sayyidah Fatimah al-Zahraa (a) could see the problem

لَقَدْ لَقِحَتْ فَنَظِرَةً رَيْثَمَا تُنْتِجُ ثُمَّ احْتَلَبُوا طِلَاعَ الْقَعْبِ دَمًا عَيْطًا وَ  
زُعَافًا مُمَقْرًا

*It (the camel of the caliphate) has become pregnant,  
wait a little to see its result, then milk a large wooden  
vessel full of fresh blood and bitter poison*



# Going in the Wrong Direction - 35 AH

Excessive wealth poured into the Muslim society

Those eminent companions were now the richest in society

Imam 'Ali (a) inherited this society, now rotting at the core.



وَالَّذِي بَعَثَهُ بِالْحَقِّ لَتُبَلَّبُنَّ بِهِ لَبَلَةً، وَلَتُغْرِبُنَّ غَرْبَةً، وَلَتُسَاطُنَّ سَوَاطِنَ الْقَدْرِ

*By Allah who sent the Prophet with faith and truth, you will be severely subverted, bitterly shaken as in sieving and fully mixed as by spooning in a cooking pot*

# No Semblance of Islam Left - 60 AH

Fundamentals of the Shari'ah were openly trampled upon. Mas'udi (4th Century AH) says:

*The sin and moral depravity that Yazid used to commit became common amongst his companions and workers. Under his rule music became common in Makkah and Madinah, musical instruments were used and people openly drank alcohol!*

Imam al-Husayn (a) thus said,

وَعَلَى الْإِسْلَامِ السَّلَامُ إِذْ قَدْ بُلِيَتْ الْأُمَّةُ بِرَاعٍ مِثْلِ يَزِيدَ

*Farewell to Islam if it is afflicted with a leader like Yazid*



# What was the role of the Ahlul-Bayt (a)?

For a time Imam 'Ali (a) advised and helped, to an extent

وَأَنَا لَكُمْ وَزِيْرًا، خَيْرٌ لَكُمْ مِنِّي أَمِيرًا!

*I am better for you as a counsellor than as chief.*

For a short time, they were in power. But soon, Imam al-Hasan (a) was forced to take the resistance undercover

عَلَّيْ مُصَالِحَتِي لِمُعَاوِيَةَ عَلَيْهِ مَصَالِحَةٌ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ ص لِبَنِي ضَمْرَةَ وَبَنِي أَشْجَعٍ وَ لِأَهْلِ مَكَّةَ

*The reason for my peace treaty with Mu'awiyah was the same reason behind the peace treaty that the Messenger of Allah (s) did with ... the people of Makkah*

# Marwan, Mu'awiyah and the Imam (a) - Letters

أَمَّا بَعْدُ فَإِنَّ عَمْرَو بْنَ عُمَانَ ذَكَرَ أَنَّ رِجَالًا مِنْ أَهْلِ الْعِرَاقِ وَوُجُوهَ أَهْلِ الْحِجَازِ يَخْتَلِفُونَ إِلَيَّ الْحُسَيْنِ بْنِ عَلِيٍّ  
وَ ذَكَرَ أَنَّهُ لَا يَأْمَنُ وَثُوبَهُ وَ قَدْ بَحَثْتُ عَنْ ذَلِكَ فَبَلَّغَنِي أَنَّهُ لَا يُرِيدُ الْخِلَافَ يَوْمَهُ هَذَا وَ لَسْتُ أَمِنُ أَنْ يَكُونَ هَذَا  
أَيْضًا لَمَّا بَعَدَهُ فَارْتَبْتُ إِلَيْكَ بِرَأْيِكَ فِي هَذَا وَ السَّلَام

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... وَ مَا أُرِيدُ لَكَ حَرْبًا وَ لَا عَلَيَّكَ خِلَافًا وَ أَيُّمُ اللَّهِ إِنِّي لَخَائِفٌ لِلَّهِ فِي تَرْكِ ذَلِكَ وَ مَا أَظُنُّ اللَّهَ رَاضِيًا بِتَرْكِ  
ذَلِكَ وَ لَا عَازِرًا بِدُونِ الْإِعْذَارِ فِيهِ إِلَيْكَ وَ فِي أَوْلِيَّتِكَ الْقَاسِطِينَ الْمُلْحِدِينَ حِزْبِ الظُّلْمَةِ وَ أَوْلِيَاءِ الشَّيَاطِينِ ...

# Preparing the Grounds (1)

In a very important talk that Imam al-Husayn (a) gave to the elite, the taabi'in, he harshly rebukes them

... فَأَمَّا حَقَّ الضُّعْفَاءِ فَضَيَّعْتُمْ وَ أَمَّا حَقَّكُمْ بِرِزْعِكُمْ فَطَلَبْتُمْ . فَلَا مَالًا بَدَلْتُمُوهُ وَلَا نَفْسًا خَاطَرْتُمْ بِهَا لِلَّذِي  
خَلَقَهَا وَلَا عَشِيرَةً عَادَيْتُمُوهَا فِي ذَاتِ اللَّهِ ...

... وَ قَدْ تَرَوْنَ عُهُودَ اللَّهِ مَنْقُوضَةً فَلَا تَفْزَعُونَ وَ أَنْتُمْ لِبَعْضِ ذِمَمِ آبَائِكُمْ تَفْزَعُونَ وَ ذِمَّةُ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ صِ مَحْقُورَةٌ  
وَ الْعَمِيُّ وَ الْبُكْمُ وَ الزَّمْنَى فِي الْمَدَائِنِ مُهْمَلَةٌ لَا تُرْحَمُونَ وَ لَا فِي مَنْزِلَتِكُمْ تَعْمَلُونَ وَ لَا مَنْ عَمِلَ فِيهَا تُعِينُونَ  
وَ بِالْإِدْهَانِ وَ الْمُصَانَعَةِ عِنْدَ الظُّلْمَةِ تَأْمِنُونَ ...



## Preparing the Grounds (2)

... وَ لَوْ صَبَرْتُمْ عَلَى الْاِذَى وَ تَحَمَّلْتُمُ الْمَثُونَةَ فِي ذَاتِ اللّهِ كَانَتْ اُمُورُ اللّهِ عَلَيْكُمْ تَرْدٌ وَ عَنْكُمْ تَصُدْرٌ وَ اِلَيْكُمْ  
تَرْجِعُ ...

... سَلَّطَهُمْ عَلَى ذَلِكَ فِرَارِكُمْ مِنَ الْمَوْتِ وَ اِعْجَابِكُمْ بِالْحَيَاةِ الَّتِي هِيَ مُفَارِقَتُكُمْ ...

... اللّهُمَّ اِنَّكَ تَعْلَمُ اَنَّهُ لَمْ يَكُنْ مَا كَانَ مِنَّا تَنَافُسًا فِي سُلْطَانِ ...