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Kehte he azaadar yeha ayegi Zahra
 Mimbar pe khutba hoga shahe deen ka tazgira
 Janat ye ghar hojayega aur farsh hareera
 Ayenge malaik yeha suney ko tazkira

Ya binte nabi fatema tashreef le awo
 Behtey he azadaar azakhaney me awo

Assalam Alaikum wa rehmatulahi wa barakatuhu

- Honour, blessed to be here in Milton Keynes to spend this holy Month with you all
 Gham ka chaand ye paygam laaya
 Agaya he ye mahe muharram
- The moon of Muharram has been sighted, the wound and grief in our hearts for Imam Hussein a.s becomes fresh again. The tears of zainab a.s, the helplessness of bibi Fatema a.s is brought back into our consciousness. Our chests crave the matam of azadari.

Naya chand jo dekho toh rabb se ye dua karna

Kisi bahen ko bhai se na juda karna

Jab naye saal ki taqreeb ka sawaal aaye

Mere Hussein ke matam se ibteda karna

- The barkat of this month means that over the next 12 days, we will be spending a lot of time in this house of God—our mosque, with those who love God, our fellow momineen. This makes it easier to spend time in holy acts, for we are protected and sheltered in here, in the presence of company that can inspire us towards goodness.
- It is important that we not waste the moments of these holy days. As we attend the university of the ahlul bayt a.s. we must be on guard with our manners, with the way we treat Allah's property/his creatures/his loved acts/ commands etc.
- Simply arriving at the mosque is just one step in our journey towards piety—the whole body, heart, intention, acts etc have to be directed towards the pleasure of God

- This is a sacred month of great barkat and ibadat. We have been taught by our ambiyya and aimma that this is such a special time of the year in the eyes of Allah s.w.t that hajats come true in this month

1) SACRED MONTH

Rayyan bin Shabeeb on first day of the month of Moharram visited 8th Imam Reza (a.s) asked me,

"O son of Shabeeb! Are you in the state of fasting today?"

I replied in the negative. Imam continued,

"This is the day when Prophet Zakariyyah (a.s) prayed to his Lord thus

Qala: rabbi hab lee min ladunka

dhurriyyatan tayyibatan

innaka samee ud dua

"Lord grant me from unto Thee a good offspring, Verily Thou art the Hearer of Prayers 3:38

Then Allah accepted his Prayers and commanded His Angels to go and give him glad tidings regarding the birth of his son Prophet Yahya (a.s). The Angels came and called out to him while he was engaged in Prayers in the niche. Hence the one who fasts on this day and asks for his desires from Allah, his prayer will be answered as was of Zakariyah."

- The second day of Muharram was when Nabi Yusuf was freed from the cave
- The third day of Muharram was when Nabi Moosa was able to cross the Nile
- It is recommended to fast in this month and seek knowledge, and treat each moment as a means of getting closer to God
- and when one also, especially spends the precious moments of this month lamenting and grieving, doing azadari of the holiest of martyrs Imam Hussein a.s, it pleases Allah s.w.t immensely. For only He knows the status of this holy Imam

Palko pe gham-e-Shah Ko

Ashkon se Saja Do

aur Dil Ko Azakhana-e-Shabbir Bana Do

Ab Chand Muharram Ka Ubharta Hay Falk Par...

Raste Pay Khushi aaye to Thokr Se Hata Do...

Then 8th Imam (a.s) said,

- "O son of Shabeeb! Moharram is such a month that the Arabs of the age of ignorance (pre-Islamic) too respected its sanctity and forbade oppression and blood-shed in it.
- But these people (bane umayyad) did not honour the sanctity of this month nor of their Prophet. In this month they killed the son of the Prophet and imprisoned the women-folk after looting and plundering their belongings, verily Allah will never ever forgive this crime of theirs."

2) THE STATUS OF IMAM HUSSEIN A.S

na poochiye keh kya hussain hai
khuda key deen ka na-khuda
har ibtada ki ibtada karam ki inteza hussain hai

1. karey jo koi jo hum-sarii kisi ki kya majaal hai
jahaan-mein harr lehaaz sey hussain be misaal hai
yeh ho chuka hai faisla na koi doosra khuda
na koi doosra hussain hai

3. hai jis ki fikr karbala hussain wo demagh hai
yeh panjtan kii anjuman ka panchwaan chiraagh hai
Hassan-ka pehlay humsafar, ali ka doosra pissar
imaam teesra hussain hai

Hussain is he whose pure blood spilling on the land made it Khaak e shifa.

hai jis ki fikr karbala hussain wo demagh hai
zameeko jiss ney-arsh-sey buland martaba diya
wo jis ney kaaiyenaat ka nizaam hii badal diya
ik aisa moujza hussain hai

**3) OUR TOPIC FOR THESE 12 DAYS will be MAKING THE
JOURNEY AFTER DEATH EASIER “mawt kay safar me asaani”**

Yaqoolu ya laytanee qaddamtu lihayatee (sura Fajr 89:24)

He will say: "Ah! Would that I had sent forth (good deeds) for (this) my (Future) Life!"

1) Our JOURNEY TO HEAVEN is a long one

- 1) It starts starts at death with sakarat
- 2) Goes to grave
- 3) To BARZAKH--valley of peace or troubles (salam or barhut)
- 4) Plains of day of judgement
- 5) Bridge over hell (pool e sirat)
- 6) To heaven

**COMFORTABLE or difficult journey AT EACH STAGE depends on deeds collected during life on earth.

There is PUNISHMENT OF SINNERS, AND REWARDS FOR PIOUS ONES AT DIFFERENT STAGES OF JOURNEY

4) IS THIS TRUE? DO WE REALLY GO ON A JOURNEY?

Quran says [6.29] And they say: There is nothing but our **life** of this world, and we shall not be raised.

[45.24] And they say: There is nothing but our **life** in this world; we live and die and nothing destroys us but time, and they have no knowledge of that; they only conjecture.

On that day your journeying shall bring you to the presence of your Lord. (75:12)

The Prophet (pbuh) has said:

"You have not been created to perish, but to remain forever. You only transfer from one home to another when you die."

IMAM ALI A.S tries to convince us in nahjul balagha that there IS life after death, that much happens to the soul after it leaves the body:

SERMON 20

B) If you could see that has been seen by those of you who have died,

- you would be puzzled and troubled.
- Then you would have listened and obeyed; but what they have seen is yet curtained off from you.

- Shortly, the curtain would be thrown off. You have been
- shown,
- provided you see and
- you have been made to listen provided you listen,
- and you have been guided if you accept guidance.
- I spoke unto you with truth.
- You have been called aloud by (instructive) examples and warned through items full of warnings. After the heavenly messengers (angels), only MAN can convey message from Allah.
- (So what I am conveying is from Allah).

**** majalises are God's way of sending us truth. Therefore we must listen, reflect and act. Hearts must open, a suspension of disbelief must take place and a willingness to change must be present in order for these majalises to have effect on us.**

5) WE ARE ALL GOING TO DIE

all of us on this earth, in this room right now are aware of something that we will all have to inevitably face one day—death

Kullu nafs in zaikatul mowt (every soul shall taste death)

And yet, we still can't believe it that we will die. A case in point is when we hear of news of death—we are surprised, shocked and often lament or fight with the decree of God. No matter how old the individual was, how ill we still are amazed that death took them away.

b) SHAITAN'S STRATEGY

- This willful ignorance of the reality of death is one of the strategies that shaitan himself has confessed to the Holy Prophet s.a.w as a strategy he uses to misguide the believers.

“Ya rasulallah, whenever they think of doing a good deed, I tell them there is lots of time”

c) Allah reminds us in the holy quran--EVERYTHING WILL PERISH EXCEPT GOD

"Every one on it shall perish, But will remain for ever the Face of thy Lord, the Glorious, the Gracious" (Surah-al-Rahman : 25-26).

d) BEING VIGILANT AND ALERT

Being Alert and aware that death is approaching is an act of sawab that is highly recommended by our imams.

e) HOW DID YOU BEGIN YOUR DAY TODAY IMAM HUSSEIN?

A person asked His Eminence: "O son of Allah's Messenger (s)! How did you begin your day? His Eminence replied,

- "I began the day with certainty that the Almighty Allah is above me and
- the fire (of hell) is before me and that
- death desires me and
- accounting has surrounded me and
- I am caught in the whirlpool of my deeds.
- I do not get what I desire and
- I cannot avoid what I don't like,
- and my affair is in the control of someone else such that if He likes He could punish or
- forgive me.
- Then who is **more needful and helpless** than me?"

LILAH MERE HAAL PE ab rehm khaayi ye
 Ab rehm khaayi ye
 Juz apke siw mera koi nehi Hussein
 Hajat meri raw karo behre khuda hussain
 Dono jaha me aap he hajat rawa hussain

- It is recommended to keep the kafan with one's clothes, where it is visible.
- The Prophet (pbuh) has said:
- *"One of the qualities that purify the heart is to acquire a kafan."*
- Doing wudhu—dua of 4th imam is a way to remember that we are headed for the burning plains on the day of judgement
- Going to funerals—pretending one is the one who died, imagining oneself at the Ghusl, burial, in grave

E) Imam Ali a.s in nahjul balagha

- I also advise you to remember death and to lessen your heedlessness towards it.
- Why should you be heedless of Him Who is NOT heedless of you?
- Why expect from him (i.e., the angel of death) who will not give you time?
- The dead whom you have been watching suffice as preachers.
- They were carried to their graves, not riding themselves, and were placed in them but not of their own accord.
- It seems as if they never lived in this world and as if the next world had always been their abode.
- They have made lonely the place where they were living, and are now living where they used to feel lonely.
- They remained busy about what they had to leave,
- and did not care for where they were to go.
- Now they cannot remove themselves from evil, nor add to their virtues
- They were attached to the world and it deceived them. They trusted it and it overturned them.

F) In another sermon maula says:

- May Allah have pity on you.
- You should therefore hasten towards (the preparation of) houses which you have been commanded to populate, and towards which you have been called and invited. Seek the completion of Allah's favours on you by exercising endurance in His obedience and abstention from His disobedience, because
- **tomorrow is close to today.**
- **How fast are the hours of the day, how fast are the days in the month, how fast are the months in the years and how fast the years in a life.**

G) HADITH E QUDSI

Almighty Allah says:

- 1) I wonder how a person can be happy, who is certain of death.
- 2) I wonder at a person who is certain of reckoning (the Day of Judgement), but still accumulates wealth.

- 3) I wonder at a person who is certain of going into the grave, but still smiles without concern.
- 4) I wonder at a person who is certain of this world's doom, but still has tranquility in loving this world.
- 5) I wonder at a person who is certain of the Hereafter and its Bounties but he still rests.
- 6) I wonder at a person who is knowledgeable in his speech, and ignorant in his heart.
- 7) I wonder at a person who cleans him/herself with water, but does not cleanse his heart.
- 8) I wonder at people who look for bad points in others, but is unaware of the same in themselves.
- 9) I wonder at a person who knows that Almighty Allah is aware of his actions, but still commits sins.
- 10) I wonder at a person who preaches to the people, but does not preach to his own soul.
- 11) I wonder at a person who knows that he/she will die alone, go into the grave alone, give accounts alone, but is still totally engrossed with people who will not be able to help him/her.

God sends us signs that death is approaching--DEATH MESSAGE

According to an old fable, a man made an unusual agreement with Hazrat Izrael (pbuh) - the angel of death. He told Izrael (pbuh) that he would be willing to accompany him (as though he had a choice) only if Izrael (pbuh) would send him a notice well in advance. The agreement was made. Weeks became months and the months into years. One bitterly cold night, as the man sat alone thinking of his success in life, Izrael (pbuh) tapped on his shoulder. "You are here too soon" the man cried out. "You sent no messenger. I thought we had an agreement!" Izrael

(pbuh) whispered "Notice your hair, once it was full and black, now it has streaks of silver in it! Observe your face in the mirror and see the wrinkles. Yes! I have sent many messages through the years! I have kept my part. I am sorry that you are not ready for me but the order of Almighty God cannot be averted!"

6) While death is inevitable, it musn't be feared--Fear of Death

-it is a shafa from illness, a release, it can be a cleansing, it can be the most beautiful moment in a believer's life if he has taken care of his affairs and prepared for the after-life

Lack of awareness and the failure to comprehend adequately the nature of death induce fear, dread and insecurity in man, for they make death appear to be a terrible nightmare.

Imam al-Hadi, upon whom be peace, once went to visit one of his companions who had fallen sick. The fear of death had robbed him of all tranquillity and calm, so the Imam addressed him as follows:

"O servant of God, you fear death because you do not understand it correctly. Tell me: if your body were soiled with dirt so that you were pained and discomforted and afflicted with running sores, and you knew that a washing in the bathhouse would rid you of all that filth and pain, would you not wish to avail yourself of the bath house to cleanse yourself of the dirt? Or would you be reluctant to do so and prefer to remain in your polluted state?"

The sick man replied:

"O descendant of the Messenger of God! I would definitely prefer to wash myself and become clean."

To this the Imam responded:

"Know, then, that death is exactly like the bathhouse. It represents your last chance to rid yourself of your sins and to purify yourself of evil. If death embraces you now, there can be no doubt that you will be freed of all sorrow and pain and attain everlasting happiness and joy."

Hearing these words of the Imam, the sick man changed completely and a remarkable tranquillity appeared on his face. Then in dignified fashion, he surrendered himself to death, in the shroud he had drawn around himself, full of hope in God's mercy. He closed his eyes which had now seen the truth and hastened to his eternal abode. (*Ma'ani-al-Akhbar*, p. 290)

6) Imam Hussein said: Death is crossing over a bridge

At dawn the Imam(a.s.) glanced over the army of Yazid and saw Umar ibn-e-Sa'ad ordering his forces to march towards him. He gathered his followers and addressed them thus:

- "Allah has, this day, permitted us for our martyrdom.
- So Prepare yourselves to fight against the enemies of Islam with patience and resistance.
- O sons of the noble and self - respecting persons, be patient! **Death is nothing but a bridge which you must cross after facing trials and tribulations so as to reach Heaven and its joys.**
- Which of you do not like to go from this prison (world) to the lofty palaces (Paradise)?" Having heard the Imam's(a.s.) address, All his companions were overwhelmed and cried out ,
- " O our Master! We are all ready to defend you and your Ahlu l-bayt, and to sacrifice our lives for the cause of Islam."

7) IMAM HUSSEIN A.S and death--HAD NO DESIRE FOR THIS WORLD

- Recited 1000 rakats in one night
- Never missed namaz shab
- Love of prayers—requested one night to pray
- Wrote duas (dua arafa, duas on ashura) show love, trust, faith, reliance (muhabbat, bharosa, imaan, yaqeen)
- **O Allah what did he finds who lost you, and what did he loose who found you.**
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- Killed in sajda
- 25 hajj with imam hussein walking from medina to mecca (through mountains--paharo)—to be humble in presence of god

Hadith of imam Hussein a.s

- Some people worshipped Allah for the **purpose of gaining His gifts.** This is the worship of the **merchants.**
- Some worshipped Him for the purpose of **avoiding His punishment.** This is the worship of the **slaves.**
- Some worshipped Him as showing (ehsaan ke ehsaas, shukr) **gratitude to Him.** This is the worship of the genuine (asal) ones. It is the **best worship.**

As he is faced with leaving medina

IMAM HUSEIN AT THE GRAVE OF PROPHET

-when pressed by Marwan and Walid to give bayat upon orders of Yazid

- Imam Husain ('a) hurried to the side of the grave of his grandfather
- in a sorrowful and aggrieved demeanor to complain to His Eminence about the atrocities of the oppressors.
- Imam ('a) stood by the side of the grave and performed two units of Prayers.
- He became extremely affected by sentiments and he complained to His Eminence about the hardships and calamities that had befallen him.

"O Allah! This is the grave of your Prophet, Muhammad and I am the son of the daughter of Muhammad and what has befallen us is well known to you. O Allah, I like the good and am disgusted of evil.

- one with glory and greatness, by the right of this grave and by the one who is in it,
- I ask You to select for me that which shall be the cause of Your pleasure and satisfaction of Your Prophet."

Imam Husain ('a) sees his Grandfather in his Dream

- Imam Husain ('a) continued to gaze at the grave of his grandfather while he had become sure that he shall not see it again ever. At that moment he began to weep.
- It was not yet dawn when His Eminence fell asleep and he saw his grandfather in dream that he has arrived with an entourage of angels.
- His Eminence took Imam Husain ('a) in his arms and kissed him on the forehead, saying: "O my son! As if I can see you in the near future, you shall be killed in Kerbala among a crowd of my community and your head shall be cut off while you shall be thirsty and water shall not be given to you.
- You will be thirsty but your thirst would not be quenched.
- In spite of committing such deed they shall be hopeful of our intercession on the Day of Judgment. For them there shall be no benefit with Allah.
- My dear Husain, your father, mother and brother have come to me. They are eager for you.
- Indeed, for you there are grades in Paradise that except for being martyred you cannot achieve them..."
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- Imam Husain ('a) looked at his grandfather for a long time and remembered his kindness and sentiments with regard to him.

- At that moment he created an attachment with his grandfather and told him lamenting: "O my grandfather, I do not wish to remain in the world anymore. Take me with you and keep me in your house."
- The Prophet (s) was moved by this and he told him: "You must go back to the world so that you are given martyrdom and the Almighty Allah has appointed a great reward for you. You, your father and your uncle and the uncle of your father shall be raised up together so that you may enter Paradise." [1]
- His Eminence, Husain ('a) awoke worried and anxious while waves of grief and sorrow had surrounded him. He was now certain that he shall indeed be granted martyrdom.
- Then he gathered all his family members and related his dream. On that day, there was no one in the East or West of the world more aggrieved than the members of Ahle Bayt of the Messenger of Allah (s) and no man or woman wept more than them. [2]

Imam Husain's farewell to the Graves of his mother and brother

- In the darkness of the night His Eminence, Husain ('a) went to the grave of his mother, who was the memory of the Holy Prophet (s) and a part of His Eminence.
- He stood besides the grave for sometime while he looked at the grave with the last glance of farewell and he recalled her deep attachment and love towards him.
- He wished the earth would split and take him to his mother below the dust.

*Chala me waada nibhaney salaam ma ke maazaar,
salaam nana ka roza, salaam ma ke mazaar
 me tera deen bachwunga, e mere nana
 me apna khoon bahawunga, e mere nana
 Hussain jaata he marney (2)
 Salaam ma ke mazaa*

SAKARAT AND ATTACHMENT

Why is there pain?

PUNISHMENT OF SINS

- 1) During lifetime in this world (best time—but we do so many, not possible to hand out all punishments here)
- 2) At time of death (angel of death himself will punish)
- 3) In grave (walls of grave)
- 4) Valley of troubles (mini hell—similar to hell but in milder forms)
- 5) Plains on day of judgement (intense heat)—kafirs present—humiliation
 - 1000 of years in duration, sun will come low and earth will be like red copper
- 6) Bridge over hell (pool e sirat—good manners in ramadhan will be steadied here)
- 7) Hell –suffer for years

*** ALLAH does not want to see his momineen suffer

-punish them in life, dying moment or graves or bridge over hell

-better to be punished in secret (in lifetime, in grave, dying time)

**some don't believe or disobey so much that allah has no choice but to punish on plains of judgement and in hell

**we know punishment awaits but don't make amends; how can a doctor help a patient who does not take his advice or have his medicines

The Quran calls out to us,

[40.39] O my people! this **life** of the world is only a (passing) enjoyment, and surely the hereafter is the abode to settle;

The Punishment therefore is on a graded basis. If ones sins have been answered for in this world and tawba done then Imam Ja'fer As-Sadiq (pbuh) says that death is like a fragrant breeze.

However, if the sins have not been cleansed then death is painful. Imam Ja'fer As-Sadiq (pbuh) says: "Whatever a mu'min suffers at the time of death, is for the purpose of cleansing him from sins so that he would come into the hereafter pure and unblemished, deserving the eternal reward of Allah without any obstacle between him and the reward."

Man's heart never ceases to desire as long as he is in this world. Nonetheless, belief in the Hereafter will permit him to realize that the opportunities offered by this world are limited, that the gain to be had from it is very slight, that even the portion which lies within reach cannot be retained for ever, and that delight and pleasure are not restricted to the brief days here on earth. He will not be overcome every instant then, by an endless surge of desire, causing him to form countless attachments and ultimately to lose himself, nor will he be excessively troubled if he does not acquire an excessive amount of bounties of this world and the pleasures they yield.

Here we quote a sermon of Imam Ali (A.S.) as a gift for the believers: "O people ! Beware of this deceitful world, for it has attracted the hearts towards evil by its elegance and beauty. It has subdued your wishes by false promises. This world is like a woman has adorned herself only for marriage, and due to her beauty deceives men and attracts them towards her. She ultimately kills her husbands with her own hands. So the present people should take lessons from those people in the past who had fallen prey to it, and save themselves from its conceit".

HOPES

The Commander of the faithful Ali (A.S.) says, "O people what I fear most about you are 2 things: acting according to desires and extending of hopes. As regards acting according to desires, this prevents from truth: and as regards extending of hopes, it makes one forget the next world. You should know this world is moving rapidly and nothing has remained out of it except last particles like the remnants of a vessel which has been emptied by someone.

IMAM ALI A.S says the dead are preachers

- The dead whom you have been watching suffice as preachers.
- They were carried to their graves, not riding themselves, and were placed in them but not of their own accord.
- It seems as if they never lived in this world and as if the next world had always been their abode.
- They have made lonely the place where they were living, and are now living where they used to feel lonely.
- They remained busy about what they had to leave,
- and did not care for where they were to go.
- Now they cannot remove themselves from evil, nor add to their virtues
- **They were attached to the world and it deceived them. They trusted it and it overturned them.**

*ATTACHMENT TO THIS WORLD MADE THEM HEEDLESS

HAZRAT LUQMAN TO SON—world has deceived many

ya bunnaiyya, the life of this world is like a deep sea where many people have drowned let your boat be the fear of Allah, your ration belief, mast reliance, helm patience, sides prayer, fast, sadqa

-whoever goes to sea without that boat will drown, don't speak much, remember him everywhere for he has admonished you, made u aware, given u insight and has taught.

SAKARAT FOR PIOUS TOO?

One of the companions of Imam al-Sadiq, upon whom be peace, relates that he once posed him the following question:

"O descendant of God's Messenger! When the true believer finds himself on the threshold of death, is he grieved by the taking of his soul?"

The Imam answered:

"Never! When the messenger of death comes to take his spirit, he is at first distraught. But then the angel consoles him and says: 'O friend of God, do not distress yourself. I swear by the Lord Who sent Muhammad as His Messenger that we will treat you more kindly and gently than your father. Open your eyes and look at us.'

"Then the Messenger of God and the other preceptors of religion will appear before him, and the angel entrusted with the task of taking his soul will say to him: 'This is the Prophet and the leaders of religion who will be your friends and companions.'

"He will then open his eyes partly, and hear God calling him as follows: O soul that has found tranquillity in the protection of Muhammad and his pure family, now return to your Lord. You have accepted as truth the authority of the Imams, and because of this you are now happy. Be certain that you have also earned thereby the pleasure of your Lord. Come now and be the companion of My chosen elite, and take up the abode that has been prepared for you in paradise everlasting.'

"Nothing could be more desirable for the believer at that moment than for his soul to take flight and receive all that it has been promised." (*Furu al-Kafi*, Vol. III, pp. 127-128)

1) Allah says in hadith e qudsi

1) If you fear of Hell fire like you fear poverty, I would have made you wealthy to such an extent that nobody would have been able to count your wealth.

- 2) If you desire of heaven as you desire this world, I would have showered My blessings upon you in this world and hereafter.
- 3) Don't make your heart dead out of love for this world. Indeed, this world is going to bring an end to you very soon. The one who struggles (in the path of Allah (Jihad) is struggling for his own soul.

HAZRAT LUQMAN TO SON--IF YOU PREFER THIS WORLD

He who prefers this world to the Hereafter (Aakhirat) suffers double loss:

1. this world forsakes him, sooner or later, and
2. he has no values in the Hereafter (Aakhirat)."

Imam says life is going by very fast

- May Allah have pity on you.
- You should therefore hasten towards (the preparation of) houses which you have been commanded to populate, and towards which you have been called and invited. Seek the completion of Allah's favours on you by exercising endurance in His obedience and abstention from His disobedience, because
- **tomorrow is close to today.**
- **How fast are the hours of the day, how fast are the days in the month, how fast are the months in the years and how fast the years in a life.**

THE END IS COMING

He says: "My dear son, since the day you were born, everyday, you are getting closer to the Hereafter (Aakhirat) with your towards this world. So, your abode in the Hereafter is far nearer to you (because you are advancing toward it everyday, at all times) than your house in this world (because you are moving farther and farther away form it day by day)".

WHY ARE YOU ARROGANT

O man what deceives you concerning your Lord and makes you impudently arrogant?"
(82:6).

SUCCESSFUL ARE THOSE WHO HAVE FAITH IN HEREAFTER

Al ladheena

Yoo qeemonas salata

Wa yatoonaz zakata

Wahoom bil akhirati

Hum yu kinoon

Those who keep up the prayer, give zakat and have faith in the hereafter with certainty

Oolaika ala hudam mir rabihim

Wa olaika humal muflihoon

Such are on guidance from their lord, and such are the successful

LUQMAN--WHEN CHOOSING WHERE TO GO

My dear son, be very particular about attending funeral prayers and avoid attending festivities. For, funerals remind one of the Hereafter and festivities divert one's attention toward this world.

DEATH IS FEARSOME EVENT

Imam Ridha (as) said, "The most terrifying events for creatures are three: the day one is born and comes out of his mother's belly and sees the world, the day he dies and sees the afterlife and its people, and the day he is raised and sees laws he did not see in this world, and Allah (SWT) made Prophet Yahya (John the Baptist) secure in these three events and protected him from fear, and He said:

"And peace on him on the day he was born, and on the day he dies, and on the day he is raised to life." (Noble Qur'an 19:15)

And Prophet Isa (Jesus, peace upon him) the son of Maryam (Mary) made himself secure in these three events, and he said:

"And peace on me on the day I was born, and on the day I die, and on the day I am raised to life." (Noble Qur'an 19:33)

1) Death is painful for:

- Momin who is in charge of people (class, community, country, jamat) but does not carry out his duties with justice—misuse of power
- Person who gives false testimony
- Person who is cruel or unfair to orphans

1) ye ruh ka nikalna bohut hi he mushkil
gunaho ka boj serpe lejana mushkil
he umeed tumse azabo se humko
lahed me tum ake bachana
Fatema Zehra madad kerne awo

Ya muhamed Ali ya fatema zehra
Maded kerne awo
Duhayi he dil ki ya fatema zehra

WAYS TO MAKE DEATH EASY:

- A) Red aqeeq ring—helps reduce pain
- B) Sure zilzal—in wajib namaz once
- C) Fasting on 24th rajab or 20/30 rajab (angel of death will bring a flower and special drink from heaven—helps ease pain, relieves extreme thirst) sunnat fast—only if you have no wajib ones left
- D) Ghusl mayat of someone
- E) Reciting yasin near dying person
- F) Sura saffat (right after yaseen) helps sakarat
- G) Charity of clothes
- H) Pray wajib namaz at fazilat time
- I) Keeping mothers happy (mother's duas are accepted and quickly answered) ask mother to do duas for you, go to her grave if she has died
- J) Ziyarat of imam reza (imam himself will come)

Hay waaliye mashad ye bariye tere der ki
Leb chuumke joom oothe
Malak kabr me aker
Kushbo mere saso se
Jo ayi tere der ki

K) AYATUL KURSI AFTER EVERY SALAAT

- a. **Recommended to recite the Ayatul Kursi after any Fardh salaah, whoever recites this, their rooh will be taken out as you would take out a strand of hair from a pile of flour.**
- b. Holy Prophet (s.a.w.) said there is no barrier between the person who recites this *ayah* after every prayer and *Jannah* except for death i.e. he will taste the pleasures of *Jannah* immediately after his death, and only that person will be able to recite it who is pious and righteous.

2) HONOURABLE DEATH—is to die a Muslim

Tawaffanee muslimaw wa alhiqnee bis saaliheen

O lord, Let me die submitting to you (as a muslim) and join me with the righteous (Yusuf:101)

ON BEING CLOSE TO PROPHET- (o god let us die being muslim)

Samaney sabz gumbed ka manzer bhi ho

Labpe takbir e allaho akbar bhi ho

Jaaney wala waha dil se jaye mager

Ja ke wapas na aye to kya baat he

(kamli wale ke kedmo pe ser ho mera

Aur muje mot aye to kya baat he)

PROVIDES WEAPONS FOR BARZAKH

I asked, "We don't have any weapons how will we win?" They replied, "If in the world you denied yourself and went against your desires, and so prepared your defense, then these defensive weapons will, God willing, have reached the battle field in advance. As Qur'an says in Surah-e-Anfal, verse 60, "Make preparation for them (the enemy) from whatever possible, strength, well-bred horses (cavalry) in order to frighten your enemies and the enemies of God."

I said, "I always thought that this verse referred to making preparations for Holy War." They replied, the laws of Qur'an are universally applicable and not restricted to the earth. Otherwise the Qur'an, would be faulty and lacking. But it is not so because it is a divine gift and has been revealed unto the last of the Prophets."

Imam Zaynul Abideen (pbuh) has said:

"Allah has said - I do not hesitate in any order except the death of a believer. He/she dislikes death and I do not like displeasing him/her. Therefore, when the time of death comes, Allah sends two angels to the believer - one is called Muskhiya and the other Munsiiya. Muskhiya makes the person generous (encouraging him/her to leave everything behind) and Munsiiya makes him/her forget the world. The angel of death (Izraeel) then arrives to remove the soul."

(This can occur up to 10 days before death)

- 1) -feeling of being reunited with creator should fill us with happiness
-**one should be happy with long life to get opportunity to make provisions for the journey to hereafter

-death is only means of attaining our reward after working long and hard

- to be rid of this world, web of deception and conspiracies, liberated from illness
- to meet holy prophet and his ahlul bayt a.s

Imam reza a.s went to companion's death bed

-man closed eyes at last moments and said "at present prophet, ima ali, bibi fatema, imam hasan, imam Husain and holy imams up to imam kazim are here"

Imam Ali said "everyone sees me on his or her death bed, be he a believer or an unbeliever"

Also Hadhrat Ali (A.S.) has said:

"O Harith of Hamdan, whoever dies sees me, whether he be a believer or a hypocrite".³⁰ So far as the believers are concerned, they become happy to see the Imam (A.S.), but the hypocrites become sad when they see him.

2) Not to be feared

- king's subject (called to report to be rewarded and honoured for service) eager to get reward and regretful that more time was not given to do more
- death is crossing from one field of life to another which is far more beautiful and blissful beyond our imagination and power of conception
- a child in womb is told of world outside (cannot understand) cries when born

- **Imam zainul: when a mumín enters this field and sees what the merciful and beneficent allah had kept for him he will say, "why did i not come here earlier"**

3)

- Need to reform ourselves by detaching ourselves from materialistic desires and attachments
- they stick to our soul at time of death and cause intolerable pain at time of separation

"surely those who do not hope in our meeting and are pleased with this world's life and are content with it, and those who are heedless of our communications (10:7)

4) IMAM zainul abedin dua 40

O allah When you determine that death takes us away,

Bless us to welcome it as our distinguished guest

make us happy with it as a visitor and receive it lovingly
comfort us with its arrival,

that we do not turn away our faces in hosting it as a guest
disgrace us not through its visit,
and let it be one of the doors leading to your mercy

Bless us so that we die as guided people and not among those who have gone astray from the
right path

obedient, not opposed to you
repentant, not persisting in sins

O He who guarantees the repayment of the good-doers
and seeks to reform the deeds of the corrupt people

- 5) Islam discourages wailing, crying and lamenting over demise (or being angry or worried over
material reasons)

-eg. To ask why happiness of world was snatched from him,

-or why he has been deprived of comforts available from his deceased

-it is ok to cry for the separation and sorrow (co-traveller reached first)

-think of them as a musafir

6th imam: (saw a man crying and complaining too much)

Why are u crying over this calamity and not crying over a larger calamity (what awaits you in
hereafter) Your crying this way, and not being anxious over your own death is the bigger
calamity than death of your son.

- 6) Imam zainul

O God

save us from nourishing long- drawn out expectations and ambitious plans
and shorten them so that our actions are done in sincerity

our state of mind should be that we do not hope and expect to

complete an hour after an hour,

or another day after one day

another breath after a breath,

or taking one step after another!

Keep us safe from the delusions of expectations,

make us secure from their evils,

set up death before us in display.

and let not our remembering of it come and go!

- 1) Ham waasta dete he hay shahe mashr kaaynka
 Aur waasta hay faatehe badrey hunainka
 Kerdo sabab muhibokey aarramo chaynka
 Miljaaye hamko sadka Hassan aur husayn ka

SILE RAHEM AND THE JOURNEY AFTER DEATH

Yaqoolu yaa laytanee qaddamtu lee hayatee (sura Fajr 89:24)

He will say: "Ah! Would that I had sent forth (good deeds) for (this) my (Future) Life!"

BEING LOST IN THE DAY

One day, the Commander of the Faithful, `Ali, upon whom be peace, entered the market of Basra. He saw people utterly absorbed in themselves and the business of buying and selling; it was as if death and resurrection would never happen. This atmosphere of negligence deeply disturbed him, so he wept and said: "O servants of the world, O slaves to the worldly! Throughout the day you are busy buying and selling, swearing oaths as you do so, and your nights are spent in sleep and a state of complete unawareness. So day and night you are unaware of the hereafter and the outcome of your affair; when, then will you prepare yourselves for the journey that awaits you, and when will you gather the provisions you need? When will you begin to remember the hereafter and resurrection?"

Guzarti chalee he ye
 Zindagi apni
 Na likhey farishto ne
 Kuch nayki apni
 Gunawo ka bowj jo
 Ser pe liye ham
 Gunawo se hamko bachana
 Fatema zehra madad kerne awo
 Ya muhamed ali ya fatema zehra

**one of the ways to avoid pain in sakarat is to pause in the day and remember God --

Pray wajib namaz at fazilat time

CONTINUATION OF TOPIC OF SAKARAT

- 1) Attachment to world causes pain in sakarat

Imam Zaynul Abideen (pbuh) has said:
"Allah has said - I do not hesitate in any order except the death of a believer. He/she dislikes death and I do not like displeasing him/her. Therefore, when the time of death comes,

Allah sends two angels to the believer –

- **Muskhiya (generous—leave it behind)**
- **Munsiyya (forget it all)**

Muskhiya makes the person generous (encouraging him/her to leave everything behind) and Munsiyya makes him/her forget the world. The angel of death (Izraeel) then arrives to remove the soul."

(This can occur up to 10 days before death)

Na dunya ki khwahish ho

Na ho maalo zer ki

Fakeeri hamey do

Tumharey hi der ki

1)SAKARAT FOR PIOUS TOO?

One of the companions of Imam al-Sadiq, upon whom be peace, relates that he once posed him the following question:

"O descendant of God's Messenger! When the true believer finds himself on the threshold of death, is he grieved by the taking of his soul?"

The Imam answered:

"Never! When the messenger of death comes to take his spirit, he is at first distraught. But then the angel consoles him and says: **'O friend of God, do not distress yourself. I swear by the Lord Who sent Muhammad as His Messenger that we will treat you more kindly and gently than your father. Open your eyes and look at us.'**

"Then the Messenger of God and the other preceptors of religion will appear before him, and the angel entrusted with the task of taking his soul will say to him: 'This is the Prophet and the leaders of religion who will be your friends and companions.'

Tumharey hub me nikley dem

Sambhalo

Ya ali safdar

Kaneez ho panjatan ki may

Ali Labak kehtey he

(imam ali was asked by harith:

O Harith of Hamdan, whoever dies sees me, whether he be a believer or a hypocrite".³⁰ So far as the believers are concerned, they become happy to see the Imam (A.S.), but the hypocrites become sad when they see him.

Tamana he jab ruh
Nikley badan se
Ali aye us dem
Madad ko najaf se
Hamey kerbala me bulayee maula
Hamey apna rawza dhikayee he maula

"He will then open his eyes partly, and hear God calling him as follows: O soul that has found tranquillity in the protection of Muhammad and his pure family, now return to your Lord. You have accepted as truth the authority of the Imams, and because of this you are now happy. Be certain that you have also earned thereby the pleasure of your Lord. Come now and be the companion of My chosen elite, and take up the abode that has been prepared for you in paradise everlasting.'

"Nothing could be more desirable for the believer at that moment than for his soul to **take flight and receive all that it has been promised.**" (*Furu al-Kafi*, Vol. III, pp. 127-128)

SAKARAT AND SILEY REHM

IMPORTANCE IN QURAN

A) Doing good to relatives is next to importance to the obedience of parents in quran:

"and remember we took a covenant from the children of isreal that worship none but allah and do good to your parents and relatives"(2:83)

For ease in sakarat--

A) Keeping mothers happy (mother's duas are accepted and quickly answered) ask mother to do duas for you, go to her grave if she has died

1) Must spend on them

2:125 O prophet tell them that whatever you spend it is primarily for the parents and relatives (charity at home)

2)Allah praises siley rehm doers and condemns those who did not fear him:

those who join together what god has commanded to be joined and fear their lord and are afraid of the terrible reckoning (13:21)

Imam ali has commented on this ayat:

Thus, one who did not join his relationship did not fear allah. Piety without sila rehm is a thing incomplete

WHO IS CONSIDERED A RELATIVE

Covers all relatives whose relationship is known; it makes no difference whether they are within or outside the prohibited degrees or within or outside the table of inheritance

AUNT IS LIKE A MOM

It is written in the fifteenth volume of Biharul-Anwaar', that once a man came to the presence of the Holy prophet Mohammad (S.A.W.S.) . and said, "O master my sin is very big (in his pre-Islamic days he had buried his daughter alive as was the custom then), you recommend to me a deed whose performance would act as compensation for it, and Allah may forgive me". The prophet (S.A.W.S.) asked him, "Then is your maternal aunt (mother's sister) alive"? He replied "Yes, she is"

The prophet (S.A.W.S.) told him to go and serve her (for she had a very near relation with his mother, thus serving her would mean serving his mother). Then He (S.A.W.S.) said, "Had his mother been alive, it would have been the best compensation (for his sins). (ma'ad)

-Kerbala has examples of family bonding (they brought up each others' kids)

4) Helping relatives comes under both "justice" and "doing good"

verily, Allah commands justice, the doing of good and giving to kith and kin (16:90)

6. Treat the members of your family with love and respect, because they act as wings with which you fly, and as hands which support you and fight for you. They are people towards whom you turn in trouble and in need. –imam ali's will

- The rights of those relatives who are not among the dependants is called sile rehm. Literally it means to join the womb. As the relatives are joined together through birth, this term practically means to do good to relatives.
- It is here that Islamic ethics and the principal of mutual sympathy and love bring out the beauty of islam.
- Relatives must behave with mutual sympathy and cooperation and should deal with each other gently

Benefits

- Spiritual benefits
- Maintains the unity of the family
- Peace of mind/contentment of the heart (knowing there are people who are always ready to extend their helping hands in time of need)

Prophet (s.a.w): "The nearest of you to me in sitting on the Day of Resurrection are those who are the best of you in good manners, and the best of you is he who is the best of you (in good manners) toward his family."

Imam Reza (a.s) the closest of people to Allah's Messenger, may Allah bless him and his family, is he who shows good, mercy, and kindness toward his family and undertakes their affairs.

FISHAR E KABR AND SILEY REHM

Saad Ibne Maaz was one of the respected companions of the Holy Prophet. When he died, the Holy Prophet accompanied his funeral barefoot and without his cloak to show his grief. The Prophet himself laid Saad in the grave, prayed for him and said that Gabriel and Meekail along with a host of angels were present in the funeral. But when Saad's mother said, 'O Saad! You are indeed fortunate that the Holy Prophet has walked barefoot in your funeral and has lowered you in your grave, The Holy Prophet asked her to be quiet and said, You cannot prevent him from suffering the punishment of the grave. Saad did not treat his family members kindly and so is now suffering constriction.'").

WAYS OF SILE REHM

To love and sympathize with the relatives and do good to them

This is the shorted definition and all the ways of sympathy and good behaviour are the ways of sile rehm

- Wealth
- Soul
- Body
- According to islam, some relatives also have some rights on one's wealth and some on one's soul and body

When is it compulsory

Wajib when the person concerned has some wealth left after meeting the necessary expenses of himself and his dependants and the relative is in need of such help

A muslim must help his relatives as much as possible even when monetary help is not wajib

Prophet said:

"join your relationship, even if it with a drink of water"

Jeha jeha bhi gaye wo
Kerem hi kerte gaye
Kisi ne maanga na maanga
Wo joli bherte rahey

Koi ajaye taleb se bhi sila dete he
Aye bimar to her dhook ki
Dawa dete he
Sange mare jo koi usko dua dete he

Dushman ajaye to chader bhi bhicha dete he
 Asey he serkaar mere
 Asey he serkaar mere
 (hokey ashk baar sirf ek baar
 Dilse Mustafa ko tu pukaar
 Ho go bera paar)

HOW DO WE LOVE OUR RELATIVE?

- Obligation of love and sympathy is unconditional
- To deal with relatives with love
- To demonstrate by one's actions and behaviour that one shares their happiness
- And to visit one another's home regularly to observe the Islamic ethics in mutual relationship
- These are facets of sila rehm which one can instinctively feel and which cannot be justifiably codified in writing

Holy Prophet said:

Do sila rehm even it is by salaam (salutation)

Best Hadith

The best way to do sila rehm is not to give any trouble to the relative

TIPS ON HOW TO DO SILEY REHM

Allamah Majlisi narrates in "Zadul Ma'ad" says that do not forget your dead, for they have no power to perform good deeds, and they totally rely on their children, brothers, and relatives.

- They eagerly await the favours.
 - 1) Particularly pray for them in the Midnight Prayers (Namaze Shab), and
 - 2) after every Obligatory Prayers (Wajib Namaz).
 - 3) And never forget to pray for your parents more than anyone else whenever you visit the sacred places, and
 - 4) perform good deeds on their behalf.
 - 5) It is also narrated that there have been such children who were disowned by their parents during their life time, but were later forgiven because they performed good deeds on their behalf after their death.
 - 6) (HUQUQUN NAAS), THE best deed to be performed on behalf of one's parents or relatives, is to pay their debts and t
 - 7) (HUQUQULLAH o perform worship acts, Namaz, Roza etc.) on their behalf.
 - 8) One should also perform the Pilgrimage (Haj) for them which they left in their life-time.

REWARDS OF SILEY REHM

1) sawab

Holy Prophet said:

- The reward of charity is 10 times
- The reward of lending is 18 times
- Reward of doing good to believer is 20 times
- Reward of doing good to **relative is 24 times**

2) Prophet said:

- Whoever goes to his relatives to do siley rehm with his self and wealth, allah gives him the reward of a
- Hundred shaheed
- Every step he is awarded 40,000 good deeds
- Forgiven 40 thousand bad deeds
- His rank is elevated 40,000 grades
- He is treated as though he worshipped allah 100 years
- (with patience and full attention)

3) IMMEDIATE REWARD IS GIVEN

- Imam Ali said:

Man is not given reward of any good work sooner than that of siley rehm

4) **HOME AND FAMILY PROSPER**—even if they are sinners

Holy Prophet said:

- Some people go on evil path and commit sins, but they behave gently with their relatives and because of this siley rehm their
- wealth is increased and
- lives elongated
- imagine how much reward would have been theirs if they had been good people

5) MUCH BARKAT FOR SILEY REHM

Imam Jaffer Sadiq a.s said said:

Joining relationships

- builds the homes
- increases lives
- increases prosperity
- even if they be kafirs

HELPS IN LIFE AND DEATH

6) LIFE IS ELONGATED

- Imam Hussein (a.s) said:
- One who likes that his life be elongated
- and sustenance be increased
- should do siley rehm

7) Holy Prophet said:

- if a person has 3 years of life left and he does siley rehm
- allah increases his life to 33 years
- and if he breaks his relationship and has 33 years left
- allah shortens his life to 3 years

8) SAKARAT DEATH PANGS EASED

Hazrat musa asked allah what was reward of siley rehm. Allah told him

- Oh Mus, I postpone his death (increase his life)
- Make easy for him the death pangs
- Keepers of paradise will call him to enter it from whichever gate he wants

Imam Jafer-e-Sadiq as saying, "If anyone wishes to **make the pangs of death easy and light,**

- he should maintain good relations with his relatives and should be kind and gentle with his parents.
- One who behaves thusly will die easily and in his lifetime he will not be troubled with paucity and will on the contrary live happily."

DUA (FROM QUNUT OF NAMAZ SHAB)

- The Holy Prophet has recommended
- Sura-e-Yaseen and Sura-e-Wassaaff-aat and
- reading the dua '
 - La illaha illallahu haleemul karim
 - La illaha illallahu alliyul adheem
 - Subhana rabis samawatis sabi
 - Wa rabil aradheenas sabi
 - Wama fihina wama bayna hunna
 - Wama fawqa hunna
 - Wama tahtahuna
 - Rabil arshil adheem
 - Wasalal lahu ala muhamidin wa alihit tahireen

9) Imam Mohamed Baqir (a.s) said:

2 types of people will have ease on pooley sirat

- One who took care of amanat
- One who did siley rehm

QATEY REHM (sever relationship)

- Creates strife, conflict, unity of family shattered
- Common knowledge that disunity in family always brings in its wake, disgrace and misfortune
- Opens the door of need and poverty

1) QURAN ADDRESSES PEOPLE WHO SEVER TIES:

Those who break Allah's covenant after its is ratified and who cut asunder what allah has ordered to be joined, and do mischief on earth; these cause loss to themselves (2:27)

DIFFICULTY IN HEREAFTER

And those who break the covenant of allah after having plighted their word thereto, and cut asunder those things which allah has commanded to be joined, and work mischief in the land, **on them is the curse and for them is the terrible home (13:25)**

Then belike you are if you hold authority that you do mischief in the land and break your ties of relationship? Such are the men whom allah has curse for he has made them deaf and blinded their sight (47:22-23)

LIFE IS CUT SHORT

2) Imam Ali said in one of his sermons:

Ali: I seek protection of Allah from the sins which hasten death

Abdullah bin kawa said: oh amirul mumineen is there any sin which hastens the death

Ali: yes, and it is the severance of relationships. Verily members of a family remain united and help each other so allah gives them sustenance though they be drinkers of liquor and verily members of a family separate from each other and one of them severs relationship from another so allah deprives them of their sustenance though they be pious

3) Imam Baqir warns to stay away from one who did qatey rehm as he has seen such a person curse in 3 places in the quran

(5 types of people:

- 1) Transgressor
- 2) Miser
- 3) Liar
- 4) Fool
- 5) Qatey rehm

4) Imam Jaffer Sadiq's slave Salima:

I was near Imam Jaffer sadiq at the time of his death; presently he became unconscious; when he came to, he said:

Give Hassan (aftas) bin Ali bin ali bin Husain bin ali bin abi Talib (a.s) 70 dinars and give this one so much that one so much

I said you are bequeathing to a man (Aftas) who had attacked you with knife and wanted to kill you

Imam said, "do you want me to be among those whom allah has praised for

" joining together what god has commanded to be joined and fear their lord and are afraid of the terrible reckoning? (13:21)

SCENT OF HEAVEN:

Oh Salima verily Allah created the paradise and made its scent pleasant and its scent reaches up to the distance of 2 thousand years, but will not smell its scent the person who disobeys the parent nor the one who severs relationship

(we find countless people who do good to their relatives but rarely see examples of doing good to blood thirsty relatives)

ARRIVAL IN KARBALA'

At Karbala', Hurr and his army blocked the caravan of Imam Husayn from going any farther. Hurr said, "This is near the river and you cannot go farther."

The horses of the Imam's group stopped, and Imam Husayn asked Zuhayr, "What is the name of this **place**?"

Zuhayr answered, "Taf."

The Imam asked, "Is there any other name for this **place**?"

Zuhayr said, "It is also called Karbala'."

The Imam's eyes watered and he said, "O, God! I seek refuge with God from Karb (grief) and Bala (tribulation). Here is the **place** in which we will set our camp; here is the **place** where our blood will be shed. Here is the **place** where our graves will be. This is what my grandfather has told me."

ARRIVAL—on ashur day

- Imam told 2 riders approaching, imam welcomed them
- Saif and his nephew approached imam and crying, asked for permission
- "why are you crying? Eternal happiness awaits you"
- "Walah, we are not crying for ourselves but because we have nothing to offer you but our lives in your time of difficulty"
- May your sympathy for us (hamdardi) be rewarded

1) tumsa koi nehi is jahan me
 kon hoga tumharey baraber
 kya ye kum he ke ay khush naseebo
 tum ko zehra dua de rahee he

Ay shahidon e haydar ke pyaaro
 Tumko zehra dua de rehi

JON—black slave of Abu Dhar (from medina)

- Worked for abu dhar, then imam ali, then Hassan and Husain
- Was trained by imam ali
- In spite of dark complexion, face shone like moon
- Never left imam's side—guarded him and watched people around him
- Was listening to imam recite in tent on 9th ashur. Said, "my master's voice resembles like his father and brothers"

JON'S DUA—tears rolling down his face

- Ya allah, is it true that I too will be among martyrs of kerbala?
- Will I have the honour of being your guest tomorrow

2) he tumhara shuja at ke cherche
arehi he sada masjido se
ay quraney shahadat ke paaro

3) tumse qayam rehega ye matam
tumse roshan rehe gi ye majlis
asmaaney aza ke sitaro
tumko zehra dua de rehi

ASHURA

- One by one, everyone was martyred
- Jon said” O my master, I wish to defend you and the holy family. Please give me permission”
- Imam: Jon, u are free to leave. You joined us for a secure and
-

happy life”

- Jon: is it right that I accompany you in peace and abandon you in trial?
- Is it because I smell bad, am not noble and am black that you don't want my life?
- Please permit me so I can get eternal peace, a fragrance of heaven, blood of syed, and a glittering face”
- Aka, I will not abandon you until my lowly blood mixes with your sacred blood
- IMAM GAVE PERMISSION, jon kissed his hands

JON ADDRESSES ARMY

- You sinners, look at how a black slave defends his master with his tongue and his sword
- I look forward to shafaat
- jeb tumhey mot lene ko ayi
wa hussaina ki leb per sada thi
waqt ki kerbala ke shaheedo
tumko zehra dua de rehi he

THE GRAVE

1) Re: Sakarat

**Whatever way we die, we must pray for an HONOURABLE DEATH—ie to die a Muslim (with our faith intact)

Tawaffanee muslimaw wa alhiqnee bis saaliheen

O lord, Let me die submitting to you (as a muslim) and join me with the righteous (Yusuf:101)

2) STRETCH MY LIFE ONLY IF I AM GOOD

Imam al-Sajjad, upon whom be peace, said while addressing God in prayer,

"O God, prolong my life as long as its days are spent in worship and obedience to You. If a moment should come when my life becomes the (kahythee) pasture of Satan, take my soul and bring my life to an end before Your dislike overtakes me or Your anger seizes me." ("Du'a-yi MAKARIM AL-AKHLAQ" in *Sahifa-yi Sajjadiya*)

ON BEING CLOSE TO PROPHET- (o god let us die being muslim)

Samaney sabz gumbed ka manzer bhi ho

Labpe takbir e allaho akbar bhi ho

Jaaney wala waha dil se jaye mager

Ja ke wapas na aye to kya baat he

(kamli wale ke kedmo pe ser ho mera

Aur muje mot aye to kya baat he)

3) Re: burial, FIRST NIGHT (charity helps)

The Holy Prophet has said. "The most fearful time for the dead is their first night in the grave. Help your dead in this hour of need by giving CHARITY ON THEIR BEHALF and by praying for them (Namaz-e-Wehshat)."

**asking for forgiveness FOR him is not same value as if he did it himself

4) Re: GRAVE. It becomes NEW HOUSE—IMAM ALI A.S

Did you not witness those who engaged in long-reaching desires,

- built strong buildings,
- amassed much wealth but their houses turned to graves and their
- collections turned into ruin.

5) SOUL IS READY FOR STAGES

JOURNEY TO HEAVEN:

- 1) Starts at death
- 2) Goes to grave
- 3) To valley of peace or troubles (salam or barhut)
- 4) Plains of day of judgement
- 5) Bridge over hell (pool e sirat)
- 6) To heaven

**COMFORTABLE or difficult journey depends on deeds collected during life on earth)

PUNISHMENT OF SINNERS AT DIFFERENT STAGES OF JOURNEY

- 1) During lifetime in this world (best time—but we do so many, not possible to hand out all punishments here) 17 rakat (1 astagfar each—not enough)
- 2) At time of death (angel of death himself will punish)
- 3) In grave (walls of grave)
- 4) Valley of troubles (mini hell—similar to hell but in milder forms)
- 5) Plains on day of judgement (intense heat)—kafirs present—humiliation

- 1000 of years in duration, sun will come low and earth will be like red copper
- 6) Bridge over hell (pool e sirat—good manners in ramadhan will be steadied here)
 - 7) Hell –suffer for years

*** ALLAH does not want to see his momineen suffer but we must be purified in order to enter his jannah

-punish them in life, dying moment or graves or bridge over hell

-better to be punished in secret (in lifetime, in grave, dying time)

**some don't believe or disobey so much that allah has no choice but to punish on plains of judgement and in hell

ABU DHAR ABOUT FATHER'S FORGIVENESS FOR SON

"O son, may God embrace you in His infinite mercy!

- While you were in this world you treated me well, and now that you have left this world, I declare myself well pleased with you.
- I swear by God that your death has not caused me any grief or distress, for I have no need of any but God.
- Were it not for the question of the hereafter and an eternal abode, I would be content to be in your place.
- It is anxiety over your fate for all eternity in the hereafter prevents me from mourning your death.
- I swear to God that I am weeping not out of sorrow at your death but because of the stages you must now traverse in the hereafter. **Would that I knew what you have said and what you have been told after your death!"**

He then turned toward God and addressed Him as follows:

- "O God, I absolve him from whatever obligations to me as his father You placed upon him,

- so absolve him too from whatever obligations toward Yourself You placed upon him.
- Such generosity becomes You better than it becomes me."

PUNISHMENT WILL COME

Imam al-Sajjad, upon whom be peace, made this supplication to God:

"O God, I know that there is no cruelty or oppression in any of Your decrees or commands, and that You do not hasten to punish anyone, for only he hastens to perform an act who fears he may miss the opportunity, and only he who is weak and impotent feels the need to commit oppression and cruelty. You, O Creator, are pure and exalted above both these defects."

6) What happens to the soul after ruh leaves body?

-soul will be taken first to the heavens

Ascending to the Heaven

The Believing Soul: The Angels ascend the believing soul to the Seventh Heaven and every

- group of Angels they pass asks: "Who is this good soul?"
- to which they reply: "So and so, the son of so and so."
- using his best names by which people called him on the Earth.
- **The generous, kind, loving, helpful, compassionate, pious, forgiving, charitable, merciful, pure, modest, worshipper**
- Then the believing soul is presented before Allah.
- Allah, the Great and Glorious, says: "Record the Book of My servant in the **ILLIYOON** and take him back to Earth, for I created mankind from it, and I shall return them to it, from it I shall bring them forth again."

(b) **The Disbelieving Soul:** The Angels take the disbelieving soul up to the Heaven and do not bring it pass a

- companies of Angels ask: "Who is this wicked soul?" to which they reply: "So and so, the son of so and so."
- Using the worst names that he was called in the world.
- **Stingy, miserly, liar, thief, adulterer, non-prayer, atheist, hypocrite, betrayer, backbiter, breaker of family ties**
- When he is brought to the lowest Heaven
- request is made for the gate to be opened for him, but it is not opened for him.
- Allah, who is most Great and Glorious, then says: "Record his Book in SIJJIN (THE LOWEST PLACE) and his soul is thrown down to Earth."

Prophet Isa (a.s.) and his companions—LOVE OF THIS WORLD

It is narrated from Imam Ja'far as-Sadiq (a.s.) from reliable chains of narrators in *Usul al-Kafi* that he said, "One day Prophet Isa (a.s.) passed through a town, whose inhabitants, along with the birds and the animals had died at one and the same time.

- Isa (a.s.) said, "There is no doubt that death came to them as a result of divine chastisement, because if they had died one after the other, they would have buried each other."
- The companions said, "O rooh-allah Spirit of Allah! Pray to Allah that He enlivens them again, so that they may inform us what their character was (what sin has killed them?). In this way we may be able to derive a lesson and keep aloof from such sinful acts."

So, Prophet Isa (a.s.) prayed to the Almighty and a voice came in response, "O Isa (a.s.)! Call them!" When night fell, Isa (a.s.) went to an elevated spot and called out, "O people of this town!" One of the dead ones replied, "Here I am! O Spirit of Allah!" Isa (a.s.) said, "Woe upon you! What was your behavior in the world?" He replied,

- "Worship of false gods (Satans),
- love of the world and only a little fear of God,
- very high aspirations and
- negligence by being engrossed in vain pastimes."

Prophet Isa (a.s.) asked, "HOW WAS YOUR LOVE FOR THE WORLD, and to what extent were you fond of it?"

He replied, "We loved the world as much **as a child loves its mother**. When the love of the world used to be kind to us we became happy. And when it turned away from us, we used to lament and become aggrieved." Prophet Isa (a.s.) asked, "How were you worshipping false gods?" He replied, "We used to obey the sinners."

"Then what was your ultimate end? Upto where has your Hereafter reached?"

He replied, "We spent the night in mirth, but when morning came, we were accosted by 'hawiyah' (fire of Hell).

Isa (a.s.) asked, "What is Hawiyah?"

"It is Sijjin (another name of hellfire)."

"What is Sijjin?"

"They are twisted (pahaar) mountains of fire, whose flames would flare upon us till the Day of Judgment."

"In such a condition, what did you say and what was the reply that you received?"

"We said, 'Send us back to the world so that we can perform good deeds.' We were told, 'You lie.'"

Prophet Isa (a.s.) asked, "Woe be unto you! Why did not others speak to me?"

He answered, "O Spirit of Allah! Their mouths are bridled with fire and very menacing angels are punishing them. I was living with them in the world, but I was not like them. But when the chastisement descended I was also surrounded by it. I am hanging at the side of Barzakh with a single strand of hair. I don't know whether I would continue to hang like this or get salvation."

Prophet Isa (a.s.) turned towards his companions and said, "O devotees of Allah! To eat dry bread with salt and to sleep on a bed of hay are great deeds. The success of the world and the Hereafter also lies in this."

The incident shows how a deadly sin, the love of the world is. In the light of this tradition it can be said that the love of the world hastens the descent of chastisement and causes everlasting destruction for a nation.

7) SOUL RETURNS TO BE NEAR BODY

- -soul will be left to stay around its body

- -will be able to see and hear all things happening around its dead body
- -Will be able to see family and friends mourning, giving ghusl mayyit (will complain to allah about those members of its family and friends who do not attend)

**** Prayers and complaints of a soul are quickly answered by allah**

- 8) -wrapping in kafan, praying namaz mayyit (soul prays for people giving ghusl to its dead body, for people who took part in namaz mayit and burial procession)
- 9) Burying in the grave—crys out to people to not leave him

Allah's Messenger (sallallahu alaihe wa-sallam) said: "When the coffin is ready (for its burial) and people lift it on their shoulders, then if the deceased is a righteous person he says, 'Take me ahead,' if he is not a righteous one, then he says, 'Woe to it (me)! Where are you taking it (me)!' And his voice is audible to everything except human beings; if they heard it they would fall down unconscious

7) THE BURIAL

GOOD DEEDS CHASED AWAY BAD

I saw many wild beasts and animals, which frightened me, but the other people present were neither afraid nor even troubled, as if those beasts were their tame and beloved pets. In this way, we reached the graveyard. I stood in the grave, and saw how my body was lowered into it, head first. The moment the body was laid inside, the grave became full of animals emerging from everywhere.

My fear knew no bounds especially when the animals started attacking my body. But the man who was lowering my body was not in the least fearful, it was as if he did not even see them.

The man laid the body in the grave and then came out. But my primary interest was in my body so I stayed inside the grave. I tried to shy away the animals but they were too many for me to handle and they overcame me. One reason was that I was so overcome with fear that my very existence was trembling. I called out to the people standing above my grave for help but nobody came forward to help. On the contrary they remained busy in their work, as if they just could not see the commotion that was going on inside the grave. Suddenly certain people entered the grave from somewhere and came to my help, as the animals ran away when they saw these people. So I thanked them and asked them who they were that they had helped me in such a difficult time.

GOOD DEEDS--They smiled and replied that they were my good deeds that I had done and that the beasts had been my evil deeds. **They asked me if I had not heard the verse "Verily the good deeds clear away the bad deeds". Then these people disappeared.**

Ay logo mere janazey ke saat chelte huwey
Mere badan ko lahad me supurd kerte huwey
He iltija meri her su
He iltija meri her su
Ali ali kerna

COMPANIONS IN GRAVE

Imam Ja'far-as-Sadiq (A.S.) says, that when a believer is laid to rest in his grave,

- Prayers (Namaz, which he offered) remains on his right side,
- Zakat on his left side, and
- acts of goodness & kindness (towards others) gives shelter on his head, and
- patience (shown at the time of distress) remains near him.
- When 'Munkir & Nakeer' come to question him, patience requests Namaz, Zakat, and goodness to surround him from all sides and give him refuge, and says that whenever troubles and calamities befell this man, I was always there with him (i.e he bore it patiently).

6) Once body is buried, and all people have left cemetery, soul is returned to body

7) re: WAKING UP IN GRAVE

LIFE IS BUT A DREAM

"When we wake up, we say that we understand we were sleeping and dreaming; whatever we experienced had no reality. By this we mean that our sleep was only part of the greater reality which is constituted by our waking state, for sleep is in itself a reality. Likewise, the life of this world is real in and of itself, but compared with the more expansive life that awaits us, it counts as a dream." (Quoted in *Bist Guftar*, p. 323)

1) SECOND STAGE-QUESTIONING PHASE

- frightening stage begins

1) 2 frightful angels, MUNKIR AND NAKIR

- Will ask questions about faith and deeds
- For PIOUS PEOPLE: Allah also sends 2 angels MUBASHIRO AND BASHIR to help them relax and answer questions calmly
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Re: Companion in the grave

At this time, if one's deeds are good and righteous, they become for him a good company. Allah's Messenger (sallallahu alaihe wa-sallam) said: "(After the questioning) a man with a **beautiful face, beautiful garments and sweet odor** comes to the righteous slave and says: "Rejoice in what pleases you, for this is your day which you have been promised." He asks: "Who are you? For your face is perfectly beautiful and brings good." He replies: "I am your good deeds."—transformed into a handsome person who will guide throughout

BEST FRIEND IS YOUR DEEDS

"O Qays, you have a friend and companion who one day will be buried with you. When you are buried, he will still be alive although you are dead. If your companion is noble and a man of honor, he will honor you, and if he is lowly and vile, he will torment and trouble you. He will be resurrected together with you, and you will be resurrected together with him. No questions will be put to you; they will all be directed to him. Choose, then a worthy and righteous companion, for if your companion is righteous he will comfort you, but if he be wicked, you will wish to flee him in terror. That everlasting companion and friend is none other than your deeds."

2) COMPANION OF **KHAAKE SHAFI** (SCENT)

Me bach gaya feesharey lahed se isi leeye

Zarey kafan thee khake shifa, aur kuch nahee

Gham ka ilaaj iss ke siwa

Aur kuch nahi

Khaake shifa he meri dawa

Aur kuch nahi

2) QUESTIONS ASKED

- 1) WHO IS YOUR LORD
- 2) PROPHET
- 3) RELIGION
- 4) BOOK
- 5) KIBLA
- 6) IMAMS

(na poochiye ke kya Hussein he)

Fanaah ke baad phir muje

Nayee hayat milgayee

Fishaar se azaab se

Muje nijaat milgayi

Sawal jeb kiya gaya

He kon tera rehnuma?
Tu maney kehdiya hussain he

- 1) EVERYONE—kafirs, muslims, non muslims, momineen will be asked these 6 questions

STAGE 3

- 1) Souls of those who fail test will be removed once more from bodies and taken to place called WADI U BARHUT
 - mini hell

WADI U BARHUT (VALLEY OF TROUBLES)

- 2) Those who passed, get 3 additional questions:

- 2) Did you obey, disobey allah's rules and laws during your entire life
- 3) How did you earn your living? Did you use halal or haram ways to earn your wealth
- 4) How did you spend your wealth? Did you spend it on halal or haram deeds

HALAL WEALTH

- ***to avoid pressure, obey allah's rules and earn and spend your wealth by halal means**

- 5) DEAD CALL OUT TO US
- 6) The Most Noble Messenger, peace and blessings be upon him and his family, is reported to have said:

"The spirit of the dead will cry out after death: 'O family and offspring! Take care not to be deceived by the world as it deceived and misled me. I accumulated wealth, making no distinction between the licit and the illicit, in the end leaving it behind for others to enjoy; all that remains for me is misery. Take care to avoid what has befallen me.'" (*Bihar al-Anwar*, Vol. III, p. 136)

3) ANSWERING ALL 9 QUESTIONS SATISFACTORILY:

- Souls will be taken to WADI US SALAAM—valley of peace (PLACE NEAR HAZRAT ALI'S ROZA IN NAJAF)
- mini heaven

STAGE 2

1) Those who fail to answer any Questions

- **PUNISHMENT IN GRAVE:** Fishar e kabr—pressure of the grave
Imam Ja'fer As-Sadiq (pbuh) has said:
"Who so ever is subjected to the questioning in the grave, is also squeezed in the grave*"
For some it will be like the embrace of two friends but for those whose sins have still not been cleansed by death, it is severe.

As for the righteous and pious, they will joyously exclaim in the intermediate world:

"Would that our relatives and kin knew how God has forgiven us and bestowed mercy and favor upon us" (36:26-27).

KINDNESS OF GOD MAKES SENSE

Almighty God also introduced Himself to Prophet Isa (Jesus, peace upon him), He described His endless mercy to him, and He gave him necessary instructions. Once He said to him,

- "O Isa (Jesus)! I do not **FORGET** those who forget Me, so how could I forget those who remember Me!
- I am not **STINGY** with those who disobey Me, so how could I be stingy with those who obey Me."

THANKFULNESS EASES FISHARE KABR

Not offering thanks to Allah for His blessings and denying them, is also one of the causes of the squeeze in the grave (Fisbare Qabr).

THANKFULNESS

"It is also narrated that when prophet Ya'qoob met prophet Yusuf, He asked Him as to what befell Him, to which Yusuf replied, " O father do not ask me as to what (bad) my brothers did to me, but ask me what (favour) my Lord did to me".

- Walls of grave move to pressurize, squeeze and crush the person whose deeds have failed them in their test in the grave
- Imagine—broken bone being pressured
- All our bones will break and be crushed due to force, pain will be severe, we will scream but nobody will hear or help us
- -person who died in water will get pressure by water, air and fire (whether we are buried or not)
- -journey to unseen world—black liquid comes out of his body

- 5 PEOPLE WILL NOT BE PUNISHED IN GRAVE:
 - 1) Mentally retarded
 - 2) Non baligh
 - 3) Aalims with good deeds
 - 4) martyrs
 - 5) masumeen
 - 6) ALSO, people buried in kerbala—allah does not want to disturb land where shaheed *(a sincere person who wishes to be buried there will be transported by angels, a person with bad deeds will be transported OUT of kerbala)
*joking/laughing about it is a major sin

Haji Ali Baghdadi had the honour of meeting Imam Mahdi (A.T.F.S.) and ask him some questions. One of the questions put forward by him was that "Is it true that a person who goes for the pilgrimage (Ziarat) to the shrine of Imam Husain (A.S.) on friday night receives salvation"? Imam (A.S.) replied, "Yes, by Allah".

Haji Ali Baghdadi says that I saw tears in the eyes of Imam (A.S.). Then I asked him another question, "In the year 1269 A.H. when we went for the pilgrimage (Ziarat) to the shrine of Imam Ali-ar-Reza (A.S.), we met a nomadic Arab who was a native of Najaf. We invited him for a meal and asked him his views regarding the reward of the love of Imam Reza (A.S.). He replied, "Paradise", and said, "Since the past fifteen days I have been from the wealth of Imam Reza (A.S.), do Munkir & Nakeer' have the nerve to come near me. The food which I consumed from

the table of Imam Reza (A.S.) has turned into flesh and blood". I asked Imam Mahdi (A.T.F.S.) whether his claim was true. Imam (A.S.) replied, "Yes it is true. Imam Reza (A.S.) himself will come and save him from the questioning in the grave. For verily by Allah! My Grandfather is a Zamin (surety) Imam'.

STORY—FISHAR KABR FOR DISOBEDIENT SON

- Prophet had companion named sahib—one of most respected companions
- Prayed and preached and followed p everywhere
- Died in battle of khandak (got injured and died)
- P gave him ghusl, wrapped kafan, led his namaz mayit
- Helped carry his body, buried it in janat baqi
- Allah sent 1000s of angels from heaven to take part in sahab's namaz mayit
- After burying, they left cemetery
- P on his way out, looked back after 40 steps and tears started to flow from his eyes
- People asked why
- Replied sahib is being punished in his grave and he could hear him calling for his help (fishare)
- Because he disobeyed allah's rules—did not keep his mother happy, did not look after his old and ill mother
- FIRST PUNISHED FOR HIS MAJOR SIN, after that he would be rewarded for all his good deeds

DREAM STORY-ziyarat ashura

man sees brother in dream in nice clothes
did you borrow?

No, a woman died who was good, so allah sent angels to her grave

Then Imam Hussein came and himself greeted her and asked for all her troubles to be taken away—
and everyone in the vicinity also got good things and azhab was stopped for them (WE WERE ALL BLESSED BECAUSE OF HER)

He went to graveyard, people were praying—went to son

Was your mom holder of majlises? Was she zakira? Tell me her life

She used to recite ziyarat e ashura every day:

- to make friends with your friends,

- cut off all links with your enemies, and
- with those who planted the seeds of hostility against you, and
- reject and discard their associates, their followers and their friends.
- I make peace with those who made their peace with you,
- I search out and confront those who waged war against you,
- I make friends with those who stood by you,
- I strive against those who came in conflict with you,

GRAVE AND BEYOND

WHEN PEOPLE PRAY FOR US and GIVE WITNESS

about the true belief of the dead and their prayer for the forgiveness of the dead.

****important to go to funeral**

- Imam Sadiq (a.s.) is quoted in Anwaa Re Nomaaniyah: If forty persons gather near a dead and say: O God! We know nothing except the good deeds done by this person.
- God responds: I have accepted your testimony and have forgiven all of his sins not known to you.

NABI DAWOOD AND THE HYPOCRITE

- Allah asked: Why did you not pray for him?
- Dawood (a.s.) replied: O Lord! I did not pray because You had informed me that he was a hypocrite worshipper.
- A voice came from heaven: Though it is true, a group of people has testified that he was a good man so I also confirmed it, accepted their testimony and forgave him."
- a very great kindness of the Almighty that He pardons His servants and does not punish them even though they were not eligible for such salvation.

• 3) Time of death

and Fishaar e kabr (squeezing in the grave)

--group of people who are protected from the squeezing of grave and fear and Barzakh torture

are those who die **between time of Zuhr on Thursday and**

Friday, as these are the hours when divine mercy rains allowing such persons its full benefit. God covers them in His kindness.

This is also a kind of divine kindness that he showers on His servants.

A PURE SOUL'S BODY CAN REMAIN INTACT IN GRAVE

- Sometimes it does so happen that, owing to the soundness of the soul, the body also does not disintegrate in the grave. It remains fresh even for a thousand years.
- There are many testimonies to this fact. For instance, the body of **Ibne Babuya (r.a.)**, around one hundred fifty years after his death in the time of Fateh Ali Shah, was found fresh.
- Not only this but, more astonishingly, even his kafan (shroud cloth) also was not worn out not the colour of henna on his nail faded out after such a long time!

INTACT BODY

- Shaykh Sadooq (r.s.) grave had a hole due to heavy raining around the year 1238 H.E.
- When it was dug up (to refill) his body was intact

HURR BODY

-hankerchief on forehead

TESTIMONY OF MOMIN WITH KHAAKE SHIFA

- Many momin had written on the Shroud Of **Allamah Majlisi (r.a.)** with khaake shafa
- **LAA RAIB FEE EEMAANIRI** meaning: Doubtlessly he was a faithful person (and put their seal under it)

(gham ka ilaaj)

Me bach gaya feesharey lahed se isi leeye

Zarey kafan thee khake shifa, aur kuch nahee

Gham ka ilaaj iss ke siwa

Aur kuch nahi

Khaake shifa he meri dawa

Aur kuch nahi

GOOD DEEDS DONE ON THEIR BEHALF

- 1) Repayment of loan
- 2) Performance of namaz, fasts, Hajj
- 3) Sadqa, charity,
- 4) Digging a well, Islamic school, madressa, muharram fund
- 5) Feeding people (Majlis)
- 6) Praying for forgiveness of the marhoom

EFFECT OF CHARITY ON GRAVE

Imam Sadiq a.s: It also happens that a body is under pressure in grave and then he is given ease and comfort. Angels tell him or her that this is the result of such and such good deed sent to you by your such and such well-wisher in the world.

HELPING OTHERS IS HELPING GOD

The Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him and his family, is reported to have said:

"God Almighty will address man as follows on the day of judgement:

1)"O Son of Adam! I was sick and you did not visit Me."

"Then man will reply, 'How might I visit You, seeing that You are the Creator of both worlds?' God will answer, 'Did you not know that such-and-such a servant of Mine fell sick? You did not care enough to visit him; if you had, you would have found Me with him.'"

2)"God will then continue, 'O son of Adam! I asked you for food and you did not feed Me.' Man will reply, 'How might I feed You, seeing that You are the Creator of both worlds?' God will answer, 'Did you not know that such-and-such a servant of Mine asked you for food? You refused to feed him; if you had fed him, you would have found Me with him.'"

3) "God will then continue, 'O son of Adam! I asked you to give Me water to drink and you refused Me.' Man will reply, 'How might I give You water to drink, seeing that Your power

holds the fate of all things in its hand?' God will answer, 'A servant of Mine asked you for water to drink, but you refused him. If you had given him water, you would have found Me with him.' (*al-Wasa'il*, Vol. II, p. 636)

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- Almighty God commands **seventy thousand angels** to proceed towards the grave of that lucky person.
- Every angel has, in his hand, a **plate full of heavenly bounties** of paradise.
- They tell the dead: Be you in peace and safety, O servant of God! O friend of God! This gift has been sent to you by such and such friend.
- Then his grave becomes brightly lit up and
- God the merciful grants him ***one thousand cities and also one thousand houries and a thousand precious robes and fulfils one thousand of his wishes.***
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NIGHT OF SADNESS

- Men close grave
- Dark, narrow place
- People going back to their houses, even my close friends, relatives and family members had deserted me and left me alone. These were the very people for whose comfort and well being I had provided and worked for day and night.
- Their desertion and unfaithfulness on the one hand and
- my dark and narrow prison on the other extremely saddened me and I was close to bursting with sorrow.
- I had never before felt such fear and bewilderment and
- I sat down dejected at the head of the corpse, losing all hopes of receiving any help from anybody except God.

QUESTIONING

- was wondering what would happen next,
- when suddenly the grave started trembling and dust came falling down off its walls and roof.
- It was especially violent near the foot of the grave as if some huge beast was trying to split open the grave to enter.
- Finally the grave did split and two huge men with fearful faces entered.⁽²⁾
- The two men were strong and hefty like giants.
- Smoke and fire bellowed from their mouths and nostrils.
- In their hands were iron rods so red hot that it seemed as if flames were leaping up from them.
- Suddenly they thundered in voices so sharp that the heavens and earth trembled, "Who is your Lord?"

GUIDE AND LOVE OF ALI IN GRAVE

- When I revived and opened my eyes, I saw myself in a pleasant room.
- A handsome youth, Whose very body was fragrant was sitting next to me with my head in his lap, waiting for me to wake up.
- I sat up out of respect for him and greeted him.
- He smiled lovingly embraced me and returned my greetings, and said, "sit down and be at ease. I'm your friend and companion, not a Prophet or an Imam.

- "I asked, "May I know who you are? It is indeed my good fortune to have a companion like you. It is my desire to always remain with you."

- He replied, "My name is Haadi (Guide), I am also called Abul Wafa (the Father of fulfillment) and Abu Turab (Father of earth). I guided you to your first answer. Had you failed to reply, they would have given you a good beating with their iron rods and your grave would have become full with the flames from Hell.
- "But first, tell me, how is it that though we've never met before, you seem to know me well, and in spite of the short time that we've been together, I've developed such a love for you that I cannot bear to part with you?"

- He replied, 'I have been with you since the very first day and have always loved you but you never sensed my presence since in the material world your sight lacked the power to perceive me.
- Actually, "I am the relationship of love and friendship which you had with **Imam Ali and the Ahlebait of the Holy Prophet.**
- My meeting and helping a person depends upon the strength of that relationship,
- i'm called the Haadi (the guide) because the love of Ahlebait guides a man towards good deeds.

(jab khuda ko pukara to ali agaye)

Ghusl mayat na kehna mere Ghusl ko

Ujaley malboos ka mat kafan naam do

Me chala hu ali se mulakat ko

Jis ki thi arzoo wo gharee agayee

I am not going to part with you, unless you yourself part with me through following your carnal desires. This is why I am called Abul Wafa. The (father of Faithfulness) and Abu Turab (Father of Earth).⁽⁶⁾

The Holy Prophet told Hadhrat Ali (A.S.) "O Ali, verily those who love you will be glad in three places:

- at the time of death, because you will be there visiting them:
- and at the questioning in the grave as you will be there teaching them (the correct replies); and
- at the time of coming before Allah, and you will be there introducing them"³⁷

STAYING WITH AHLUL BAYT WILL GIVE US DIVIDENDS

Imam Ja'far -as-Sadiq (A.S.) and His slave.

It is related that Imam Ja'far -as-Sadiq (A.S.) had a slave. Wherever the Imam went, he accompanied Him. And when Imam (A.S.) went to the Mosque, he would look after His

mule. One day the slave was sitting at the door of the Mosque catching hold of the mule, when there came some travellers from Khurasan. One of them said, "O slave ! will you plead to your master Imam Sadiq (A.S.) to accept me as His slave in your stead, and we shall surely pay you for this". The slave replied, "Yes I shall plead for you and talk to my Master".

- He then went to the presence of Imam Ja'far-as-Sadiq (A.S.) and said, "O Master! May my life be your ransom. You are well aware of my services to you. If ever Allah gives me an opportunity of acquiring wealth, will you stop me from it"?
- Imam (A.S.) said, "I myself will give you that much wealth, but will not let you ask from anyone else".
- The slave then narrated the talk he had with the traveller from Khurasan. Imam (A.S.) heard it and said, "If you do not like living with me, I give you liberty to go, and accept him in your stead". After hearing these words, the slave turned his back and started going.
- Imam Sadiq (A.S.) called him back and said,
- "In exchange of your services, I would like to counsel you, which will benefit you.
- When the day of Qayamat comes, the Holy Prophet (S.A.W.S.) will be connected to Allah by His light. And Ali (A.S.) will be joined together with the Holy Prophet (S.A.W.S.), and we (the Aimmah) will be attached to him (A.S.), and Our Shi'ahs in turn will be attached to Us.
- Wherever we go, Our Shi'ahs will be alongside Us".
- When the slave heard this, he said, "O Master! I will never leave you and go, and will not exalt this world over the hereafter".
- The slave then returned to the Khurasani man and he asked him, "O slave! What has happened, for you went to the Imam in a good mood, while you have returned with a sad face"? The slave narrated the whole incident and took him to the presence of Imam (A.S.). Imam Ja'far-as Sadiq (A.S.) accepted his friendship, and requested him to give one thousand Ashrafis to His slave.
- This wretched soul (the author) also requests his Master Imam Ja'far-as-Sadiq (A.S.): O Master! From the day I have recognized myself I have been standing at Your door. My flesh and my skin are the outcome of Your blessings. And I desire that during the last days of my life, You will look after me and not turn me away from Your merciful door. How can I leave Your door, for the present honour has been given to me because of Your love. O Master! May I never see that day, when I have to leave Your door, and go somewhere else (I may die before this happens).

(Hayat al- Kulub- sheikh Majlisis)

SNIFFING ANGELS (BOXES)

- This time I felt two men sitting on either side; the one on the right was beautiful, but the one on left was ugly to look at.
- They were sniffing my body from head to toe and kept entering something in the files, which they had in their hands.
- he was not allowing those sins for which I had repented to be recorded.
- At times he would say that such and such sin had been compensated by a certain good deed that I had done, just as the alchemist's elixir turns earth into gold.
- When they finished writing, they folded the sheets and **wrapped them around my neck like fetters,**
- and they put the sealed boxes in a bag and placed it by my head.

WHAT IS IN THE BAG

In reply to my questioning, Haadi replied, "The big bag contains your luggage. Open it so that I may also see what you have brought along for your journey."

Allah says regarding the evil soul: "...**when death comes to one of them** (who joins partners with Allah), **he says: "O My Lord! Send me back to life. In order that I may do good deeds in the things that I neglected. By no means! It is but a word he says. And before him is a Barzakh until the day they are raised up."** [Soorah al-Mu'minoon (23): 99-100]

- I opened the bag and found inside the sealed boxes. Some of these contained an inscription that they were meant to be used at certain destinations.
- There were also packets of rewards and punishments containing labels that they would be opened at specific places. I asked Haadi, "What do these boxes contain?"

Haadi replied, "These are the very moments of the days and nights that you have spent in which you have done good or evil.

- Whenever an act was committed, the boxes opened like oysters and preserved your acts like valuable gems. These moments are now present in these boxes in front of you.

AFTER SNIFFING (SQUEEZING)

Then I saw them bringing an iron cage; it had thick iron bars and was about my size. They put me inside, and bolted it. Then, as they turned its lever, it started to constrict, tightening on my body. It became so tight that it became difficult to breath, and I felt that I could not even call to anybody for help.

- They kept turning the lever until the cage, which had originally been my size, was now no bigger than a small cooking vessel; small and hot.
- My bones cracked and broke and
- quite literally oil oozed out of my body, as black as soot. They mopped it up but I had fainted and was unaware of what was going on.

1) AVOIDING TORTURE IN THE GRAVE

BURIAL WITH JAREEDATAIN

The burying of Jareedatain (meaning: Two green branches of date tree or plum or pomegranate) along with the body of the dead is one of the things about which it is promised that these things come in the way of the chastisement in grave. Date branches are the best and they must be green.

- Imam Baqir (a.s): The Imam (a.s.) says: The body is not punished until the said branches remain green and God willing, it will not even after the branches become dry.

PRAYERS NEEDED FOR MARHOOM

Then I asked, "What is this chain in my neck?" Haadi replied, "This is your Deed Sheet. You will be judged on its basis on the Day of Judgement. For the present (in Barzakh) it is not required. As the Qur'an says in

Soora-e-Asra, verse 14,

"We have made the destiny of every human being cling to his neck and we shall bring forth for him on the Day of Resurrection a book which he will find wide open."

"Indeed, between the world and the Hereafter (that is Barzakh) are one thousand valleys, among which the easiest is Death." 6th imam

Then he said, "I see that you have very little provision for your life in the Eternal abode. I suggest that you stay here for a few Fridays as your friends and heirs in the world might send some gifts for you, because the Holy Prophet has said, 'The more provision you have in your journey (of Hereafter) the better it is' I will go now and, try to obtain a passport for you from the King of the World and the Hereafter. No orders have been issued in this regard in the past week. On Thursday night, I suggest you go and visit your family. Maybe they will think of you and pray for your well being and forgiveness."

Someone relates that he asked the Commander of the Faithful, upon whom be peace, whether the dead are able to visit their relatives. He answered that they are, whereupon the questioner asked: "When and how often?" He answered: "Every week, every month, or every year, depending of spiritual rank and capacity." (*Ibid.*, Vol. II, p. 62)

Those A'mal which prove helpful for the people in Barzakh.

It is narrated from "Jame'ul Akhbaar" that one of the companions (Ashaab) of the Holy Prophet (S.A.W.S.) heard him saying that,

- "Send gifts to your dead". I asked him as to what gifts could we send to the people who are dead.
- He replied, "It is to give alms (sadqa) on their behalf or pray for their forgiveness".
- The Prophet continued, "On every friday the spirits (Rooh) of the dead come to the homes and call out:
 - O people of my house! May Allah bless you, have mercy on us.
 - Whatever we have done in this world, we are facing it's consequences now, while the fruits of our toil is being enjoyed by others.
 - Favour us by giving on our behalf a dirham, or a bread, or clothes, so that Allah may reward you with a heavenly attire".
- The Holy Prophet (S.A.W.S.) started crying and we also started weeping.
- He cried so bitterly that he became exhausted and said, "These are your muslim brethren who lived a lavish life, and now lie pressed beneath the earth.
- They now regret their mistakes and weep over the deeds which have become the cause of their affliction.

They say: Alas! if only we had spent our wealth in the path of Allah, and not have acted miserly, we would not have to be dependent on you now. We now beg of you to send us some Sadqa".

REWARD

- In the same book it has been narrated from the Holy Prophet (S.A.W.S.) that he said that, "Whatever alms (Sadqa) is given on behalf of the deceased person,
- the blessed Angels adorn it on an illuminated tray (whose light spreads across the seven heavens) and
- take it to the head of the grave and say: Peace be on you, O' inhabitant of the grave!
- This gift has been sent to you by your relatives.
- The deceased person takes the tray into his grave, as a result of which the entire grave gets illuminated, and the grave expands in length".
- He then continued "Those who favour their departed relatives by giving alms on their behalf, it's
- reward is as big as the mountain of Ohud in the sight of Allah,
- On the day of Qayamat, Allah will give the person shelter under His Throne (Arsh), when there will be no other shelter except this.
- Hence this sadqa proves useful for the living person as well as the dead one".

Plate of apples--Fateha recited

"Somebody passed by your grave today and recited Surah-e-Fateha for you. Since his was a sincere act, the Merciful decided that you should be promptly rewarded. May God bless him too."

IMAM VISITS GRAVE

Then Haadi busied himself in decorating my room. He arranged the divans, sofas and the chairs, and hung ornaments on the walls. A chandelier was also fixed and its light was bright and luminescent as the sun. I said, "Haadi, you yourself said that this is not my permanent place. Then why are you taking so much pains today in decorating this room?" He replied, "I have received information that the Imam's son whose grave you had visited once, and the religious scholars whom you used to remember in your Night Prayers are coming to visit you in order to thank you for your friendship."

I replied, "This is indeed my good fortune and it compensates for the sadness that I felt after visiting my family."

I kept thinking that such good fortune was indeed more than what a sinner like me could ever have hoped for.⁽⁹⁾

(na poochiye ke kya Hussein he)
Fanah ke baad phir muje
Nayee hayat milgayee
Fishaar se azaab se
Muje nijaat milgayi
Sawal jeb kiya gaya
He kon tera rehnuma?
Tu maney kehdiya hussain he

Shaheed kerbala ka gham
Jisey bhi na gawaar he
Wo baad amal he
Badnasib
Useee pe beshumaar he
Arey o dushmaney aza
Tu mer zera
Lahed me ja
Pata chaley ga kya hussain he

HAZRAT ABBAS DAY

- Hazrat Abbas turned towards me and said, "Your remembering and recalling my father, ali the King of all saints, in your life, has proved to be your salvation. I welcome you with the news that you have been pardoned and absolved."

I bowed down and prostrated and kissed the floor, out of respect and gratefulness at being given this honor. I stood up but I was overcome with emotion at being treated so nicely and gently by these revered guests. Tears flowed down my cheek.

- Hazrat Habib Ibne Mazahir who was standing adjacent bent towards me and said softly, "Don't loose heart, you have been exempted from all hardships which would normally have confronted a traveller in this route.
- These two and their father (Hassan Hussein and ali) will never forget you.
- Hazrat Ali helps his friends and believers in this world and it was he who sent his two sons to greet you, so that they may meet you and you may rest assured.

- And for your information, Hazrat Zainab has sent you her greetings. She says that she can never forget how you went barefoot on pilgrimage to her brother's shrine, shed tears for him and bore hardships including hunger and thirst and sickness on your trip."

I cannot possibly express how I felt on hearing this. All I could say was "May God's peace and blessing be on you and on them."

Then I asked Habib, "Why are these two dressed in full battle attire, when there is no war going on?"

Hazrat Habib's face became pale and he started crying. Then he replied, "In Karbala these two could not fight to their heart's content. They had intended to completely destroy the enemy and send them headlong to Hell, but God did not wish this and so their desire could not materialise. They bowed down to God's will, but their intention remained embossed in their hearts and here it has taken this form. They will remain attired in this way until our Twelfth Imam avenges the blood of Hussain (Peace be upon him)."

SOULS HANG AROUND

- Asbag bin Nabatah says: I saw my leader Amirul Momineen (a.s.) standing at the gate of Kufa looking towards the desert. It appeared that he was busy talking with some one but there was no one. I also stood up. After a long time I felt tired. So I sat down and got up again after a while. But Ali (a.s) was still busy talking. I went a step forward and asked: O Amirul Momineen! Who is it you are talking with?

- He said: This talk of mine was to please the spirits of the faithful. I asked: Which faithful. No one from those who have passed away is present here. He said: Yes, they are present here I again asked: They are present here physical or in spirit?
- He replied: They are in spirit. Had you been able to do so, you could have seen how they gather at a place, talk mutually and please one another remembering the gifts and bounties of God.

SOUL IS CONNECTED TO GRAVE

- Imam Sadiq (a.s): though the souls live in Waadiyus Salaam, their relations with graves remain intact and they know about the visitor and they recognize them.
- The Holy Imam has said that souls are like sun. The sun remains in the sky its rays cover the whole earth. Likewise, the souls covering or encirclement is Ilmi (concerned with knowledge and comprehension).

AFTER MUNKIR/NAKIR LEAVE

Special angels come—after munkir and nakir leave called NAKALA

- They create an exact duplicate body, soul is put into that (original dead body waits for day of judgement)
- Waiting place is called BARZAKH
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NAKALA STORY

- Mujtahid in najaf Aga mulla araqi
- Famine in najaf, people died of starvation
- Went to roza of ali
- In deep thoughts
- Saw a coffin carried by 4 people
- Joined it and helped (more people there, more sins are forgiven)
- Deep in thought, stumbled and shaken from thoughts
- Found himself in strange place
- Had never seen this in najaf before
- There were magnificent palaces, beautiful fardens, flowing rives and a cool breeze was blowing
- SAW A YOUNG PRINCE COMING TOWARDS HIM
- Prince thanked him for his help and aga araqi wondered why he was thanking him
- PrinceL: I was dead person

- 4 angels were nakala
- Brought him to valley of peace and now new body
- Told him his relatives are waiting to receive him
- Aga went further and was greeted by his father and other relatives
- Was pleased to see them so happy
- Chatted a while
- A huge banquet was set up
- As soon as he saw food, remembered his children
- Tears flowed, refused to eat
- Father asked him reason for sadness
- Father offered rice to take home to kids
- Took in his cloak and tied it
- Said goodbye
- Stumbled and found himself in cemetery
- Took the rice—it lasted for hours
- When she asked—he told her—it had vanished

Story--GREAT SCHOLAR AND RELIGIOUS JURISPRUDENT ALLAMAH SHAYKH MEHDI NARAQI IN HIS BOOK KHAZAAIN

- As a youth, Navroz celebration in Isfahan, visiting friends with his father
- One of our companions, pointing his finger toward a nearby grave, said jokingly: O resident of the grave! These are holidays. Will you not host us? We heard a voice from that grave:
- On next Tuesday you will be my guests here. At once, we saw that it is a very big green garden.
- Pure water streams are flowing in it.
- Trees therein are full of various kinds of fruits available in every season.
- Colourful birds of innumerable kinds are busy singing melodious sweet songs.
- In the midst of that garden there stood a spacious grand mansion which was fully decorated.
- All of its windows opened towards the garden.
- When we entered that building we saw that a very handsome man was sitting there.
- When he saw us he stood up in respect.
- Then he put before us various kinds of foods and drinks and sweets the like of which we had never seen before, nor even imagined. We enjoyed this feast fully.

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- We had never seen so much tasteful things before and that our desire was never satiated even after taking it and that the more we ate the desire increased.
- Then many other kinds of eatables were also brought and we went on enjoying them.
- Thereafter when we got up that gentleman accompanied us until we got out of that garden.
- Before leaving, my father asked that gentleman: Who are you? For what did the Almighty God grant you so much honor and position that you are able to host even the whole world if you so desire? What is this place of residence?
- During my entire time I never gave less to buyers and I also never failed to offer prayer in the first (the earliest) time. If I heard the voice of Adhan while weighting meat I used to leave my shop at once and rush to the Masjid.
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BARZAKH

"And before them is a barrier (Barzakh) until the day they are raised". (Surah-al-Mo'menoon: 100)

wamin wara_{ihim} barzakhun ilaa yawmi yub aathoon

After the questioning in the grave

- the Soul of a believer is sent to Wadis-Salaam (The Valley of Peace), said to be in Najaf, where the Souls of the Believers remain in peace waiting for the Day of Resurrection
- un-believer to wadi Barhut (The Valley of Barhut). is said to be in Yemen, where the souls of hypocrites and unbelievers remain in turmoil, afraid of the approaching Day of Resurrection.

6TH IMAM HAS SAID: "Indeed, between the world and the Hereafter (that is Barzakh) are one thousand valleys, among which the EASIEST is Death."

- BARZAKH.
-One of the dreaded stages of the Hereafter
- 'Barzakh' literally means a curtain or a separator which lies between two things and does not allow them to meet each other.
- For example, sweet water and bitter water both flow side by side, but Almighty Allah has set between them a barrier so they do not intermingle.
"He has made the two seas to flow freely (so that) they meet together, Between them is a barrier which they cannot pass". (Surah-ar-Rahman : 19 - 20).
- Allah has placed a curtain between this world and the hereafter.

Imam Ja'far-as-Sadiq (A.S.) says, "By Allah! I fear a lot for your state in Barzakh".

The narrator asked Imam (A.S.) as to what was Barzakh?

Imam Sadiq (A.S.) replied that, It is a period starting from death till Qayamat.
(Biharul Anwar)

Our 6th Imam (A.S.) has said that "We will intercede on your behalf on the Day of Judgement; but by Allah, I am worried about you for the period when you would be in Barzakh

1) Lilah mere haal pe ab rehm khaye

Juz aapke siwa mera, koi nehi hussain

Hajat meri rawa kero, behre khuda hussain

Dono jahan me aap he hajat rawa Hussein

2) Mushkil kusha ka waasta

Deti hu aapko

Mushkil ko meri hal kero

mushkil kusha husain

MINI HEAVEN AND HELL

BARZAKH—GOOD PLACE AND BAD ONE

Ibrahim b. Ishaq recounts that he asked Imam al-Sadiq, Upon whom be peace: "Where are the souls of the believers?" He answered: "The spirits of the believers are lodged in paradise, where they

- are given to eat and to drink.

- They see and visit each other, and they say, `O Lord, bring about resurrection so that what You have promised us may be fulfilled."
- Ibrahim next asked: "Where are the spirits of the unbelievers?" He answered: "Their place is in the fire, where they are compelled to eat the food of the fire and to drink its drink.
- They see each other and meet each other and they say, `O God, do not bring about resurrection lest that which You promised us be fulfilled.'" (*al-Mahasin*, p. 178)

VALLEY OF TROUBLES

- Snakes, fire, scorpions, dark, smelly, cramped, hot
- No peace but probs and troubles
- people who had fun will suffer for years here

RELEASED TO GET MORE SAWAB

DEAD RELATIVES visit on thurs night

"Among the believers are those for whom Friday is a day of visiting, and there also those the balance of whose deeds permits them to see them." (*al-Kafi*, Vol. I, p. 62)

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HELPING PEOPLE IN VALLEY OF TROUBLES

- Fasting
- Praying qaza namaz
- Reciting fateha
- Giving charity
- Donating to mosque, madressa
- Good children doing good deeds
 - Imam Sadiq (A.S.) that he said that, "Perform good deeds for the deceased, for Allah doubles the reward, and this proves useful for them".

MINI HEAVEN

- Palaces, gardens, flowing rivers, delicious food etc.
- Peace, comfort
- Allowed to visit relatives whenever

1) Allah says in hadith e qudsi

1) If you fear of Hell fire like you fear poverty, I would have made you wealthy to such an extent that nobody would have been able to count your wealth.

2) If you desire of heaven as you desire this world, I would have showered My blessings upon you in this world and hereafter.

3) Don't make your heart dead out of love for this world. Indeed, this world is going to bring an end to you very soon. The one who struggles (in the path of Allah (Jihad) is struggling for his own soul.

BARZAKH AND OUR WORLD

- Barzakh is also called a corporeal or a non-material world (Alame Misali) because some what it seems like this world,
- but it's nature and matter is totally different.
- this world can be compared to the womb of the mother in comparison to barzakh.
- Scholars and hadith explain this world of ours, along with its vast lands and skies, if compared with the realm of Barzakh, is like a tiny spot in an endlessly big forest.

BARZAKH AND THE BODY

- In the same manner the body of a human in Barzakh will be the likeness of the one in this world.
- Imam Jafar (a.s.) says:
- "If you see that Misali body you will say: Lo, it is the same worldly body."

Beharul Anwaar

- It means that in Barzakh the physical components of a man will be the same as in this world, but will be independent of matter.
- In fact it will be more pleasant and lighter (Lateef) than air, and will be transparent.
- one does not experience physical pains like headache, toothache and such other troubles.
- Our bodies will be allegorical (misaali). They will appear like worldly bodies (but no skin or flesh) It will be an elegant, fine and exquisite body. It will be finer than air.
- There will be no barriers for it which our bodies face in this material world. It (the Barzakh body) can see anything and everything from everywhere everytime. There will be no difference for observation whether some thing is on this side of a wall or on the other side.

MISALI BODY CAN TRAVEL

- As in dreams, we will be able to travel immeasurable distances in a split second.
- We can reach Holy Mecca, Holy Mashhad and all other places.
- We also see and hear people over there and also talk there. But all these things are not performed by bodily organs.
- Not only this, better and higher and finer things like various kinds of
- **tasty food,**
- **good-looking faces and**
- **pleasing fragrance as well as**
- **attractive songs** etc are also instantly available to the Misali body, things which are unimaginable here.

FEELINGS IN BARZAKH

- The pleasures which we derive in this world are nothing as compared to those in that stage. Because the reality lies THERE whereas here (like when we dream) is the *likeness* of it.
- If a Hoorie' looks towards this world and lifts up the veil an inch off her face, the **light of the sun would seem nothing in front of the light**

emanating from her glowing face. And the eyes would turn blind, hence complete beauty lies there.

"Surely We have made whatever is on the earth an embellishment for it, so that we may try them (as to) which of them is the best in deeds". Surah-al-Kahf : 7.

ALL GOOD FEELINGS FOR SOUL

Imam al-Sadiq, upon whom be peace, says:

"The believer visits his dear ones and relatives, and he sees what he loves, while whatever he dislikes is concealed from him. The unbeliever also visits his dear ones and relatives, but he sees what he hates and dislikes, while whatever he loves is concealed from him.

FOOD IN BARZAKH

- These fruits and these sweets and the pleasure which we derive in this world are in comparison with those in the realm of Barzakh, like a drop in the ocean.
- The tastefulness there is immeasurably more than it is here.
- In short, the things of that realm are lateef (fine) and are not made up of matter, one thing turns into another and into many other forms and shapes instantly at the will of the faithful.

PROPHET S.A.W HAMZA A.S

I saw my respectable uncle Hamza after his martyrdom. A plateful of heavenly pomegranate was in front of him. He was eating from that plate. All of a sudden, I saw that the pomegranate at once changed into date fruit.

- Holy Prophet said: I asked my honourable uncle
- what kinds of deeds are most beneficial there (in the Hereafter)?
- He said: Three things count here the most:

2) reciting Durood to the Holy Prophet and His Progeny and

3) love for Ali Bin Abi Talib).

1) Giving water to the thirsty,

(na poochiye ke kya Hussein he)

- Shaheed kербala ka gham
Jisey bhi na gawaar he
Wo bad amal he
Badnasib
Useee pe beshumaar he
Arey o dushmaney aza
Tu mer zera
Lahed me ja
Pata chaley ga kya hussain he

- Fanah ke baad phir muje
Nayee hayat milgayee
Fishaar se azaab se
Muje nijaat milgayi
Sawal jeb kiya gaya
He kon tera rehnuma?
Tu maney kehdiya hussain he

BARZAKH AND INTELLECT

- In the state of Barzakh the intellect of the corporeal body is very strong.
- when one goes away from this material world of water and earth all languages are equally comprehensible for him or her. Linguistic limitations belong only to the material world.
- That is why (taqleen) recited in the Arabic language be understood by a non-Arab body

SPIRITS ARE RELATED TO THE GRAVE AND CAN HEAR

- The spirit receives reward or punishment in the grave.
- But due to it's long relation with the body, the body also feels pain and is effected.

- Those people who say that it is of no use to visit the graves, for the spirit (Rooh) of the believer is not present there but is in 'wadi-us Salaam', THIS IS NOT TRUE.
- Imam Ja'far as-Sadiq (A.S.):

Verily the Spirit (Rooh) of the believer is in 'Wadi-us-salaam, but it surely keeps an eye on what is happening in the grave. It also looks at the people who have come to visit his grave.

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- VISITING THE GRAVE

Allamah Naraqj relates in 'Khazaen' : In the days of my youth in Isfahan, one day I accompanied my respected father and companions to a friend's place on the day of 'Naoroz' to meet him.

- The friend lived near a cemetery. To relieve ourselves of fatigue and also with the intention of getting reward., we stopped by the graveyard to recite 'fateha' for the departed mo'meneen.
- One of our friends who was humorous turned towards a grave and said, "O occupant of the grave! will you accept us as your guests today on this day of Idd"?
- Back came the reply, "Sure, next week on tuesday you all will be my guests". We were horrified and concluded that only some days of our lives were left. We started performing good deeds and rectifying the bad ones.
- We also started writing our wills. The day of tuesday dawned but none of us died. We met together went to the cemetery.
- One of us went forward and called to the grave, "O occupant of the grave! Please do as you had promised", and back came the reply, "*Welcome*".
- Suddenly we realized that the curtains of the hidden were lifted off our eyes, and we saw
- a green and beautiful garden in which were flowing streams of cool and pleasant water.

- The gardens were laden with colourful fruits, and beautiful birds were praising Allah on the trees.
- We reached a mansion in the midst of the garden.
- When he saw us he got up to welcome.
- Different types of fruits and sweets were served, the likeness of which cannot be imagined nor described .
- We ate to our full, but were still not satiated, and wished to eat more.
- After finishing the meals we sat for sometime, then we got up to ask the person's permission to leave.
- He bade us farewell and came to leave us till the door. My father asked him as to who he was, and why did Allah bestow His blessings on him so that he had got the capacity to feed the whole mankind, and also asked him as to what the place was.
- The man replied that, "I am a native of your town, a butcher by profession, and the reason for these blessings to be bestowed on me are:

- (1) I never weighed less at the time of sale, and
- (2) I always recited the Prayers (Namaz) on time all throughout my life.

- As soon as the voice of `Takbeer' reached my ears, I left my work and proceeded for Namaz in the Mosque. Hence I am offered this position here.
- Last week when you requested me for a feast, I had not obtained permission for it, while this week I have got the permission and hence invited you". Then we individually asked him our ages and he answered. I asked him my age and he said that I would live for another fifteen years. Then he wished us farewell, and we reached the same place in the cemetery. (Ma'ad)

SPIRITS MEET EACH OTHER IN BARZAKH

- Asbag bin Nabatah says: I saw my leader Amirul Momineen (a.s.) standing at the gate of Kufa looking towards the desert. It appeared that he was busy talking with some one but there was no one. I also stood up. After a long time I felt tired. So I sat down and got up again after a while. But Ali (a.s) was still busy talking. I went a step forward and asked: O Amirul Momineen! Who is it you are talking with?

- He said: This talk of mine was to please the spirits of the faithful. I asked: Which faithful. No one from those who have passed away is present here. He said: Yes, they are present here I again asked: They are present here physical or in spirit?
- He replied: They are in spirit. Had you been able to do so, you could have seen how they gather at a place, talk mutually and please one another remembering the gifts and bounties of God.

PROOF OF TORTURE IN BARZAKH

- Holy Prophet said: I was grazing sheep before I was made His messenger by Almighty God. During those days I used to observe (as you might have also) that goats and sheeps were becoming still all of a sudden as if shocked deeply by something. You might have also observed that sometimes poultry birds like hen jump off and stop picking their food even when no danger (like animal) is seen anywhere near them. After I began getting revelations, I asked for the reason of such unusual happenings and
- Jibreel told me that in the realm of Barzakh, sinners get divine punishments. Their cries are heard by all except men and jinns. Such voices shock animals and they stop taking food etc.

THE JOURNEY CONTINUES

HADI SUGGESTS I GO HOME AGAIN TO GET MORE for my journey

GETS A HORSE

On Haadi's insistence, I went to my old home. I saw that the name, respect and position it had held in the past were no more.

- The gate was closed to the public unlike the way it had been in the past.
- My family's earning and livelihood had dwindled almost to nil.
- My children lay listless and none came to inquire their welfare.
- It saddened me beyond words.
- **Compulsively, I turned towards Allah: 'O Most Merciful, have pity on my children and myself, because you are the lord of all'.**

- **It seemed as if my praying for them** refreshed my remembrance in their hearts because they started recalling me and the good time they had in my lifetime. They wept and prayed for me.

(23) (When a person's mind attentively concentrates on another, it is possible that it causes the other to compulsively think of him.)

When I returned, I found a beautiful and healthy horse standing besides Haadi. I asked Haadi where it had come from, and he replied smilingly, "your family prayed for you and God's blessing has come to you in this form."⁽²⁴⁾

"And it is just as well because it would have been very difficult to continue our journey on foot. Also your prayer for your family has been granted and henceforth they will live in comfort and well being.

"You can see yourself how beneficial your visit has proved for all of you. It seems that on earth people are careless about praying for each other, as they are ignorant of its benefits.

The Holy Prophet has said 'If three days pass without people inquiring the well-being of each other then the bond of faith between them breaks.'

TIME WASTING--WATER

I asked him why he had taken so little to start with, and he replied, "You did not make yourself capable of taking more."

I asked, "Why did the capability decrease?"

- He said, "You are yourself to blame, because you did not drink much of
- PIETY THEN, and so your capacity cannot increase now.
- The more watchful and pious you had been on earth,
- the more water you would have had now. Nothing can be done about it now.

Haven't you read the opening verse of 'Surah-e-Mominoon',
 "Certainly the faithful have succeeded, who used to be FEARFUL IN THEIR PRAYERS AND ABSTAINED FROM MEANINGLESS PASTIMES?

- You neither abstained from such pastimes nor were you fearful in your prayers. Obviously you will now reap what you had sown.

MAKING FUN OF OTHERS

- Some would fall in dark and deep wells and as they would fall, huge flames would emerge.
- I asked Haadi, "Who are these wells for?"
- "They are meant for people who laugh at other faithfuls and make fun of them, whether through words hints, gestures, making faces, eye-movements etc. This is their destination. As God has said, "Hell is for the faultfinders and insulters." As for those who are eating carcasses, they were the backbiters. And the ones with flaming ears, they used to listen to others backbiting. And these dogs, wolves and cats fighting each other used to curse, blame and insult each other. And those with yellow faces and two tongues were the faultfinder, liars and complainers.

The Holy Prophet (sawa) said: "Verily the one with a good nature has the same reward as the one who fasts and prays during the night" Al-Kafi, v.2 p.100 no.5

IGNORANCE AS A COMPANION

Hadi leaves but another friend comes. I was happy that I had at last found a companion to lessen the loneliness of the journey.

- When he came close, I saw that he was quite ugly to look at and had a distressed look.
- He had huge teeth, an over hanging upper lip and wide, fearful and stinking nostrils.
- He greeted me with "Saam Alaik" that is the 'I' in the salaam was missing. This was enough to put me on my guard, because this was not the Islamic way; in fact, was a sign of enmity. Furthermore it appeared to be intended that way, and did not

seem to be a mistake, so I was on my guard and merely replied same to you."

Then I asked, "Where are you going?"

He replied "Wherever you intend to go."

I did not feel easy on having him as a companion. However I asked, "May I know who you are"?

He replied "I am your alter ego. They call me Ignorance. My title is waywardness my family name

- Abu Lahaw (meaning father of playfulness i.e. to waste time in non-serious things). My aim is to create mischief, to ferment discord and dissension and to mislead people and cause them to go astray."

soliloquised

- **"Then this must be the SATAN WHO USED TO MISLEAD ME IN THE WORLD and on whose beckoning I used to sin.** And even now he is not leaving me alone. This is indeed the height of enmity. Allah, Oh Allah, have mercy."

(will misguide, laugh at him, rationalize etc)

PROUD AND ARROGANT

A couple of times I slipped. Once I stumbled and almost fell down in the moat but just saved myself by catching hold of a thorny bush, badly injuring my hands and feet in the process. Further down the road, I again fell: my nose hit the ground, broke and started bleeding profusely,⁽¹⁵⁾ I remarked, "It is very troublesome to reach the top. It might have been better to have traveled through the moat."

(15) *(The author has hinted that whoever is proud and arrogant in the world, God will punish him in the Hereafter in such a way as break his pride and turn it to dust.)*

The accursed being laughed and said, "He who is proud in the world, God will break his back, and he who tries to be higher than others, God will rub

his nose in dust (that is, lower him)." I really wonder at you, that you have read all this, but have never acted accordingly.

"Taste it, you were (thought yourself to be) Respected and Elite" (Surah-e-Dukhan verse 25).⁽¹⁶⁾

Kind

speech and forgiveness is better than charity followed by injury, O you who believe , Do not make your charity worthless by reproach and injury.(sura Baqqarah) Juma Mubarak to you all.

BREAKING FAST WITH PEOPLE

"Who are you and why are these fruits here?"

They replied, "Each of us had been fasting when we died. This is the Iftari sent by the Benevolent, Merciful Allah for our supper. We believe that you too can partake of it. Admitted that you were not fasting at the time of your death but you have often **played host to people who were fasting** and arranged their iftari so you have a right to these fruits."

THANKFULNESS

A few travelers of the Hereafter were resting here, and eating from their backpacks.

- As my limbs were still very painful due to my fall, Haadi took out an ointment from my pack and massaged me with it.
- Instantly the pain vanished and the bruises healed. I asked "Haadi, what medicine is that?"

He said, "This was the hidden praise on earth.

- Whenever you were blessed with any gift, you used to thank Allah and praise him in your heart.
- Just as on earth praising Allah is a remedy for everything except death, so in the Hereafter it is a remedy for all difficulties and problems for him who used to praise Allah on earth.

- In the tradition of Qudsi Allah says, "My servant praised and thanked me, believing that all the bounties he received were from me and also believed that the dispersing and easing of all his problems had been through my blessing. So, O Angels, bear witness that I will increase my blessings and bounties on him on earth and in the Hereafter, and as I solved his problems on the earth so will I help him in the Hereafter."

JOURNEY CONTINUES BARZAKH

1) There are many ways to help our marhoom

- (Huququn Naas)The best deed to be performed on behalf of one's parents or relatives, is to pay their debts, and
- Huququllah to perform worship acts (, Namaz, Roza etc.) on their behalf.
- One should also perform the Pilgrimage (Haj) for them which they left in their life-time.
- two units (Rak'at) Namaz Imam Ja'far- as-Sadiq (A.S.) used to recite during the night for his children, and during the day for his parents.
In each Rak'at after Surah-al-Hamd he recited once Surah-al-Qadr, and in the second Rak'at after Surah-al Hamd once Surah-al-Kausar.

RECITING FOR MARHOOM

But no, they were busy planning their future, and their children's future. I recalled the Holy prophet's tradition: "In the last ages, wives will prove to be the undoing of men; and when not wives, then children and relatives".

I was deep in such thoughts when suddenly my eyes fell on a room in my house. My sons and their wives had gathered and were sitting with their children talking with each other and eating some fruits. One of them said to the other, "The tree which bore this fruit had been sown by our late father. Now he is lying in a grave under mounds of Earth and we are eating its fruit."

The other son replied, "How wrong you are! He must be eating tastier fruits in Heaven."

The first one said, "Yes, you are right. He used to love me a lot. To please me and make me happy, he often used to buy me gifts. May God bless him."

May God bless him. He used to buy gifts for me too. He would buy books and pens whenever I required. To be sure, he was a religious man and it was his wish that we too would become Religious" said the other.

They spoke well of me for sometime, then one remarked that as it was Thursday night, it would be good to recite Quran for me.

- One of them started reciting **Soora Dukhan and the other Surah Dahr for me. I cannot describe how happy** this made me. I prayed for their well being and returned to my current abode.

When I returned I saw that my mount was ready for the journey and Haadi was packing a portmanteau on it. I asked him where it had come from.

- He said that an angel had just delivered it saying that it contained a gift from Hazrat Fatema Zehra (A.S.).
- This was the result of Surah Dukhan (tent) as this Surah was related to her and the other contained a gift from Hazrat Ali (cool water when he says ya ali madad) as Surah-e-Dahr was connected to him. They had sent these gifts and had requested that we take a path well away from Valley of Barhoot (Valley of Punishment) so that the hot air from it would not bother me.

2) BEST DEED IS SALAWAT

SALWAT SAWAB

Shaikh Abul Futuh Razi narrates from the Holy prophet (S.A.W.S.) that He said, "on the night of me'raj when I ascended to the heavens,

- I saw an Angel who had a thousand hands.
- On each of his hands there were a thousand fingers, and he was counting some thing on them.
- I asked Jibrael as to who that Angel was, and what was he counting?
- Jibrael replied that the Angel had been appointed by Allah to count the drops of rain, so that it may be known as to how many drops have fallen down to the earth.
- I turned towards the Angel and asked him, "Do you know the total amount of the rain-drops which have fallen down on the earth from the day Allah created this world till now"?
- To which he replied. "O prophet of Allah I swear by my Lord who has chosen You (as a blessing) for mankind, verily I know the total amount of rain-drops fallen on the earth till now. Even to the extent that how many drops have fallen in the wilds, in the properous lands, in the gardens and also in the cemetery".

- Then I told him that I was very much surprised by the power of his mind and intellect and the ability to remember, to which he replied,
- O prophet of Allah verily this ability to count proves futile I try to count only one thing". I asked him as to what calculation was that.
- He replied, "when people of Your **Ummah gather at one place and send salawat upon You, it is beyond my ability and capacity to count the rewards for it"**.

3) In stages of Barzakh, we will see a new world of people enjoying rewards, and suffering

(PROPHET saw when he went on MAIRAJ (from hayatul qulub))

One who consumes Haraam (forbidden) food

I (Holy Prophet (saw)) came to a company seated at tables loaded with the delicious foods and with the most rotten flesh. However they were eating only from the rotten flesh without tasting what was delicious. Who are these? I inquired. Gibraeel said,

- They are **those that eat forbidden things in preference** to that which is lawful, and to your sect they belong.

HAVE WE FORBIDDEN GOOD THINGS?

- *Say, (O Messenger) 'Who has declared forbidden the beautiful gifts of God that He has created for His servants and has prohibited them from consuming clean and pure sustenance?' Say, 'These blessings are in this world for the believers, and in the hereafter there will be even purer bounties made available for them.' We set forth Our signs for a people Who have knowledge" (7:32).*

PASSING THRU The Valley of punishment (Wadi-e-Barhoot)

The Valley of punishment (Wadi-e-Barhoot) is situated in the barren lands of a deserted valley in Yemen, which is devoid of food or water. This is the dwelling place of the evil spirits (rooh) who are made to stay there during Barzakh and taste severe chastisement.

4) BACKBITERS

- Holy Prophet (saw) said: I saw a
- group of people that had lips like camel (large in size), and
- angels cut the flesh off their sides with scissors and threw it in their mouths, forcing them to eat it.
- At my inquiry, Gibraeel said, these ridiculed/backbited believers and sought out their faults.

5) WEALTH OF ORPHAN

Those who take the wealth of the orphan and the usurers

Holy Prophet (saw) said: Next I saw a group of people into whose mouths angels were pouring fire and it was coming out of their rear-ends.

- They had unrighteously consumed the property of orphans.
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6) Then I passed a crowd of people who could not rise on account of their large stomachs. These were usurers.

Ben jaaye khulooso

Akeedat ki eh missal

Yaden rasoole pak ko

Dil me basaayi e

7) ADULTERY—Land of Desire

- People in various forms of torture (hanging from privates, having fire there etc)
- tortured, hung by privates, pus oozing, hurricanes etc
- Passing hence, I saw a party of women suspended by their bosoms. These had committed adultery, and palmed their illicit offspring upon their husbands and secured them an inheritance in their husbands' property.
- **LAND OF DESIRE-- LUST, HOMOSEXUALS**
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8) NEGLECTING NAMAZ

- I saw another group of people whose skulls were being crushed with rocks and whose brains were flowing out. I asked, Who are these people?
- Gibrael said, These are the people who would go to sleep without having prayed Salat al Isha.

9) DESIRED HARAAM

Imam Baqir عليه السلام said: On the night of ascension Holy Prophet (saw) passed a company suspended by their feet on hooks of fire,

- because when the Most High had made them rich in lawful things, they desired what was unlawful.

10) ACCUSED OF ADULTERY

Imam Baqir عليه السلام said: Another company were having their mouths sewed up with needles and threads of fire because they had accused virgins.

1) STATION—allah gives shield

We spent the night here, and resumed our journey in the morning. Haadi had already informed me that by evening we would be out of the land of Desire but then we would have to face the punishments due to the sins of the Tongue. The previous punishments were due to indulgence in immoral sexual pleasures and these would be due to the sins of the tongue, but these would be as harsh as those. He had said that there would be no provision of water or food and so it would be advisable to carry some water on the horse and I should myself travel on foot. He also told me to carry **MY SHIELD** as it would prove very useful.

I asked, "What is this shield made of?"

- He replied, "**This is the result of your fasts.** You fasted and remained hungry and thirsty to please God and these fasts prevented you not only from immoral sexual indulgence, but also in fact from disobedience of all kinds. "Fasting is a shield to protect from the Fire of Hell."

3) LAND OF KILLERS OF IMAM HUSSEIN A.S

-getting struck by lightening

4) LAND OF GREED

3) VALLEY OF BLISS

He said that an angel had just delivered it saying that it contained a gift from Hazrat Fatema Zehra (A.S.). This was the result of Surah Dukhan (tent) as this Surah was related to her and the other contained a gift from Hazrat Ali (cool water when he says ya ali madad) as Surah-e-Dahr was connected to him. They had sent these gifts and had requested that we take a path well away from Valley of Barhoot (Valley of Punishment) so that the hot air from it would not bother me.

Tent of bibi fatema—huma, valley of the pious and sacred

- She replied, "All tents in the Valley have five pillars. This is because Islam also has five pillars: **PRAYER, FAST, HAJJ, ZAKAT AND KHUMS, AND WILAYAT** (Love and friendship of the Ahle bait).
- The central one is of Wilayat and in fact it is supporting the whole tent. It is more important than others (as it helps to achieve all others)."⁽⁴¹⁾
- I said, "I was under the impression that each of the pillars was symbolical for remembering each of the Panjtan (the immediate family of the Holy Prophet)."

She replied, "They are amongst the Usool i.e. Roots (USOOL AND FURU HERE) and this is the place for the Furoo or Branches and its connections and it is just the image of their Pure light. **Prophethood and Vicegerancy, (Imamat)** are both part of Usool.

FOOD—GOD'S GUESTROOM

She went on eulogizing Hazrat Fatima (A.S.), and I sat engrossed listening to her. Then she said, "This scroll which Haadi gave me was Hazrat Fatima's (A.S.). In it she has written that **one of her sons is coming to me** and that I should do everything I can for him as he is to be my owner and Lord. It seems that I'm the fruit and result of the seeds, which you had sown on earth. God has perfected your harvest and has given it to you in my form. As He says in Surah-e-Waqia Verse

"Have you seen that which you sow? Do you cause it to grow or do we?"

"I praise God and to him indeed belongs all praise and in the end praise is for Allah the Lord of all Universe."

AY MERI BIBI KHULD ME SHAHEED JEB AYE

TERI AWAAZ AYE KE ANEY DO, YE HAMARA HE

After this a sumptuous variety of dishes and drinks was brought for us. The meal was too delicious to be described. There were bounties which, no

2) LAND OF JEALOUSY

Mistakes and sins (like jealousy for example) leave their effect on the soul and hinder man's natural progress on the straight path by weakening his resolve and intention.)

Darkies caught me and tried to crush me.

His making fun of me angered me. Though I was weak I started to fight. But he was stronger and I could see that he was overpowering me. When I saw this involuntarily

- I started calling Hazrat Ali (A.S.) for help: "**YA ALI MADAD**". No sooner had I said this, all the machines which had been about to crush me, suddenly started a disorderly retreat and in the process crashed into each other, breaking into pieces
- Darky too tried to run away, but was crushed under the wheels of a giant roller.
- I said, "Wretched person, you were making fun of me. Now you are in the same boat that I was in. And nobody deserves it more than you do." This was my last encounter with Darky.

I managed to come back to the Main Road, which was the straight road and the correct path. It had only been Darky's mischief that my mount had gone astray.

a) Me kyu na kahu dil se sada

Ya ali madad

Khaiber me jeb nabi ne kaha

Ya ali madad

b) Zanjeer mushkilo ke

Ket ke saari gir gayee

Me no jo kaha dil se zera

Ya ali madad

GIFT FROM ALI A.S

- But though back, I was too weak to go on or even get up.⁽³⁸⁾
- Each and every joint ached, and I was extremely thirsty. It was hot and the atmosphere was full of the stink and smoke.
- Suddenly I saw Haadi running towards me. As he approached, he took out the portmanteau which contained HAZRAT ALI'S (A.S.) GIFT (when family recited sura Dhukan)
- and from it took out a crystal-glass bottle.
- From it he poured out some clean, cool and sweet water which he offered to me. The water quenched my thirst and refreshed me physically, mentally and spiritually:

YE MAULA ALI, SHAREY KHUDA LA FATA ILAH

- "Verily, the righteous shall drink a cup tempered with camphor (Kafur)."

I saw that the entire ordeal had been too much for the horse. He suddenly fell down and died. Now I was left without a horse.

COMPANIONS IN BARZAKH

FRIENDS/COMPANION AFTER FIRST STATION

we reached bisection and to our great dismay saw the Darkies, who were approaching us like black smoke.

I asked a Duty Officer present if there was any way to avoid their company. He replied

- "These are only the faces of your own base and beastly selves (traits) like INJUSTICE, PRIDE, DESIRE, ANGER ETC.
- Hence, if you had not separated from them in your earthly life, how can you separate them from yourselves now. But they are of different kinds and all are not bad. Some are purely black, some are mixed black and white and some white and bright.
- And they are named accordingly e.g. "Ammara" (inciter to evil),
- "Lawwama (Helper towards repentance),
- Mutmainna (contented with God).
- If any of you have the white Mutmainna for your companion, then he is a companion worth having. He is a useful, beneficial, and sometimes better and more sublime than even an angel. Mutmainna (Contentment) was in fact God's gift to you but you wasted it by your ungratefulness and carnal desires. You will now reap whatever you have sown in your earthly material life. Then you were free to sow whatever you wished, but now you have no choice but to reap accordingly, whether good or bad.
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- AS GOD HAS SAID, DO YOU (CAUSE THE SEEDS TO) GROW OR ARE WE THE GROWERS?"

FRIENDS

The conversations of Prophet Isa (Jesus, peace upon him) with the disciples are very interesting. They asked him, "O spirit of Allah, so with whom should we keep company?" Prophet Isa (Jesus, peace upon him) said, "He the sight of whom reminds you of Allah (SWT), his speech increases your knowledge and his action makes you desirous of the other world."

- We will regret the friends we kept on earth

"Woe upon me! Would that I had not chosen such-and-such a one as my friend, for his companionship prevented me from following God's path and led me astray" (25:28-29).

BLESSED IS HE WHOSE EVERY ACTION IS FOR GOD

The Commander of the Faithful, `Ali, upon whom be peace, said the following in the course of the counsel he gave to Imam al-Hasan, upon whom be peace:

"Blessed and fortunate is he whose knowledge and action, friendship and enmity, seizing and loosing, speaking and remaining silent, conduct and speech, are all devoted exclusively to gaining the pleasure of God the Unique."

BAD FRIENDS

Turn away from those who have turned away from remembrance of Us and have no goal other than the life of this world; that is the extent of their knowledge and awareness" (53:29).

TYPES OF WORSHIP-IMAM HUSEIN

"Some men worship God in order to attain reward, and this is the worship of traders. Others worship Him out of fear of punishment, and this is the worship of slaves. But there are others again who worship Him out of gratitude and recognition that He is fit to be worshipped, and this is the worship of free men."

OH ALLAH HELP ME THINK OF U AT ALLTIME

"I ask of you, by Your Sacred Essence and by the greatest of Your blessed names and attributes, that You adorn all the moments of my life, night and day, with the remembrance of You and cause them to pass in service and worship of You. Make my deeds worthy of Your acceptance, so that all my acts and speech are devoted to You in utter sincerity and my inward states are marked by submission to You.

"O Master, O Being upon whom all my trust is placed, and to whom my being complains of its distraught state!

"O God, O God, O God! Strengthen my limbs and members in service to You; bestow firm resolve on my heart; establish the foundations of my being on fear of You; and keep me in everlasting service at Your threshold, so that I may outstrip in devotion to You all who have preceded me; hasten toward Your presence more swiftly than the swiftest, draw nigh to You with a heart overflowing with love; and be sheltered by Your mercy together with the people of sincerity and faith." (*Du'a-yi Kumayl*)

Zikr e nabi me

Din jo guzre, wo din sabse behtar he

Yaaden nabi me raat jo guzre

Use behtar raat nehi

10) KEEP ASKING FORGIVENESS OF SINS

-God is benevolent, FORGIVING

-as moms we need to be like Him so our kids have hope in forgiveness from Him

WHAT IS FORGIVENESS

"I seek the forgiveness of God."

The Imam said to him:

"May your mother weep for you! Do you know what it is to seek the forgiveness of God?

Seeking forgiveness of God is the station of those of high rank. It appears to be but a word, but it includes six aspects.

- 1) The first is regret for what has been done;
- 2) the second is firm resolve to abandon sinning in future;
- 3) the third is restoring to others whatever rights of theirs you may have usurped, in such a way that when you meet your Creator they will have no claim in you;
- 4) the fourth is that you perform whatever obligatory acts of worship you may have neglected;
- 5) the fifth is that you cleanse with the tears of regret the illicit flesh that grew on your body while you were sinning;
- 6) and the sixth is that just as you tasted the pleasure of sin and disobedience, you now taste the hardship and rigor of worship and obedience.

Only when you have completed all of these six may you say, "I seek forgiveness of God." (*Nahj al-Balagha*, ed. Subhi Salih, p. 549)

THE POOL OF KAUTHAR IN BARZAKH TOO

Abdullah bin Sinan is quoted in several books of traditions and narrations.

- He asked Imam Sadiq (a.s.) about the Pool of Kauthar (a heavenly spring).
- He replied, "Its length is equal to the distance between Basra and Yemen (Sana)." When he expressed his astonishment he asked, "May I show it to you?"
- I said, "Yes, O my Master!" Then the Imam took him out of Medina.
- There he kicked the ground on one spot and said, "See!" (Veils before his eyes were removed by the order of the Imam. He says,
- "I saw a huge spring flowing, the shores of which were not visible except the spot on which we stood and which was like a small island.
- I saw a spring at one bank of which **SNOW WHITE WATER WAS FLOWING IN WAVES AND ON THE OTHER BANK WHITER THAN SNOW MILK FLOWING AND IN BETWEEN THE TWO, FLOWED WINE, WHICH HAD FINE RED** colour that was more attractive than topaz both in sheen and fineness.
- I had never before seen such a wine of the best quality flowing between pure milk and snow white water."

I said, "O Master! May I be sacrificed on you. From where does this spring flow?" The Imam replied, "As mentioned by Almighty God in the Holy Quran, there is a spring of milk, a spring of water and a spring of wine in paradise. All these three springs come from there."

Houri near kauther

- The narrator says, "I saw many trees on both the banks of this spring and a houri near every tree.
- She had such beautiful hair the like of which I had never seen before.
- There was a utensil in the hands of every houri. The said vessels were so beautiful that I had never seen such utensils in the world. They did not belong to this material world. He hinted to a houri to serve water.
- She filled that utensil from that spring and presented it to the Imam. He drank from it. He asked her again to fill it. She complied with the command and the Imam gave that utensil to me.

- I drank from it and found that I had never tasted such a nice, delicious and pleasing drink ever before. It had a fragrance of musk.
- I said, 'May I be sacrificed on you. Whatever I observed today is such that I had not only never seen before but also never even imagined before, (that such things could ever be available in the world).'"
- The Imam said, "What you have seen is only a small specimen of the bounties provided by God Almighty for our Shias.
- When somebody leaves the world his or her spirit is taken to this stream and around this garden of paradise. He eats its fruits and drinks its wines.
- Whenever our enemy dies, his soul is being taken to Wadi-eBarhoot. He remains in its torture forever. He is forced to eat 'Zaqqoom' (a thorny cactus tree) and drink hot hell water. So pray to God for being protected from the said Barhoot valley."

BARZAKH for those who made others happy

-smile at them, talk to new people

Make people's wishes true

-hadith e kudsi (if u want a quality of God be the one who fulfils hajaat)

HAZRAT ABBAS

-strived to fulfil

-sakina: waiting for us to make her happy, her sacrifice worth it

Ay momino jab majlisey

Shabbier me jana

Pyaasi he sakina

Allah ka tumhe waasta ye

Bhool na jaana (pyaasi he sakina)

Majlis jeha hogi waha, atee he sakina

Paani na mila, aj bhi pyaasi he sakina

HI KYA NEEND TUMHE AAGAYI

Baazo jo katey

Beh gayee pyaas me derya ki tarayi abbas

(u were my commander of army—no army left)

1) Dil kebhi that mere sine me

Tumharae dem se

Hogayi ab mere lashker ki

Safayi abbas

2) Tokharey khaate he aankho me

Basarat na rehi

Jeb si barchi ali akber ne he khaayi abbas

3) Rehgaye baad tumhari mere

Dil me hasrat

Hi mujko na pukara kebhi, bhaiyee abbas

4) Kebhi maula

Kebhi aaka

Kebhi serwar ke siwa

BRIDGE OF SERAT (POOLE SERAT)

Hadith e kudsī

- 1) O, Son of Adam! every day of your life is getting shorter, but still you do not understand?
- 2) Each day I send down to you My bounties, but you are not thankful to Me for them. You are not content with little nor are you satisfied with much.
- 3) O, Son of Adam! not a single day misses but that your provision comes to you from Me; and not a single night passes, but that My angles give Me accounts of your bad deeds.
- 4) You eat My provision, and you still disobey Me; but still when you call Me, I still answer you.
- 5) From Me, good bounties descend upon you and from you. And from you, sinful deeds come up to Me. How good a master I am and how bad a servant you are!
- 6) I give you what ever you ask Me, but still you go on sinning. I hide these sins, one after another, one evil deed after another. I am ashamed of you, but you are not ashamed of Me?
- 7) You forget Me, but I remember you.

8) You are afraid of people, and you are careless of Me. You fear enmity of people, but you do not fear My wrath?

The bridge of sirat (From Mahshar to Janna over Jahannam)

- Serat' in the grammatical sense means a way or a road, and its meaning according to the Shari'ah is a **bridge or a road which passes from the top of hell.**
- In a tradition from Ma'soom (A.S.) it is stated that 'Poole Serat' is a bridge thinner than a hair, sharper than a sword, and hotter than fire (of this world).
- The true believers (Mo'meneen) will pass over it speedily like lightening.
- Some will find some difficulty over it, but will later find relief.
- While there will be some who will slip and fall down in the pit of hell.
- The likeness of 'Poole Serate' is of "The Right Path (Seratal Mustaqeem) of this world, the path of Ali (A.S.) and Aimmah (A.S.)'s obedience.
- The person who in this world turned away from the 'Seratal Mustaqeem' (The path of Ahlulbait) in word and deed, and was attracted towards falsehood, on the day of Qayamat he will slip over the Poole Serat and fall into hell.
- In Surah-al-Hamd, Seratal Mustaqeem' refers to both these paths (**The path of Ahlulbait and Poole Serat**).

HOW WE WILL REACH POOLEY SIRAT

"And hell is made to appear on that day" (Surah-al-Fajr: 23)

Imam Mohammad-al-Baqir (A.S.) says, that when the verse (Ayah) was revealed, the Holy prophet(S.A.W.S.) was asked regarding its interpretation.

- He replied, "Jibra'eel has informed me that when Allah will have gathered everyone from the beginning to the end on the day of Qayamat,
- one thousand Angels will bring the hell pulling it with a thousand ropes with great difficulty.
- Hell will be roaring and raging with anger and the voice of breaking (of bones) will be heard from it.
- At that moment a ferocious voice will erupt from it, which Allah has reserved to take the account of people, and every one will perish (with fear).
- Men, Angels, and the Prophet will be wailing with fright
- Man will cry out, "Our Lord! save me, save me",
- while the Prophets will cry out, "O Lord! save my people (ummah)".
- So each Prophet will take account from Their people (ummah) and walk over the Poole Serat.
- No one will have any escape from walking over it.
- Allah says in the Qur'an:

And there is not one of you but shall come to it, this is an unavoidable decree of your Lord. And we will deliver those who guarded (against evil,) and we will leave the unjust therein on their knees".

(Surah-al -Maryam: 71-72)"".

Allamah Majlisi in his book `Haqqul Yaqeen' quotes from Shaikh Sadooq that:

Our belief concerning Qayamat is that the Passes (Aqabaat) have each a specific name.

PASSES ARE 3 TYPES:

- some are called **Farz** (compulsory Acts),
- others **Amr** (Commands),
- yet others **Nahy** (Prohibitions).
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- So when a man will reach the Pass of Farz, and he had neglected it (in his life), he will be stopped there and
- imprisoned for a **thousand years**, and the dues of Allah will be demanded of him.
- Now if he goes out of it by means of some good act performed by him in the world, or by the Mercy of Allah, then he escapes from it and goes on to another Pass.
- He will not cease to be sent from one Pass to another, and be stopped and questioned regarding his shortcomings in respect of each stage.

IF HE IS STOPPED

- And if he is stopped at a Pass, and
- is questioned about a certain due in respect of which he is found wanting. and
- neither a good action on his part
- nor the Mercy of Allah reaches him,
- **HIS STEP WILL STUMBLE AND HE WILL BE HURLED DOWN IN THE FIRE OF HELL.**

IF HE PASSES OVER THE PASSES

- **If he escapes safely from all the Passes, he will arrive at the abode of Permanence (Darul Baqa).**
- **Here he comes upon everlasting life, and perpetual beautitude, without any affliction what so ever.**
- He will reside in the neighbourhood of Allah, with the Prophets (A.S.), and the Imam (A.S.),
- the veracious ones, the Martyres (Shohada), and the righteous ones from among His slaves.

ONE WAY TO MAKE POOLEY SIRAT EASY

****KHUTBA SHABANIYA—prophet s.a.w—one of the ways to make pooley sirat easy is to IMPROVE MANNERS IN RAMADHAN**

Passing #1: kindness (Sile Raham), Trust (Amanah), Love of Ahlulbait (A.S.) (Walayah).

- **KINDNESS:** The first station here is of kindness (Sile Rahm).
- The Holy Qur'an admonishes us in the following words: "And be careful of (your duty to) Allah, by whom you demand one of another (your rights), and to the ties of relationship". (Surah- an- Nisa: 1)

So when one of your relatives is sick visit him, if he is indigent help him and fulfil his wants, and visit them (your relatives) on important days (of Idd etc.).

- WEALTH NOTHING IN RELATION TO SILEY REHM REWARD

IMAM ALI A.S: DO GOOD WHILE YOU CAN, WHILE YOU ARE HEALTHY

- "O servants of God, prepare yourselves now to work good. For your tongues suffer no impediment, your bodies are sound, and limbs are obedient. The field of action is open before all of you." (*Nahj al-Balagha*, sermon 191)
- Imam Mohammad -al- Baqir (A.S.) that one day someone gave the good news to Abu zarr that his sons had brought a huge stock of cattle, and that his Property had increased.
- To which Abu zarr replied, "The increase-ment of property will not make me happy, nor do I consider it to be a prosperity for I believe in being moderate and little is sufficient for me.
- The guarding of this property would have made me busy and being negligent (of my duty towards Allah).
- I have heard the Messenger of Allah (S.A.W.S.) as saying that, on the day of Qayamat when a person who is trustworthy and kind passes over the poole Serat'
- The same **kindness and trust** will be on both the sides to support him.

KINDNESS TO PARENTS

- The person who in this world is not merciful towards his parents will have a short life .
- He will not prosper (in wealth), and
- in the Hereafter will be stopped on the first station on poole Serat, and no mercy will be shown towards him.

The second station is of Trust (Amanah).

- Trust does not only include wealth,
- but also if someone confides in you and tells a secret requesting you not to reveal it to anyone, this too is included in trust. If you disclose it to another, you have committed breach of trust. If you disgrace someone, you have committed breach.
- And also if someone keeps some wealth with you as a trust and even after promising to return it, you refuse to do so, you are said to have committed breach (of trust).
- The same rule applies for hire. If you borrowed something from someone for a fixed period, after the period having expired you do not return it, it will be deemed as being a VIOLATION OF TRUST.

QATEY REHM AND BREAKING OF TRUST

- It is also related that the person who has committed
- breach of trust or severed relations with his kith a kin,
- on the day of Qayamat when he will walk over the poole Serat,
- none of his deeds will be of any help to him, and

- he will fall flat into the pit of hell.

HAZRAT LUQMAN--WHY WAS HE GIVEN THIS?

- They relates that once a stranger passed by Luqman alaihissalam while he was sitting among his followers.
- The man said, addressing Luqman, "Aren't you the bondman of such and such tribe"? He replied , "Yes, I was a slave boy of that tribe".
- The stranger asked again, "Aren't you the one who used to graze the goats near such and such hill?" Luqman replied, "Yes, I am the same person".
- The man said, "Then what has brought you to this noble position?"
- *"A man came to Luqman, the wise and asked: Are you Luqman? Are you the slave of so and so? He said: "Yes!" The man said: You are the black shepherd! Luqman said: As for my black color, it is obviously apparent, so what makes you so astonished?*
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- Luqman alaihissalam replied, "I was very particular about a few things and I observed them on all occasions, viz.

The man said: You became frequently visited by the people who pleasingly accept your judgments! Luqman said:

- *O cousin! If you do what I am telling you, you will be like this.*
- *The man said: What is it?*

- *Luqman said:*
- *Lowering my gaze,*
- *watching my tongue,*
- *eating what is lawful,*
- *keeping my chastity,*
- *undertaking my promises,*
- *fulfilling my commitments,*
- *being hospitable to guests,*
- *respecting my neighbors, and*
- *discarding what does not concern me.*
- fear of Allah Ta'ala,
- truthfulness in speech,
- fulfilling a trust and
- avoiding useless talk."
- *All these made me the one you are looking at."*

The third station is of Love of Ahlulbait (A.S.) (Walayah).

"And stop them, for they shall be questioned". (Surah- al-Saffat : 24).

- Regarding the love of Ahlulbait (A.S.) many traditions have been quoted in the Shi'ah as well as Sunni books, that Walayah means the Love of Imam Ali (A.S.). It is said that people will be stopped

and asked if they accepted the walayah' of Imam Ali (A.S.) in the world and said, "Aliyyun Waliyullah", while believing in it.

- Allamah Huwainee and Tabari both great scholars of the Ahle Sunnat quote the Holy Prophet (S.A.W.S.) as saying
- O' Ali ! Whoever denies your love will be stopped (from going further) over the poole Serat".
- whoever has got the passport of the Love of Ali (A.S.) will pass easily over the Serat.

Passing #2:Namaz.(Salaat)

- Allah says in the Qur'an, "Woe to the praying ones, who are unmindful of their prayers". (Surah- al-Ma'oon : 4-5).

On this pass a person will be stopped and questioned regarding the

- five daily prayers,
- the prayer of Signs (Namaze Ayaat), and
- elapsed prayers (Namaze Qaza), about which it has been discussed in the chapter of "Accounting"

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Imam Ja'far- as-Sadiq (A.S.) in his last will said "Whoever considering Namaz to be unimportant (or lowly) will not receive our Intercession (in Qayamat)".

- The person who does not offer Namaz dies thirsty, and will also arise thirsty from his grave.

- OUR GOOD DEEDS HELP OUR PARENTS

"O' you who believe ! save your selves and your families from a fire whose fuel is men and stones". (Surah- at Tahreem: 6)

Then we should warn our relatives and friends (from the wrath of Allah) by

- enjoining good (Amr bil Ma'roof) and
 - forbidding evil (Nahy anil Munkar).
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- People should themselves recite Namaz &) advice others to do so. We should adapt our children to offer Namaz because parents of a child reciting Namaz too get a share in their rewards.
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- Once a Prophet was passing from near a grave with his companions, when suddenly he told them to pass away quickly for the person in the grave was being chastised by Allah's wrath. One year later when he passed by that same grave, he sensed that the wrath of Allah had been lifted up from the grave. He was astonished and asked Allah the reason for it. Allah relid, "This person had left behind him a child who was sent to school, his teacher taught him to recite "Bismillahir Rahmanir Raheem" .
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- Thus when his child addressed Me as being a Beneficent and Merciful Lord, I forgave his parents, for they have been a medium for his birth.
 - "I felt ashamed that in spite of their child addressing me thus, I should punish them".

PASSING #3:ZAKAAT.

- GIVE CHARITY OR U WILL REGRET

Spend in the path of God a part of the sustenance We have bestowed on you, before death overtakes you. Then the sinner will say, `O Lord, if You were to grant me a respite and postpone my death a little, I would certainly do good and become one of The virtuous'". (63:10).

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- If a person in his life has not paid zakat or khums due on him (even equal to a dirham) to the deserving persons will be stopped at this pass.
- Many harsh words have been used regarding the non payment of khums, and many traditions are found regarding it. One tradition needs to be quoted here from usool e kafi that Imam Ja'far- as-Sadiq (A.S.) says that on the day of Qayamat the most difficult time will be when the deserving person of khums will catch hold of the end of the shirt of the one who did not pay it. They will ask for their right from them on this pass, and will not allow him to move further until he gives them their due rights. But the situation will become even worse when the Interceders (Ahlulbait) themselves will ask for Their Rights (khums) from people.

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- It is also related that when Imam- al- Mahdi (A.T.F.S.) reappears.
- He shall put to death those who do not pay zakat due on them.
- The person hoards large provisions of gold and silver (will zakat due on them), on the day of Qayamat
- these dirhams and dinars will be made red hot in fire and will be placed on their foreheads and their sides.

As said in the Qur'an, "on the day when it shall be heated in the fire of hell, then their foreheads and their sides and their backs shall be branded with it, this is what you hoarded up for

yourselves, therefore taste what you hoarded". (Surah- al - Bara'at: 35) There is no difference between the Zakat of wealth and the Zakat of body (Fitrah).

CHARITY

Imam Ja'far -as- Sadiq (A.S.) that He said, that on the day of Qayamat two types of people from the followers of Ahlulbait (A.S.) will have to wait for long.

- One will be the indigent and poor person, while other a rich and wealthy person.
- The poor man will cry out, "O my Lord why do I have to wait so long. I swear by your Glory and Majesty that in the world you had given me no kingdom or empire so that I may oppress anyone or commit injustice therein or usurp other's rights.
- And you had given me only that which You thought was enough for me, and I remained patient and never grumbled. Then Allah will reply, "O believer surely you speak the truth", **THUS HE WILL BE MADE TO ENTER PARADISE.**
- The RICH MAN will have to wait so long that he will sweat profusely, so much so that forty camels could quench their thirst with it. Only then will he be made to enter paradise.
- In paradise when they will meet each other, the poor man will ask him the reason for having made to wait so long.
- The rich man will reply, "I was made to wait for a long time giving account of my enormous wealth, so to how I earned it (whether

lawfully or unlawfully), as how I spent it. Then the merciful Lord blessed me, forgave my sins and accepted my repentance".

- Then he will ask the poor man as to who he was? He will reply that he is the same indigent fellow who was with him in the plains of Qayamat. The rich man will say, "Verily the blessings and bounties of paradise have transformed you to such an extent that even I could not recognize you". (matalib)
- The fourth group will consist of people whose bad deeds will be more than their good ones. And only if Allah's mercy, blessings and forgiveness will give way, they will be made to enter paradise. If not they will be punished at that very place, the punishment appropriate for them. They will be chastised in that way till they become clean of all sins. Then people in whose hearts even an atoms weight of faith (Eeman) exists, will not have to stay long in hell, they will be brought back to paradise. While only the polytheists and unbelievers will remain there.

NAHJUL BALAGHA SERMON 21 KEEP LIGHT AND OVERTAKE

Your aim (reward or punishment) is before you.

- Behind your back is the hour (of resurrection) which is driving you on.
- Keep (yourself) light and overtake (the forward ones).
- Your last ones are being awaited by the first ones (who have preceded).

"Keep light and overtake" is the shortest expression ever heard with the greatest sense conveyed by it.

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Passing #4:Fasting(Saum).

- On the fourth pass people will be questioned regarding fasting.
- If a person has been fasting in this world, only then shall he be permitted to pass over it easily, otherwise he shall be stopped there.
- The Holy Prophet (S.A.W.S.) has said, "FASTS ACT AS A SHIELD AGAINST THE FLAMES OF THE FIRE OF HELL".
- The Holy Prophet (S.A.W.S.) has said, "For the one who fasts there are two good tidings for him, one at the time of breaking the fast (Iftaar), while the second when he shall meet his Lord.
- He will then pass over the poole Serat easily and enter the presence of his Almighty.
- It is related that whoever fasts for six days in the month of Rajab will find peace in Qayamat, and will walk over the poole serat easily without been accounted.

Passing #5: Pilgrimage (Hajj)

- If the performance of Hajj becomes obligatory (wajib) on a person in his life- time, and he does not perform it, then he shall be stopped at this pass.
- It is stated that during death it will be said unto him "You have died the death of a Jew or a Christian. You are not associated with Islam.
- It is said in the Qur'an, "And pilgrimage to the House is incumbent upon men for the sake of Allah, (upon) everyone who is able to undertake the journey to it, and whoever disbelieves, then surely Allah is Self-sufficient, above any need of the world". (Surah-al-Aale Imraan : 96)

LET US DO OUR WAJIBAT BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE.

- Imam al-Sadiq, peace be upon him, similarly said:

"The life of man does not amount to more than an instant. What is past is now non-existent; you do not feel its pleasure or pain. As for what is yet to come, you do not know what it is.

"The true and precious capital of your life are those few instants you presently enjoy. Master, then, your soul, and strive to redeem yourself and attain salvation; be steadfast in enduring the rigor of worshipping God and obeying His commandments; and preserve your self from the pollution of sin and disobedience to God."

Passing # 6: Cleanliness(Taharah).

- According to Ibne Abbas purification (Taharah) is of three types
- Ablution (Wuzu'),
- Bath (Ghusl), and
- Tayammum, while others consider it to be absolute purification (of the body as well as the soul).
- If a person does not take care of cleanliness (or purification), specially those men and women who do not perform the ceremonial bath (Ghusle Janabat) correctly or on its prescribed time, shall be stopped at this pass.
- Women should also take care about the performance of other baths (viz. Qhusle Haiz, Nifaas, Iztahaza etc.), and not be negligent about it as is the custom amongst ignorant people.
- It is related that a person who does not keep himself away from impurities, he will face the squeeze in the grave.

Passing #7: Rights (Mazalim).

- Mazalim is sometimes INTERPRETED AS JUSTICE while sometimes it refers to THE RIGHTS OF OTHERS.

- The Holy Qur'an says about this pass: ".Most surely your Lord is watching". (Surah-al-Fajr : 14)
- In interpretation of this verse Lord is said that some people will be passing over the poole Serat in a manner that they will be clasping it by their hands.
- Others will be walking in manner that one leg of their's will be slipping and they will be taking help of their second leg, while the Angels will be standing on both sides.
- People will be falling into the fire of hell like bats (falling on the ground).
- The person who is fortunate to get the Mercy and Blessings of Allah will pass over the poole Serat easily and will say, "All praise be to Allah, for verily He has completed my good deeds with His Mercy and Blessings and increased my reward. I thank Him that He with His Beneficence and kindness gave me freedom, when I had lost all hope".
- Without doubt Allah is the forgiver of sins of His servants and the rewarder of their good deeds.
- If a person has **troubled someone with no fault of his**, he will be imprisoned for **FIVE HUNDRED YEARS ON THIS PASS** so much so that his bones will break.
- If a person has usurped someone's wealth, he will be imprisoned for **FORTY YEARS ON THIS PASS** and then he shall be thrown into the fire of hell.
- In traditions it is narrated that in exchange for one (usurped) dirham, seven thousand (accepted) prayers of the usurper will be given to the person whose dirham he acquired.

Incident.

Allamah Bahauddin Sayyed Ali bin Abdul karim Neeli Najafi (whatever praise of his is done will be quite less, who was the student of Shaikh Shaheed), in his book ANWARUL MAZIYYAH (**written in praise of Imam Ali**) narrates an incident from his father who says that : In Neela (a village in Abacc) there lived a

person who was the superintendent of the Mosque. One day he did not come out of his house, when people called him he excused himself. People inquired about it and they found out that his entire body was charred except his thighs, and he was groaning with pain and sorrow. When people asked him how he burnt himself he replied that, "I dreamt that Qayamat has dawned, and people are in anguish because majority of them are been thrown into hell, while a small minority will be going towards paradise. I was among those who were going towards paradise".

"Suddenly I reached a large and lengthy bridge which was referred to as poole Serat. I started walking on it, and as much as I walked its breadth became narrow and its length increased until I reached a place where it turned sharper than a sword. Beneath was a large valley full of black and roaring fire whose flames were spurting out like large mountain peaks. Some people walked away easily while some slipped and fell down. And I was so much scared that I had no other wish except to cross the bridge rapidly. Suddenly I reached that place where I could no longer control myself and I fell head- long into the pit of the blazing fire. Its pit had no end and the fire pulled me down. I could not even scream and my mind went blank, and I reached down equal to the distance of seventy years. Suddenly I was inspired and I called out "O Ali ibne Abi Talib! O Amiral Mo'meneen! help me my Lord". At that moment I saw a person standing on the edge of the valley. I recognized him to be no other than my Master Ali (A.S.). I called out to Him and He commanded me to extend my hand. I did so and He pulled me out of the blazing fire. Then He (A.S.) started extinguishing the fire from my thighs with His blessed hands. I suddenly woke up from my dream and found that my whole body was burnt, except my thighs where my Master had laid His hands". This person treated his wounds for three months and was cured.

Now whenever I relate this incident to anyone, he develops fever (due to fear), while only some remain unaffected.

Ref: Manazile Akherah

Those A'mal which Prove helpful to pass over the poole serat easily.

(1) Sayyed ibne Tawoos in his book Iqbal relates that whoever recites

- twenty units (Rak'at) of prayers after Namaze Maghrib on the night of the first of Rajab,
- such that in each Rak'at after Surab-al -Hamd recites once Surah-al-Tawheed,
- then he and his family will be saved from the **punishment in the grave, and will cross the poole Serat like lightening without any accounting.**

MONTH OF SHABAAN

- a person who recites ten units of Namaz on the night of twenty ninth Sha'ban,
- such that in each unit after Surah-al-Hamd recites **ten times Surah-at-Takasur, Surah-an-Naas, Surah-al -Falaq, Surah-al-kaferoon, and Surah-at-Tawheed each,**
- Allah will give him reward
- equal to theologians, and will
- increase his good deeds,
- will ease his accounting, and he will
- cross the poole Serat like lightening.
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- IMAM RAZA A.S
As discussed in the earlier majlis,
- that whoever goes for pilgrimage to the shrine of Imam Ali-ar-Reza (A.S.),
- Imam (A.S.) Himself comes for his rescue (in Qayamat) at **three different places and saves him from the terrors of that day one of which is the Bridge of Serat'**.

TAME NAFS, BEAUTIFY THE SOUL

Imam al-Sadiq, upon whom be peace, said:

"Restrain your soul from what harms it before death overtakes you. Strive to keep your soul free in just the same way that you strive to earn your livelihood. For your soul is hostage to your deeds, and only your efforts can set it free."

TAMING OF OURSELVES

The Commander of the Faithful, upon whom be peace, said,

"Tame your rebellious and transgressing soul by abandoning the habit of sin; compel it to obey God's commands; and impose on it the burden of compensating for its violations. Then adorn it with moral and spiritual virtues and keep it free from the pollution of sin."

DAY OF JUDGEMENT

**Inna nahnu nuhyee almawta wanaktubu ma qaddamoo
waatharahum wakulla shay-in ahsaynahu fee imamin
mubeenin**

(yaseen, ayat 12)

Verily we shall give life to the dead, and we record that which they send before and that which they leave behind, and of all the things we have taken account in a clear book of evidence

FEARSOME DAY

Verily Qayamat is full of fright and terror, so much so that even the dead tremble in their graves. It is narrated through many great personalities, that when the dead men were raised back to life by them, they saw that their hair had turned gray. They asked them the reason. To which they replied that, "When we were told to arise, we thought that Qayamat had come, and our hair turned grey due to it's fright".

THE TRUMPET

WE WILL DIE IN OUR TRACKS

The Most Noble Messenger, peace and blessings be upon him and his family, said:

"At that time, some people will be in their own homelands, and

- some will be traveling.
- Some will be swallowed up by death as they are about to place a morsel of food in their mouths.
- Some will be talking to their friends and their souls will be taken from them before they are able to complete their words.
- In the end death will have overtaken all human beings,
- but Israfil will continue blowing on his trumpet until all springs and rivers, all buildings, trees, mountains, and oceans, are intermingled and buried in the heart of the earth.

"As the dead fall to the ground, some will be on their backs, and other will lie face down. People will still have the food in their mouths the food that death gave them no chance to swallow

1. Izza zulzilatil-ardu zilzalaha

2. Waakhrajatil-ardu athqalaha

3. Waqalal-insanu ma laha?

Sura 99, ayat 1-3

When Earth is shaken with her (final) earthquake

(1) And Earth yieldeth up her burdens,

(2) And man saith: What aileth her? (3)

FEARLESS WILL BE AFRAID

O men, fear the wrath of your Creator! The earthquakes and explosions of resurrection will be mighty and awesome. On that day suckling mothers will forget their infants and pregnant women will be delivered of their burden. You will see men as drunken from the terror of that day, but they will not be drunken, for the doom of God is fierce and painful" (22:1-2).

When Amr (unbeliever) told the Holy Prophet (S.A.W.S.) that I fear nothing, the Prophet said, "Amr, it is not as you think and suppose.

- Indeed there will be one great shout among the people.
- Not one person will remain who does not attend, nor a living person who does not die, except as Allah wishes. (even angel of death dies)
- Then there will be another great shout among them, and those who are dead will assemble and all get into ranks.
- The heavens will split open and
- the earth will be crushed.
- The mountains will be cut asunder and fire will hurl them like sparks.
- No one who has a soul will remain, except his heart be stripped bare while he mentions his sins and is occupied with his soul, except as Allah wishes.
- Then, where will you be, Amr at this"?
- "Indeed I am hearing of a terrible event", said Amr.
- Then he believed in Allah and His Apostle. People from his tribe also accepted Islam and returned back.

WONT BE FEARFUL FOR PATIENT ONES

Salaam, qaulum mir rabbir raheem

SUFFERING ON EARTH WILL BE REWARDED

6th imam

If a believer knew what reward lies for him in suffering tribulations he would wish he could be cut into pieces with a scissor

Any muslim servant who is tried by allah s.w.t with a misfortune and bears patience, will receive the reward of one thousand martyrs.

NABI MUSA and Allah s.w.t

O musa, i have not created a creation more beloved to me than my believing servant, For verily i try him with what is good for him, i bestow on him what is good for him and i remove from him what is good for him. For i know better what is more proper for my servant. Therefore let him be patient over my trials, be pleased with my decrees and give thanks for my blessings. I shall record him amongst the truthful ones with me when he acts according to my pleasure and obeys my command

*God feels our pain, knows what we went through, how much we craved, how much we were patient

Those A'mal which eases the trouble of Qayamat.

ten A'amals which eases the **FEARS**, troubles and difficulties of Qayamat:

(1) It is related that a person who recites **Surah-al-Yusuf** daily during the day or night, will arise on the day of Qayamat with the likeness of the beauty of Prophet Yusuf (A.S.), and will be saved from the FEAR OF QAYAMAT.

2) Imam Mohammad al-Baqir (A.S.) says that a person who recites **Surah-ad-Dukhan in Nafela Prayers or obligatory (Wajib)** Namaz, will remain safe from the FEAR OF QAYAMAT.

3) Imam Ja'far-as-Sadiq (A.S.) says that a person who recites **Surah al-Ahqaf** on the day or **night on friday**, will be safe from all fears of this world as well as the hereafter.

4) In another tradition Imam Ja'far-as-Sadiq (A.S.) says that a person who recites **Surah-al-Asr in Supererogatory (Nafela) Prayers**, will arise in DELIGHT on the day of Qayamat.

- His face will be glowing, and his eyes shining, and he will enter Paradise in this cheerful state.

5) Imam Ja'far-as-Sadiq (A.S.) who says that the Holy Prophet Mohammad (S.A.W.S.) said, that whoever respects a **man with a white beard**, Allah will grant him refuge from the fear of the day of Qayamat. (respect age of someone)

6) The Holy Prophet (S.A.W.S.) says, that whoever dies WHILE GOING TO MECCA OR RETURNING from there, will be saved by Allah from the fear of the day of Qayamat.

Shaikh Sadooq quotes the Holy Prophet (S.A.W.S.) as saying that whoever **dies or BURIED** in the courtyard of the Ka'abah or Masjide Nabawi (in Medina), will arise in a manner that he will be free from all terror and fear.

7) Shaikh Sadooq narrates from the Holy Prophet (S.A.W.S.) that He said, if a person guards HIMSELF FROM SINS OR THE LUSTFUL PASSIONS (OF HIS SELF), only for the sake and fear of Allah, Allah will make the **fire of hell forbidden upon** him and keep him away from the **fear of Qayamat.**

The Holy Prophet (S.A.W.S.) says that Allah will grant refuge from the fear of Qayamat to the man who keeps away from the PASSIONS OF HIS SELF.

8) Imam Mohammad al-Baqir (A.S.) who said that whoever **suppresses his anger** even after having power (to retaliate), Allah will fill his heart with faith (Eeman), and save him from the **terror of Qayamat.**

9) Imam Ali-ar-Reza (A.S.) that whoever goes to the grave of a believer brother, places his hand on it and **RECITES SURAH-AL-QADR SEVEN TIMES**, Allah will keep him away from the **troubles of Qayamat.**

10) LOVE OF ALI A.S

One of the reasons for a person to be free from the fear of Qayamat is the Love (Walayah) of Ali (A.S.).

The Holy Prophet Mohammad (S.A.W.S.) said, "O Ali You and Your Shiahs will remain under the protection on the day of Qayamat, and the (above mentioned) verse (Ayah) bears witness to it".

- Whoever dies **bearing love of Ahlulbait (A.S.) will become pure after repentance**, and when he shall arise on the day of Qayamat,
- a cloud will give shelter on his head, and
- he will remain safe from the terror of Qayamat and
- enter Paradise in this manner.

karo gey gar mukhalifat

**gham e hussain ki yahaan
wo hashar hoga hashar mein**

**keh al-hafeez o al-amaan
jahaan bhi chupney jaaon gey**

**kaheen pey bach na pao gey
keh har jaga mera hussain hai**

1) THE POWER OF HELPING SOMEONE HERE—for Qayamat

- (Imam Ja'far-as-Sadiq (A.S.) as saying that if a person
- helps a believer brother (mo'min), and free him from anxiety, and
- fulfills his desires,

Allah will offer him **SEVENTY TWO** types of favours (ne'mat).

- One of them is that He will increase his sustenance (Rizq) in this world, and
- seventy one are that He will guard him against the terrors and hardships of Qayamat.

6th Imam said: walking etc to help a believer is like walking between safa and Marwa in hajj

Ja'far as-Sadiq (A.S.) says FULFILLING a brother believer's wishes is greater than the performance of Haj, Haj, Haj (and repeated it ten times. It means that it is greater than the performance of ten Haj).

HELPING BELIEVERS

Many traditions (Ahadees) have been narrated in praise of fulfilling a believer brother's wishes.

- Imam Mohammad al-Baqir (A.S.) says that, "If a mo'min goes to fulfill the desires of his brother believer,
- Allah orders the angels to give **SHADE OF SEVENTY THOUSAND VEILS OVER HIS HEAD**, and
- before he steps out (to go for help) Allah writes down many virtues in his deed-sheet".
Imam

- Holy Prophet, 4 things will help us on the day of Qayamat will be the following four qualities:
- (1) To fondle with affection the head of an orphan (yateem),
- (2) To Show kindness towards widows,
- (3) To go to fulfill the wishes of a believer brother, and
- (4) to take care of the poor and the needy

ZIYARAT OF IMAM RAZA A.S helps too

Allamah Majlisi narrates from Imam Ali ar-Reza (A.S.) in 'Tohfatus Saameen' that He said,

"Whoever comes to visit my grave from far and near, on the day of Qayamat

- We shall save him from THREE CALAMITIES:
- (1) We shall give him refuge from the TERRORS OF QAYAMAT, when the scrolls of good doers will be given in their right hands, and evil ones in their left hands,
- (2) He will be safe from the punishment at the BRIDGE (POOL) OF SERAT,
- (3) During WEIGHING OF SCALES We will help him".

re: SHAFAT-IMAM RAZA a.s

- *the eighth Imam, Raza (A.S.) said: "We do not have a permit to free any one from the flames of Hell. And our intercession cannot overcome Divine Justice. One who is obedient to Allah is our friend, and the one who is disobedient is our foe". This shows that a claim of love and friendship of Ahlebait will hold only **WHEN BACKED WITH DEEDS, which are according to Ahle bait's wishes and desires.***
- *Otherwise to continue leading a life bereft of good deeds and even indulge in evil and then to depend upon the love of Ahlebait is to deceive oneself.*

THIS IS THE TIME TO WORK FOR HEREAFTER

"Today is the day of work, not the day of resting" (*Nahj al-Balagha*, sermon 42)

(Imam says do not sleep right now and feel you should be relaxing, the time to relax and enjoy is in afterlife)

THE CONFESSIONAL

SKIN WILL GIVE WITNESS (gawahi)

*When they enter hellfire, their eyes and ears and the skins on their bodies shall give witness against them on account of the sins they have committed. They will address their skins asking them, **Why do you give witness against us?** They will receive this answer: "The Lord Who gave speech to all things and Who first created you has given speech to us, too; certainly you will return to him." (41:20-21)*

BODY PARTS WILL SPEAK

Alyawma nakhtimu

AAala afwahihim watukallimuna aydeehim

watashhadu arjuluhum bima kanoo yaksiboona

65This Day, We shall seal up their mouths, and their hands will speak to Us, and their legs will bear witness to what they used to earn. (sura yaseen 65)

Let them fear a day on which their tongues, their hands and their feet shall bear testimony against them." (24:24).

WE WILL RECITE OUR OWN SINS

On that day man shall become aware of all the deeds, good and evil, he has committed throughout his life" (75:13).

THE BOOK OF DEEDS (neemay amaal)

Inna nahnu nuhyee almawta wanaktubu ma qaddamoo waatharahum
wakulla shay-in ahsaynahu fee imamin mubeenin

Verily we shall give life to the dead, and we record that which they send before and that which they leave behind, and of all the things we have taken account in a clear book of evidence

Woe Upon us! What kind of a book is this that records and enumerates with precision all of our deeds, great and small?"

The verse then proceeds: *"They shall see all of their deeds, present before them, and God shall not wrong anyone" (18:49).*

Someone once asked Imam al-Sadiq, upon whom be peace,

"Does man know what he will see in his record of deeds?"

The Imam replied: "God Almighty will remind him of them, so that there will be no closing of an eye, no taking of a step, no uttering a word, that he will not remember; it will be as if he had done all that the moment before.

FORGIVENESS OF SINS, DIGNITY OF SERVANT

-a man came to 6th Imam in medina "i have to tell u something"

-imam said meet me in mecca

-imam then said meet me in mina

-he says he has committed a sin and wants to confess

-Imam says I was avoiding you so you would reconsider, for it is between u and god. On day of Judgement, there will be some who allah will see in private, where the confession will take place in private.

- And yes, we see in quran that He will take their sins and transform them into sawaab!
That is the justice of allah s.w.t
- So these are they of whom Allah changes their evil deeds into good ones (quran 25:70)

THE ONE WHO WILL BE HUMILIATED

Imam Hussein a.s (that prophet said):

O community of those hwo have believed with their tongues but not with their hearts. Do not seek the shortcomings of believers and do not try to uncover their faults. Most surely, one who seeks to uncover the faults of his brother, allah will disclose his faults; and for whomsoever allah discloses his faults, he will disgrace him even if it be within his own home.

Imam Hussein: one who narrates something concerning a believer with the intention of disgracing and defaming him, allah will humiliate him on the day of resurrection **UNLESS HE UNSAYS!**

Imam Ali A.S

Allah does not accept actions of one who hastens to blame a believer for his faults. And he does not accept actions from a believer whilst he harbours evil in his heart against another. If the veils were to be lifted from people, they would have seen what bond there is between allah and a believer and their necks would bow for the believers.

They would make the believers affairs easy and yield in their obedience. If they were to see the amount of actions being rejected from the heavens they would have said "allah will not accept any action from anyone"

(huquqallah and huququnas)

MERITS OF SALAWAT—FOR DAY OF JUDGEMENT

The best actions which help to increase the measure of **good deeds in the scales in Qayamat,** are sending salawat on Mohammad (S.A.W.S.) and his progeny, and **good character.**

Imam Ja'far-as-Sadiq (A.S.) and Imam Mohammad-al-Baqir (A.S.) that he said, "For increasing the measure of good deeds in the scales (meezan), no other deed carries weight than sending Salawat on Mohammad (S.A.W.S) and His progeny.

- Holy Prophet s.a.w A person's deeds will be weighed, and **when his good deeds will seem less, I will bring along salawat which he sent upon me, and add to the good deeds thereby increasing their weight**

HELPS DECREASE SINS (MAKES SCALE HEAVIER)

Imam Ali-ar-Reza (A.S.) that He said, that if a person does not have the means to lessen the stock of his bad deeds, he should send salawat and salaam on Mohammad (S.A.W.S.) and His progeny abundantly. **doing so will decrease (the weight of) his sins.**

Do it at least 3 times a day

Hazrat Mohammad (S.A.W.S.) said that if a person in my love and affection sends salawat on me **thrice every day and night,** it becomes the right on Allah that He should forgive his sins which he committed during the day and night.

Ilahee parda rakhyiyo hashr me har musalmaan ka

Ilahee raaz rahey mere jurmo aur gunaho ka

Hamey denay panah

Hamey lenay bacha

Naho chehra siya

Howe maaf gunah

Hamey roza e mehshar bacha ya rab

Ho kabool kabool dua ya rab

THE SHOWDOWN WITH SHAITAN

FRIENDSHIP OF SHAITAIN WILL BE REWARDED

Alam aAAhad ilaykum ya banee adama an la taAAbudoo alshshaytana

innahu lakum AAaduwwun mubeenun 61)

Waani oAAabudoonee hatha siratun mustaqeemun 62)

Walaqad adalla minkum jibillan katheeran

afalam takoonoo taAAqiloona

Did I not ordain for you, O Children of Adam, that you should not worship Shaitan (Satan). Verily, he is a plain enemy to you. 61And that you should worship Me (Alone Islamic Monotheism, and set up not rivals, associate-gods with Me). That is a Straight Path. 62And indeed he (Satan) did lead astray a great multitude of you. **Did you not, then, understand?**

Sura yaseen 60-62

"Indeed the friendship of Satan earns man perdition and misguidance." (25:29)

They will blame Satan in order to justify themselves, but he will answer them as follows:

"God made a true promise to you, but my promise was false. My only power over you consisted in summoning you to evil. You accepted my summons, so blame yourselves, not me." (14:22)

TWO TYPES OF PEOPLE ON DAY OF J

- They will reside in gardens of eternity; they will be adorned with bracelets of gold and pearls, and their garments shall be of silk. They will say: **Praise be to God who has removed all sorrow** from us: in truth our Creator is merciful and just in dispensing reward. Out of His bounty He has settled us in an eternal abode of bliss; no toil or weariness shall touch us therein.'
- The abode of the unbelievers shall be hellfire there neither shall they die, nor shall their penalty be lightened; thus do We punish the unbelievers!
- They shall cry out, 'O Lord bring us forth from here so that we make work righteousness, not that which we used to do.'
- They will be answered: 'Did We not give you enough life to receive admonition as others did? Did not one come to warn you? Now taste your punishment, for there is none to aid the wrongdoers.'" (35:33-7)

HELPING PEOPLE WILL PAY OFF

Allah s.w.t tells Musa "There is a deed which makes paradise wajib on my believer"

What is that ya allah?

It is when a believer brings joy to a fellow believer

VISITING THE SICK, or ELDERLY

- Imam Hussein a.s say that Holy Prophet s.a.w said jibrael told him

A man was visiting house, when a malaika came and asked him why he was visiting. For the sake of allah, is that the only reason, no other motive brought you here? No. I am a messenger from allah to you , he sends his greetings to you and said to say, i have made paradise wajib on you. Any muslim who visit a fellow muslim has in fact visited me and he reward shall be paradise

- 6th Imam a.s would kiss the outstretched hand of the beggar—because allah says that is His own hand that receives charity

THIRST, HUNGER AND CLOTHES ON DAY OF JUDGEMENT

Imam zainul abedin a.s:

- whoever feeds a hungry believer, allah will feed him with the fruits of paradise
- whoever gives a drink to a thirsty believer, allah will quench his thirst on day of judgement
- whoever clothes a believer, allah will clothe him with a green robe of paradise
- **whoever clothes a believe will remain under the security of allahs as long as a thread of the cloth remains

PROPHET ARRIVES

Wasilah is his pulpit, made of precious jewels and minerals, and very high. When it will be placed among the pulpits of other prophets, it will look like full moon among the stars.

'Liwa' means 'standard, flag', Liwa-ul-Hamd means 'Standard of Praise'. It is the personal standard of the Holy Prophet, given to him by Allah on the Day of Judgement. On it is written "There is none to be worshipped except Allah; Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah; the successful are only those who succeed by (Mercy of) Allah." It will be borne by Hadhrat Ali (A.S).

The Holy Prophet (S.A.W) will proceed towards his 'Wasilah', enwrapped in a robe of 'Nur' (Light), wearing the Crown of 'Power and Majesty'; and Ali bin Abi Talib will be before him, carrying the Liwa-ul-Hamd.

The Standard of Praise (Liwa-ul-Hamd):

Abdullah ibne Salam asked the Holy Prophet (S.A.W.S.) regarding the Standard of praise (Liwa-ul-Hamd) to be presented to him in Qayamat.

- He (S.A.W.S.) replied that, it's length is equal to the distance of a thousand years.
- It's pillars will be of red rubies, and it's handle of white pearls. while it's flag will be of green emeralds.
- One flag will be swirling in the east,
- the second in the west,
- while the third one will be swirling in the middle.
- On it three sentences will be engraved, "In the Name of Allah, the Beneficent, Merciful", "All praise be to Allah the Lord of the worlds", and "There is no God

except Allah, Mohammad (S.A.W.S.) is the Messenger of Allah, and Ali (A.S.) is the friend of Allah".

- The length of each of these sentences will be equal to the length of a thousand years.
- Abdullah asked, "Who will be carrying this standard"? The Holy Prophet (S.A.W.S.) replied, "The same person who in this world is my Standard-bearer viz . Ali the son of Abu Talib (A.S.)".
- Abdullah replied, "verily you speak the truth. But also inform me as to who all will remain under the shelter of this standard".
- He (S.A.W.S.) replied, "The believers (Mo menea) friends Shi'ahs of Allah, my friends a Shiahs, and the friends and Shi'ahs of Ali (A.S.). verily this position is very high. And Allah's wrath be on the one who believes me, or argues over his (Ali's exalted) creation by Allah".

Lakin ye mano, koi khuda hai,

uska wasila, kuch kehraha hai.

**Jab bhi koi gham ka, Ehsas pao

Aao Alam ke, saye me aao

Reaching the Wasilah, the Holy Prophet will ascend to its highest step, and Ali will sit just below him, carrying his standard. Then it will be announced: "This is my beloved Muhammad, and this is my Wali Ali bin Abi Talib; 'Tu ba' (a tree in Paradise) is for him who loved him, and 'Wail' (Hell) is for him who held enmity towards him and told lies about him.

Then 'Ridhwan' (The keeper of Paradise) will present himself before the Holy Prophet and after Salam will say: "I am Ridhwan, the keeper of the Garden; My Lord has ordered me to bring to you the keys of the Gardens. So, please, accept them, O Muhammad!"

The Holy Prophet will say: "I accept it from Lord; to Him belongs the gratitude for all that He has Blessed me with: Give them to my brother Ali bin Abi Talib. The keys will be given to Ali (A.S).

After that, Malik (The keeper of the Hell) will come and in the same way will present the keys of Hell to the Holy Prophet, who after thanking Allah, will order Malik to give it to Hadhrat Ali (AS).

Then Hadhrat Ali (A.S) will sit near Hell, and will tell it to "leave this man, because he is my follower and devotee, and take that man, he is my enemy."

And, in the words of the Holy Prophet (S.A.W), "Verily, Jahannam (Hell) on that Day will be the most obedient towards Ali; and it is because, verily, Ali (A.S) that Day is"Q ase em ul-Jannati-Wannar (The Distributor of the Garden and Fire).

Dukhtarey mustapha

Zawja e murtaza

Fatema fatema fatema—

1) Malika e Jannat

He wo janat ke sardar baba thera

Wo jawano ke sarkar batey theray

Qasimo naaro janat hai shawhar theray

Fatema Fatema

"I heard the Prophet say:

"On the Day of Rising, a caller shall announce from beyond the veil:

"O people of Resurrection, cast your eyes down, so that Fatima Bint Muhammad may pass-

- She then passes accompanied by seventy thousand Huri Al-Een, as if they were a flashing light.
- while holding Al-Hussain's shirt, which will (still) be saturated with blood.' She will then embrace the leg of the Throne and say:

"O (Allah), You are the Omnipotent and Just; pass the judgment between me and those who killed my son."

- (The Prophet (S) added): "Then He shall judge according to my Sunnah, by the Lord of Kaaba, Fatima will then say:

"O Allah! grant me intercedence for everyone who cried for his disaster;

- Allah will then grant her intercedence for them."

1) Maanga jo khuch huzoorse makbool ho dua
 Ham waasta dete hay shae kerbobalaka
 Jo baaniye Majlis hay rahe surkharu sadaa
 Sarwarke azaadaroko bas dijiye dua

2) Ya fatema zehra ab tashreef laaiye
 Labbayk ki awaaz ay bibi sunaiyye
 Majlis kabool kijiye tashreef laaiye
 Leneko pursa khuldse tashrif laaiye

Ya binte nabi fatema tashrif le awo
 Baythe he azadaar azaa khaane me aawo

PARADISE

-the pomp and circumstance, a coronation of sorts when we enter jannah

Once we cross Pooley sirat:

AFTER DEATH WE CAN BE HAPPY

*God shall guide to the **PATH OF HAPPINESS** those who believe and do good deeds." (10:9)*

God the merciful has created a heaven for us

Al wahido

Al baesoo

Al akhiroo

Al awaloo

Al wahidoo

Al wahidoo

Al wahidoo

Ya hayoo Ya Qayoom

Ya razaq Ya adheem

Al nooru, Al Mugameeyo

Azizo Ya kareem

Ghafar to, Sattar to

Jabbar, Ya Hakeem

Kusoos ya shakoor ya

Ghafooro Ya Rahim

Mawla to bera rehman

Mawla to bera rehman

1)Ehsaan hamper he tera

E rabey zul jalaal

Umat me uske peyda

Kiya jo he bemisaal

Dukhtar batool jiski

Hassan aur Hussein laal

Lehmo ka lehmi jiska

Ali jesa ba kamala

Quraano ehle bayt ko tune kiya yagjaan

To he bera rehmaan maula

The pulpit of praise (MAQAME MAHMOOD).

- In the Tafseer of Furat bin Ibrahim kufi
- Imam Ja'far-as Sadiq (A.S.) quotes a lengthy Hadees from the Holy Prophet (S.A.W.S.) that He said :
- As Allah has promised me, He will surely fulfill it.
- "May be your Lord will raise you to a position of **GREAT GLORY**".
(Surah- al- Bani Israil: 79).
- He will gather all the people on the day of Qayamat, and will erect a
- Pulpit (Mimbar) for (ZABRO JAD),
- emeralds (zamrood),
- rubies (Yaqoot) and
- gold.
- MUFASIREEN--WASILAH is his pulpit, made of precious jewels and minerals, and very high. When it will be placed among the pulpits if other prophets, it will look like
- FULL MOON AMONG THE STARS
-
- The Holy Prophet (S.A.W) will proceed towards his 'Wa sil ah ',
enwrapped in
- a robe of 'Nur' (Light),
- wearing the Crown of 'Power and Majesty'; I will mount on it and sit on
the highest step.

LOVE OF AHLUL BAYT (pooley sirat condition along with siley rehm, trust amanah)

- The Holy Prophet (S.A.W.S.) says:

- On the day of Qayamat I will surely intercede for the following four types of people:
 1. Those who respect and honour My Progeny (Ahlulbait),
 2. Those who fulfill the desires of My Progeny,
 3. Those who work for their cause, and
 4. Those who love them from their hearts as well as by the tongue (openly and in secret).

Gharibo ke he data

Bekaso ke aap wali he

Muhabat apki dil me he lekin

Haat khaali he (2)

Idhar bhi apni rehmat ka

Ishara ya rasulalah

2. Pukara he madat ko

Ya nabi hum

Baa gunaho ne

Tumharey derpe jaake bheek maangi

Baadshaaho ne

Hamey bhi asera he bes

Tumhara, ya rasulalah

3. Baney bigri hamari

Hum bhi he kismet ke maro me

Tumay umat pyaari aur tum

Allah ke pyaaro me

Bachalo toot ne se dil

Hamara, ya rasulalah

- At that moment Jibra'eel will bring the Standard of praise (Liwaul Hamd), and handing it over to me will say,
- "O Mohammad (S.A.W.S.)! verily this is the praiseworthy position (**MAQAME MAHMOOD**) about which Allah had promised you
- 'Liwa' means 'standard, flag', Liwa-ul-Hamd means 'Standard of ' Praise'. It is the personal standard of the Holy Prophet, given to him by Allah on the Day of Judgement.
- On it is written "**There is none to be worshipped except Allah; Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah; the successful are only those who succeed by (Mercy of) Allah.**"
- Then I will tell Ali (A.S.) to mount the Pulpit, He shall do so and sit one step after me. Then I will hand over the Standard to him.
- "This is my beloved Muhammad, and this is my Wali Ali bin Abi Talib; 'Tu ba ' (a tree in Paradise) is for him who loved him, and 'Wail' (Hell) is for him who held enmity towards him and told lies about him.
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- **Ali (A.S.) will be the Distributor of Heaven & hell (KASEEMILL JANNATE WAN NAAR).**
- Then 'RIDHWAN' (THE KEEPER OF PARADISE) will present himself before the Holy Prophet and after Salam will say:
- "I am Ridhwan, the keeper of the Garden; My Lord has ordered me to bring to you the keys of the Gardens. So, please, accept them, O Muhammad!"
- The Holy Prophet will say: "I accept it from Lord; to Him belongs the gratitude for all that He has Blessed me with: Give them to my brother Ali bin Abi Talib.
- The keys will be given to Ali (A.S).

- After that, MALIK (THE KEEPER OF THE HELL) will come and in the same way will present the keys of Hell to the Holy Prophet, who after thanking Allah, will order Malik to give it to Hadhrat Ali (AS).
- Then I in turn will give the keys to Ali the son of Abu Talib (A.S.)
- [O Ali ! You are the distributor of Paradise and hell --Holy Prophet].
- And at that time Paradise and hell will be obedient to me as a bride is to her groom.

Then Hadhrat Ali (A.S) will sit near Hell, and will tell it to

"leave this man, because he is my follower and devotee, and take that man, he is my enemy."

And, in the words of the Holy Prophet (S.A.W), "Verily, Jahannam (Hell) on that Day will be

- the most obedient towards Ali; and it is because, **verily, Ali (A.S) that Day is "Q ase em ul- Jannati-Wannar (The Distributor of the Garden and Fire).**

"Kisi bhi bazm-men jana
 Ali (A.S), Ali (A.S) kehna,
 Wajood apna batana
 Ali (A.S), Ali (A.S) kehna;
 Lahed me aakey farishtay karenge tujsey sawal
 Koi jawab na dena, Ali (A.S), Ali (A.S) kehna."

SPRING/HAWZE KAUSER

- The existence of the Spring of Kausar is found in the Qur'an and the traditions,
- it is the abundance (Khayre Kaseer) which was bestowed on the Prophet (S.A.W.S.).

- Abdullah ibne Sinan asked Imam Ja'far -as- Sadiq (A.S.) regarding the Spring of Kausar. Imam (A.S.) replied that it's width is
- approximately equal to the distance from Basra in Iraq to Sanaa in Yemen. Abdullah seemed astonished.
- Then Imam Sadiq (A.S.) asked him, "Do you wish to have a glimpse of it?" He replied, "Yes O son of the Prophet!" Imam (A.S.) escorted him outside Madina, and struck his foot on the ground. Abdullah says that by the Imam's order the veils of the unseen were lifted off my eyes.
- I saw a stream flowing beneath, and the place where we were standing was surrounded by it.
- I saw on one side of the stream was flowing water which was
- whiter than ice, and
- on the other side milk, and
- in between was flowing the "pure Drink" (Sharabe Tahoora)
- coloured red like rubies (Yaqoot).
- I have never witnessed such a beautiful view before, nor wine (the wine referred to here is not the usual intoxicating liquid, rather it is a pure drink reserved for the believers in Paradise) flowing between water and milk.
- Imam (A.S.) said, "As is written in the Qur'an, that in Paradise flows rivers of milk, water and wine, verily this stream flows from it. There are beautiful trees on both sides of this river, and between the trees the 'houries' of Paradise are standing with their beautiful hair flowing in the air, the likeness of which cannot be seen in this World".
- Then the Imam (A.S.) went towards one of the 'houries' and asked for a drink.

- The houri' saluted Imam (A.S.) and filled the cup with water from the stream and presented it to Him. Imam (A.S.) gave the cup to me to drink. I drank and was surprised for I had
- never tasted such a **delicious and tasty water in my life,**
- nor ever **smelt such fragrance of musk.**
- I said, "May my life be Your ransom, the likeness of what I saw today can never be imagined in my life".
- Imam Sadiq (A.S.) replied, "Whatever you have seen is **quite less when compared to the blessings reserved for Our Shi'ahs.**
- When anyone among them dies,
- their spirits stroll in these gardens, and
- drink and bathe in these streams, and
- thus gain pleasure by consuming the delicious fruits".

HOLY PROPHET S.A.W'S DESCRIPTION

- The Holy Prophet (S.A.W.S.) told Imam Ali (A.S.), "The Spring of Kausar flows from
- beneath the high heavens.
- It's water is whiter than milk,
- sweeter than honey, and
- softer than ghee.
- It's pebbles are of topaz (**Zabro Jad**),
- rubies (**yaqoot**) and

- corals (**Marjan**).
- It's grass of saffron (**Za'faran**), and
- mud of musk (**Mushke Azfar**)".
- Then the Holy Prophet (S.A.W.S) placed his hand on the side of Imam Ali (A.S.) and said,
- "O Ali! This stream is for me and your self, and those who love you".

(dil diwana)
 Is liye pharta hu
 Me naade ali
 Hawze kausar
 mere huzoor ka he

Jiskee khushboo se do jahan mehke
 Poori jannat mere huzoor ki he

rizk dena ka waada
 rab ne kiya
 dana dana
 mere huzoor ka he

- For the followers of Imam Husain (A.S.) there is an additional blessing. Imam Ja'far - as - Sadiq (A.S.) says, that the person who WEEPS on the sufferings of Imam Husain (A.S.) will be
- happy and contented on the Spring of Kawsar, and
- will be pleased after looking at it .

hussain sey jo door hai wo sab ghamon sey choor hai
hussain (as)key jo pass hai gham e jahaan sey door hai

**yeh deen jis kii dain hai jo zindagii ka chain hai
wo sachaa qaafiya hussain hai**

2) Manifestation of the High Honour of Ahlulbait (A.S.):

Allah will reveal His other bounties and blessings on the day of Qayamat, one of them will be the manifestation of the high honour and position of Mohammad(S.A.W.S.) and his Progeny.

Ali (A.S.) will be the Distributor of kausar (saqiye kausar).

The Holy Prophet (S.A.W.S.) told Ali (A.S.) :

- "O Ali! verily you are the distributor of (the water of) kausar". It is related in khisaal of Shaikh Sadooq that the Commander of the faithful Ali (A.S.) said,
- "I along with my progeny (Ahlulbait) will be standing besides the Holy Prophet (S.A.W.S.) near the spring of kausar.
- Whoever wishes to meet us should
- **strive to emulate our ACTIONS** and
- **WORDS.**
- For every house has some generous and noble people.
- Intercession (Shafa'at) is surely there for our friends.
- Hence strive to meet us there.
- For we shall shun away our enemies from there and give our friends to drink from it.

- And whoever drinks a sip from that blessed water will never become thirsty.
- It is written in the SAHEEH OF BUKHARI that when some of the companions of the Prophet (S.A.W.S.) will be removed from the kausar, the Prophet (S.A.W.S.) will say,
- "o my Lord! these are my companions
Allah will reply, "You do not know what they did after you.
- They spread false traditions and made changes in religion (Bid-at)
- This tradition is also quoted in the NINTH VOLUME OF THE SAHEEH OF MUSLIM.

Holy Prophet s.a.w said:

Crave and strive for jannat, the world is nothing compared to just a small nook in it

AS WE ENTER PARADISE:

- 1) Many doors—special status, red carpet, all doors etc
- 2) Width of the Doors of Heaven

The Prophet of Allah (SAW) said:

By Him in whose hands my soul is, the distance between the two gate posts of paradise is like the distance between Makkah and Himyar or between Makkah and Basra.

KEYS OF HEAVEN

Indeed swords are the keys of heaven

GRADES OF HEAVEN

- Harith's mother came to the Prophet (SAW), Harith had been martyred during the battle of Badr.
- She said: "O Prophet of Allah! You know how much I loved him. If his reward is heaven, than I will not cry but if not than you see what I will do before you."
- The Prophet of Allah (SAW) said: "Is that just one heaven?"
- There are very many heavens and **your son is in the best of them, Al-Firdous Al-Aala.**"
- The Prophet of Allah (SAW) said:
- Indeed, there are hundred grades of the Heaven and the distance between the two grades is as great as between the heaven and earth. Allah has prepared these grades for those who perform Jihad in the way of Allah.
- The Prophet of Allah (SAW) said of Firdous:
- When you pray ask for Firdous, for it is in the *middle of heaven and is higher in grade than the heaven and above Firdous is Allah's throne*, moreover the canals of heaven flow from Firdous. (Bukhari)

HEAVEN FULL OF WONDERFUL PEOPLE

In truth, the Godfearing shall have

- *gardens with flowing rivers in Paradise.*
- *They will be invited to enter eternal paradise to the*
- *accompaniment of greetings and peace and*
- *in the enjoyment of utter respect and security.*
- *We will utterly purify their hearts of all darkness,*
- *hatred and envy, and*
- *all other undesirable characteristics,*
- *so that will treat each other as brothers and friends and*
- *will sit facing each other on thrones of dignity.*
- *No pain or grief shall afflict them, and*

- *they shall never be banished from paradise" (15:45-48).*

GOD WILL BE THEIR FRIEND

They shall have abode of peace and security in the presence of their Lord; God shall be their friend and protector for they were doers of good" (6:127).

CLOTHES, JEWELLERY—WE WILL PRAISE GOD WITH CONTENTMENT

- *They will reside in gardens of eternity;*
- *they will be adorned with bracelets of gold and pearls,*
- *and their garments shall be of silk.*
- *They will say: 'Praise be to God who has removed all sorrow from us:*
- *in truth our Creator is merciful and just in dispensing reward.*
- *Out of His bounty He has settled us in an eternal abode of bliss; no toil or weariness shall touch us therein.'*

HOW DO WE GET THESE CLOTHES AND FOOD IN HEAVEN?

Imam zainul abedin a.s:

Whoever feeds a hungry believer, allah will feed him with fruits of paradise

Whoever gives a drink to a thirsty believer, allah will quench his thirst on the day of judgment with an exquisite drink of paradise,

Whoever clothes a believer, allah will clothe him with a green robe of paradise

HEAVEN WILL BE WONDERFUL

Are you content with the life of the world in exchange for the here after, although the life of this world is as nothing when compared with the hereafter." (9:38)

HEAVEN WILL BE BEAUTIFUL, WHATEVER WE LIKE WE WILL GET

None can perceive what blessings are hidden for man in that realm which will delight his eye" (32:17).

Whatever the heart desires and delights the eye will be brought into being" (43:71).

IMAM ALI A.S

Allah has a Paradise that he has stored away exclusively for 3 kinds of people:

- 1) A just leader
- 2) A person who allows his muslim brother to share in his wealth
- 3) A man who goes out to help his muslim brother regardless of whether he succeeds in helping him or not

GOD WILL TALK TO US

Imam Ali a.s: Allah speaks apologetically to his slave like a brother explaining to his brother saying:

- Nay I swear by my might and glory,
- i did not impoverish you to disgrace you.
- Raise this veil and look at what i have given you in compensation for this world.
- So when the veil is removed for him and he sees what allah has substituted for him in exchange for this world,
- he will exclaim, "**I have not been harmed, o Lord, seeing what you have give me in exchange**

WHAT IF A GOOD PERSON DIED, AND NO ONE PRAYED FOR HIM

Imam ali a.s said: when a momin dies, his 2 angels go to inform allah that so and so has died and no one will pray for him. Allah s.w.t commands them to descend on the earth and pray beside him grave, Glorifying me UNTIL THE DAY OF JUDGEMENT. And then record your actions for him in his list of deeds for his reward

WE WILL MEET IMAMS!!

This is the promise contained in the Qur'an:

"Those who obey the commands of God and His Messenger shall be resurrected together with, and enjoy the company of, those upon whom God has bestowed His kindness and favor in full measure the prophets, the sincere devotees, the martyrs and the righteous. What noble and

precious companions they are!" (4:64).

It should be remarked, of course, that enjoying the company of God's chosen elite does not imply equality with them in terms of spiritual station and degree. While being in close contact with them, the virtuous will enjoy God's favor and blessings to an extent commensurate with their own ranks and degrees of closeness to God. Not everyone will enjoy an equal share, in just the same way that not everyone attains the same degree of ascent.

LAND AND WEATHER OF HEAVEN

The Prophet of Allah (SAW) said:

"And then I was showed in the heaven, I saw there were camps made of pearls and the soil was of musk."

The Qur'an says of the dwellers of the heaven: They will see there neither the sun's (excessive heat) nor the moon's excessive cold.

TREES IN HEAVEN

The Prophet of Allah (SAW) said:

Indeed, there is a tree in heaven so big that if a person keeps riding on a brisk Madhamar (a specially bred horse) for a hundred years even then he would not reach the end of that tree.

EACH TREE IS OF GOLD

There is no tree in the heaven that does not have a trunk of gold.

A TREE THAT WILL MANUFACTURE ROBES

There is a tree in the heaven, which will manufacture robes for the dwellers of the heaven. That tree is called Tuba.

Tuba is a tree in the heaven, which spreads out as much as a distance that can be covered in a hundred years. Robes for the dwellers of the heaven will sprout from its buds.

FRAGRANCE

According to Ahadith, the scent of the Heaven can be smelled from a distance of 70 years.

MANSIONS IN HEAVEN

The Prophet of Allah (SAW) said:

Indeed, there will be a mansion made of pearls for a believer. It will be spread over an area of 60 miles, and in it will be the household of a believer who will visit them but they will not be able to see each other.

NO SLEEP IN HEAVEN

The Prophet of Allah (SAW) said:

Sleep is the sister of death and the dwellers of the heaven will not sleep (Silsalatul Ahadith)

THE BAZAAR OF HEAVEN

It is reported on the authority of Anas bin Malik (RA): The Prophet of Allah (SAW) said:

Indeed, there is a bazaar in the heaven where the dwellers of the Heaven will come on every Friday. The northerly wind will spray scent on them and this will enhance their beauty. And when they will return to their homes, their households will say "By Allah, your beauty has enhanced." "So has yours," they will return the compliment. (Muslim)

In short, they will be overwhelmed by Allah's favours.

And when you look, it is there you will see a bliss and a realm magnificent. (Ad-Dahr: 20)

CAN WE GET JANNAT?

Hazrat Luqman to his son:

- HAVE HOPE IN GOD
- "My son entertain good expectations from Allah without losing fear of His punishment.
- A fear of His punishment should not make you despair of his mercy".
- His son said, "The heart is one; how can it contain hope and fear at one and the same time"?
- Luqman alaihissalam replied, "A Mo'min is such as if he possessed two hearts: one teeming with hope and other equally full of fear."

(6th imam-don't let hope make u arrogant, don't let fear make you hopeless)

It is related from Imam Ja'far-as-Sadiq (A.S.) in "Sifatush Shi'ah" that He (A.S.) said, person who does not believe in the following four things is not from our Shi'ahs: (1) Me'raj (ascension) of Prophet Mohammad (S.A.W.S). (2) Questioning in the grave by Munkir and Nakeer, (3,) Existence of Paradise and hell and (4) Our intercession (shafa'at)".

GIVING JOY TO A BELIEVER

Allah confided in nabi Musa:

For some of my servants, I shall open up my paradise and make them rulers in it.

Lord, asked Musa, who are these people that can dominate paradise?

God: one who brings joy to a believer

LENGTH OF PARADISE

- Vastness of Paradise. (from Tafseere Umdatul Bayaan)

"The extensiveness (of Paradise) of which is as the extensiveness of the heaven and the earth". (Surah-al Hadeed : 21)

- It is related that one day Jibra'eel decided to calculate the length of Paradise.
- He flew for a distance equal to thirty thousand years
- and became weary, then he requested Allah to give him strength.
- Then again he flew for thirty thousand times and
- each time equal to thirty thousand years and then lost vigour.
- He then asked Allah whether he flew more or more was left.
- One Hourie of Paradise came out of her tent and said, "O Spirit of Allah! Why do you trouble yourself, for you have flown so much that you have not even crossed my courtyard as yet".
- Jibra'eel asked her as to who she was. She replied that she was a Hourie and had been created for a believer (mo'min).

OUR POSITION OF DAY OF J WILL BE IN ACCORDANCE TO HOW WE OBEYED

Thus the Qur'an proclaims: "*O man! To the degree that you strive to obey God you will in the end meet your Creator*" (84:6).

Ay Allah!,

hum sabko ILM ka KHAZANA,

EMAAN ki DOULAT,
TANDURASTI ki NEAMAT ,
IZZAT ki ZINDAGI ATAA KAR,
ISLAM wali ZINDAGI
aur IMAAN par KHAATMA HO

aise zindagi de,SABR ke JAZBAAT DE,
GUSSE ko PI JAANE WALA
aur HAR HAAL ME TERI RAZAA par razi RAHNEWALA BANA,
HALAL ko APNANE WALA AUR
HARAAM se BACHNE WALA banade,
Ay jald... raazi honewale (ya saree o raza)
humse razi hojaa
jiske paas dua ke alaawa kuch nahi.

1) jo hazir yeha per he is waqt bibi
jo ayehe is mehfil me he bibi

inhe her balawo se inhe afatose

hamesha tum ake bachana

2) Jo bimar bibi unko shafa do
Bin awlad walo ko awlad ata ho

He umeed tumse e beti nabi ki

