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Du'a for Reading the Book

Read the following Du'a (supplication) before you study a religious book or an Islamic lesson, you will remember whatever you study, *إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ*:

اللَّهُمَّ افْتَحْ عَلَيْنَا حِكْمَتَكَ وَأَنْشُرْ
عَلَيْنَا رَحْمَتَكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ

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O Allah *عَزَّوَجَلَّ*! Open the door of knowledge and wisdom for us, and have mercy on us! O the One Who is the Most Honourable and Glorious! (*Al-Mustatraf, vol. 1, pp. 40*)

Note:

Recite Salat upon the Holy Prophet *ﷺ* once before and after the Du'a.

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The Du'a (supplication) of 'Attar

O Allah Almighty! Whoever reads or listens to the 17-page booklet 'Virtues of Muharram', protect him from calamities and afflictions for the sake of the blessed people of Karbala.

اٰمِيْنَ بِجَاہِ النَّبِيِّ الْاَمِيْنَ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

The excellence of Salat upon the Prophet

The Last and Final Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ stated, 'O people! The one who will attain salvation quickly on the Day of Judgement from its horrors and accountability will be the one amongst you who would have recited Salat upon me in abundance in the world.' (*Musnad-ul-Firdaus*, vol.5, p. 277, *Hadees* 8175)

Uff woh rah-e-sang lakh, ah! Yeh paa shaakh shaakh

Ay mayray mushkil Kusha! Tum pay karoron Durood

(Hadaiq-e-Bakhshish, p. 266)

صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ

The blessings of giving in the path of Allah on ‘Ashura

On the day of ‘Ashura (i.e. 10 Muharram-ul-Haraam), a poor person came to the Qadi [judge] in ‘Ray’ and humbly said, ‘I am a very poor person with a family, for the sake of the day of ‘Ashura! Please arrange ten kilos of flour, five kilos of meat and two Dirhams for me.’

The judge told him to come after Zuhr [Salah]. When the poor person came at the affixed time, he called him at ‘Asr. He arrived after ‘Asr, but he still didn’t give him anything and sent him back empty-handed. The poor person became heartbroken. Upset and sad, he came across a non-Muslim and said to him, ‘For the sake of the sacred day of today, please give me something.’

He asked, ‘What day is it today?’

Then the poor person mentioned some excellences of ‘Ashura. Hearing them, he said, ‘You have presented the means of such an exceedingly great day, please mention your need.’

The poor person mentioned the same need to him. That person presented ten sacks of wheat, a hundred kilos of meat and twenty Dirhams, and said, ‘This is fixed for your household and family every month for your entire lifetime for the sake of the excellence and greatness of this day.’

At night, the judge had a dream that someone is saying, ‘Look up!’ When he looked up, he saw two magnificent palaces; one was of gold and silver bricks and the other was of red rubies.

The judge asked, 'Whose are these two palaces?'

A reply came, 'If you had fulfilled the need of the beggar, then you would have received these; but because you sent him back (empty-handed), these two palaces will now be given to so-and-so non-Muslim.'

When the judge awoke, he was really worried. In the morning, he went to the non-Muslim and asked him, 'What "good deed" did you perform yesterday?'

He asked, 'How did you come to know?'

The judge related his dream and made an offer that take a hundred thousand Dirhams from me and sell me your yesterday's "good deed".'

That non-Muslim said, 'I will not sell it even if I was given all the wealth of the whole world; the Mercy and Kindness of Allah is very great.'

After saying this, he recited the Kalimah [Declaration of Faith] and became Muslim. (*Raud-ul-Riyaheen*, p. 275)

The reason for calling it 'Muharram'

Dear Islamic brothers! The first month of the Islamic year is Muharram. The name 'Muharram' was given to it due to the sacredness (i.e. reverence) of this blessed month. (*Tafseer Ibn-e-Kaseer, At Taubah, Taht-al-ayah. 36, vol. 4, p. 128*)

Allah Almighty commenced the Islamic year with the blessed month of Muharram-ul-Haraam and has bestowed upon us many opportunities of reward, goodness, and blessing in it. He opened up ways for a believing person to become His favoured (bondsman) so that a person becomes close to the Almighty Lord from the very beginning of the year, and so that he repents, and his sins are forgiven. Moreover, the effect of good deeds remains until the end of the year, to the extent that one remains preoccupied in worship in the last month of the year, Zul-Hijja-til-Haraam, as well. It is hoped that obedience of the entire year will be written for him, because whoever's deed starts and ends on worship, then the ruling of the one who remains engaged in worship in between both these times also applies to him. (*Lataif-ul-Ma'arif*, p. 36)

'Ibaadat mayn guzray mayri zindagani

Karam ho karam ya Khuda ya Ilahi

(Wasail-e-Bakhshish, p. 105)

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Two virtues of Muharram-ul-Haraam

A person presented himself in the blessed court of the Noble Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ and humbly asked, 'O Messenger of Allah صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, other than Ramadan, which month should I keep fasts in?' He صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ stated, 'After Ramadan, if you

are to keep fasts in any month, then keep the fasts of Muharram, as this is the month of Allah Almighty. In this month, there is one day in which Allah Almighty accepted the repentance of a nation and will also accept the repentance of others as well.’ (*Musnad Imam Ahmad, vol. 1, p. 327, Hadees 1334*)

The Noble Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ stated, ‘After the month of Ramadan, the most superior fasts are the fasts of Muharram, the month of Allah Almighty, and after the Fard Salah, the most superior Salah is that of the night.’ (*Muslim, p. 456, Hades 2755*)

The greatness of the first ‘Asharah (ten days) of Muharram

Sayyiduna Abu ‘Usman Nahdi رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ states, ‘The blessed companions رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُمْ would revere three sets of ten days.

1. The last ten days of Ramadan-ul-Mubarak
2. The first ten days of Zul-Hijja-til-Haraam
3. The first ten days of Muharram-ul-Haraam.’

(*Lataif-ul-Ma’arif, p. 36*)

The day of ‘Ashura

Dear Islamic brothers! The 10th of Muharram holds a special importance in this blessed month. It is known as Yawm-e-‘Ashura. One reason for calling 10th Muharram-ul-Haraam ‘Ashura is also because Allah Almighty favoured ten Noble Prophets with honour and respect on this day.

(*Fayz-ul-Qadeer, vol. 4, p. 394, Taht-ul-Hadees 5365*)

The blessed links of the day of ‘Ashura

The day of ‘Ashura has a special link to the Noble Prophets

عَلَيْهِمُ السَّلَام:

1. Sayyiduna Musa عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام was helped on the day of ‘Ashura, and Fir’awn and his followers were destroyed on it.
2. The ark of Sayyiduna Nuh عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام stopped at Mount Joodi.
3. Sayyiduna Yunus عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام attained salvation from the stomach of the whale.
4. It is the day when the repentance of Sayyiduna Aadam عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام was accepted.
5. Sayyiduna Yusuf عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام was taken out of the well.
6. Sayyiduna ‘Isa عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام was born on this day and he عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام was raised to the heavens on this very day.
7. The repentance of Sayyiduna Dawood عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام was accepted on the day of ‘Ashura.
8. Sayyiduna Ibraheem عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام was born on this very day.
9. The weakness in eye-sight that Sayyiduna Ya’qoob عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام had went away on this very day.
10. Sayyiduna Idrees عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام was raised to the heavens.
11. On this very day, Allah Almighty removed the affliction of Sayyiduna Ayyub عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام.
12. Sayyiduna Sulayman عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام was bestowed with kingship

on the day of ‘Ashura. (*‘Umda-tul-Qaari*, vol. 8, p. 233)

A day of ‘Eid

This day was the day of ‘Eid for the Bani Isra’eel. It is narrated that Sayyiduna Musa عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام would wear kattaan [fine linen] clothing and apply Ismid Kohl on the day of ‘Ashura.

(*Lataif-ul-Ma’arif*, p. 57)

The era of the Noble Messenger and the day of ‘Ashura

In the [pre-Islamic] era of ignorance, the Quraysh would fast on the day of ‘Ashura. The Noble Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ would also fast on this day (*Bukhari*, vol. 1, p. 656, *Hadees 2002*) and the cover of the sacred Ka’bah would be changed on this very day.

(*Bukhari*, vol. 1, p. 536, *Hadees 1592*)

A large number of Jews inhabited Khayber and Madinah Munawwarah. Since they belonged to the Bani Isra’eel, and the Bani Isra’eel attained salvation on the day of ‘Ashura from Fir’awn, hence, they would commemorate this day as an ‘Eid and would fast on this day. (*Lataif-ul-Ma’arif*, pp. 57-58 summarised)

When the Noble Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ arrived in Madinah Munawwarah, he saw that the Jews also kept a fast on the day of ‘Ashura. He صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ asked, ‘Why do you fast on this day?’ The Jews humbly replied, ‘This is the day of greatness. This is that day on which Allah Almighty granted salvation to the Bani Isra’eel and Sayyiduna Musa (from their enemy, Fir’awn). So, Sayyiduna Musa عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام kept a fast on this day

out of gratitude and we also keep a fast on this day.’ The Noble Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ stated, ‘We are more deserving of Sayyiduna Musa عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام than you.’ Hence, he صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ kept a fast on that day and commanded people to keep a fast.’ (*Muslim, p. 441, Hadees 2658, summarised*)

The fast of ‘Ashura was Fard

Dear Islamic brothers! Initially, the fast of ‘Ashura was Fard for Muslims, then the fasts of Ramadan abrogated its obligation. (*Mirat-ul-Manajih, vol. 3, p. 180*)

Although the fast of ‘Ashura is no longer Fard, yet there is great reward for the one who keeps the fast of that day.

Two saying of the Noble Prophet ﷺ:

1. ‘I anticipate from Allah Almighty that the fast of ‘Ashura will wipe away the sins of the previous year.’

(*Muslim, p. 454, Hadees 2746, selected*)

‘The fast of ‘Ashura is equal to a year’s worth of fasts.’

(*Musnad Ahmad, vol. 8, p. 381, Hadees 22679*)

One day before or one day after

The King of Madinah, the Noble Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ stated, ‘Keep the fast of the day of ‘Ashura and oppose the Jews in it; keep the fast of one day before or after the day of ‘Ashura.’

(*Musnad Ahmad, vol. 1, p. 518, Hadees 2154*)

Sayyiduna ‘Abdullah Bin ‘Abbas رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُمَا, a Sahabi and the son of a Sahabi, states, ‘I have not seen the Noble Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ seeking the fast of any day whilst giving it excellence over another day except for the day of ‘Ashura and the month of Ramadan.’ *(Bukhari, vol. 1, p. 657, Hadees 2006)*

The fast of ‘Ashura became a cause of forgiveness

A respected scholar was seen in a dream. The one who saw the dream asked him about his state. He said, ‘I was forgiven due to the blessing of keeping the fast of ‘Ashura for 60 years.’ It is stated in another narration that ‘due to the blessing of keeping the fast of ‘Ashura and that of one day before and after’.

(Lataif-ul-Ma’arif, p. 57)

Animals also respect the day of ‘Ashura

Dear Islamic brothers! ‘Ashura is such a blessed day that let alone human beings, even birds and animals, to the extent that wild animals, also respect it; and revering this day, they also keep a fast.

Read some first-hand accounts, experiences and statements of the pious predecessors رَحِمَهُمُ اللهُ:

1. The great Taabi’i predecessor, Sayyiduna Qays Bin ‘Ubaad رَحِمَهُمُ اللهُ عَلَيْهِ states, ‘The following fact has reached me that wild animals keep the fast of the 10th of Muharram.’

(Lataif-ul-Ma’arif, p. 57)

2. Sayyiduna Fath Bin Shakhrif رَحِمَهُمُ اللهُ عَلَيْهِ states, ‘I used to break

up and place roti [bread] for ants daily; when the day of 10th Muharram would come, they would not eat it.’

(Lataif-ul-Ma'arif, p.57; Majmu' fihī Rasaail lil-Hafiz Nasir-id-Deen, p. 74)

3. Sayyiduna Abul Hasan ‘Ali Bin ‘Umar Qazweeni رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ states, ‘Even ants keep a fast on the 10th of Muharram.’ *(Majmu' fihī Rasaail lil-Hafiz Nasir-id-Deen, p. 74)*
4. The ‘Abbasid Khalifah, Al-Qaadir Billah, also faced this matter, so he became very bewildered. He asked Sayyiduna Abul-Hasan Qazweeni رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ about this, so he said, ‘Ants keep a fast on 10th of Muharram.’ *(Lataif-ul-Ma'arif, p. 57)*
5. Sayyiduna ‘Allamah Ibn-e-Naasir-ud-Deen Dimashqi رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ (passed away in 842 AH) writes, ‘A person came to a village on 10th of Muharram. People were slaughtering animals at that time. He asked the reason, so the people of the village said, ‘Today, wild animals are fasting. Come with us, we will show you.’

They took him to a garden and made him stand there. He narrates that ‘After ‘Asr, wild animals began to come from every direction and they surrounded the garden. Their heads were raised towards the sky. None of them ate anything (from that meat). As soon as the sun set, those wild animals pounced upon the meat and quickly ate everything.’

(Majmu' fihī Rasaail lil-Hafiz Nasir-ud-Deen, p. 74)

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

The Du'a [supplication] for the first night of the [new] moon

If possible, recite this Du'a on the first night of the [new] moon every month, because when the Noble Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ would see the moon, he would recite this Du'a:

اللَّهُمَّ أَهْلِلْهُ عَلَيْنَا بِأَيْمِنٍ وَالْإِيمَانِ وَالسَّلَامَةِ وَالْإِسْلَامِ رَبِّي وَرَبُّكَ اللَّهُ

Translation: O Allah Almighty! Make this moon rise upon us with blessing, faith, peace and Islam. My Lord and your Lord is Allah. (Tirmizi, vol. 5, p. 281, Hadees 3462)

The Du'a for a new year and a new month

Sayyiduna 'Abdullah Bin Hishaam رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ states: On the arrival of a new year or a new month, the blessed companions رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُمْ would teach each other this Du'a [supplication]:

اللَّهُمَّ ادْخِلْهُ عَلَيْنَا بِالْأَمْنِ وَالْإِيمَانِ وَالسَّلَامَةِ وَالْإِسْلَامِ وَرِضْوَانِ مَنْ
الرَّحْمَنِ وَجَوَّازِ مَنْ الشَّيْطَانِ

Translation: O Allah Almighty! Make it enter upon us with peace and faith, wellbeing and Islam, with the contentment of Rahman and safety from Satan. (Al-Mu'jam-ul-Awsat, vol. 4, p. 360, Hadees 6241)

Protection from all difficulties and calamities

Sayyiduna Shah Kaleemullah Shah Jahanabadi رَحِمَهُ اللهُ عَلَيْهِ states, 'The one who recites this Du'a

سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ مِثْلَ الْمِيزَانِ وَمُنْتَهَى الْعِلْمِ وَمَبْلَغِ الرِّضَا وَزِنَةَ الْعَرْشِ لَا مَدَجًا
وَلَا مَنْجَا مِنَ اللَّهِ إِلَّا إِلَيْهِ، سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ عَدَدَ الشَّفْعِ وَالْوَثْرِ وَعَدَدَ كَلِمَاتِ اللَّهِ
التَّامَّاتِ كُلِّهَا أَسْأَلُهُ السَّلَامَةَ بِرَحْمَتِهِ وَلَا حَوْلَ وَلَا قُوَّةَ إِلَّا بِاللَّهِ الْعَلِيِّ
الْعَظِيمِ وَهُوَ حَسْبِي وَنِعْمَ الْوَكِيلُ نِعْمَ الْبَوْلَى وَنِعْمَ النَّصِيرُ وَصَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى
خَيْرِ خَلْقِهِ مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ

Translation: Glory be to Allah equal to the filling of the scale, the limit of knowledge, the extent of contentment, and the weight of the ‘Arsh [The Throne]. The place of refuge and station of salvation is only from Allah. Glory be to Him equal to every odd and even, and all the Complete Words of Allah Almighty. I ask Allah Almighty for safety and mercy; and the strength of avoiding sins and ability of performing good deeds is only from Allah; and Allah is enough, and He is an excellent Disposer [of matters], and He is a great Protector, and He is a great Helper. May the Mercy of Allah Almighty be upon the best of creation, Muhammad صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, and upon his family, and upon all the blessed companions رَحِمَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمْ.

twelve times, blows over water and then drinks it, he will remain in the protection of Allah Almighty from all difficulties and calamities.’ (*Muraqqa’ Kaleemi, p. 187*)

Commemorate the day of Farooq e A’zam in this way

The 1st of Muharram is the day of martyrdom of Ameer-ul-Mu’mineen, Sayyiduna ‘Umar Farooq A’zam رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ. On this

day, make arrangements for Isal-e-Sawaab [the sending of reward] for him. Also, read the booklet of Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnah Maulana Muhammad Ilyas Qadiri دامت بركاتهم العالیه 'Miraculous Wonders of Farooq A'zam'. If you wish to read about the biography of Sayyiduna Farooq A'zam رضی اللہ عنہ in detail, then please obtain the book 'Faizan-e-Farooq e A'zam' of Maktaba-tul-Madinah comprising of 1720 pages.

(This book can also be read, downloaded and printed out from the Dawat-e-Islami website, www.dawateislami.net).

Perform Ghusl [ritual bath] on the night of 'Ashura

When the night of 'Ashura (i.e. the 10th of Muharram) arrives, then perform Ghusl as the water of Zamzam is mixed in all waters on this night, and by performing Ghusl on this night, one remains protected from illnesses for the entire year.

(Al-Noor fi Fazaail-il-Ayaam wal-Shuhoor, p. 123)

The deeds of the day of 'Ashura

Sayyiduna Imam 'Abd-ur-Rahman Bin 'Ali Jawzi رحمته اللہ علیہ states, 'The 10th of Muharram is an extremely sacred day; hence, it is appropriate that one performs as many good deeds as possible. Regard this time of goodness as a blessing and refrain from heedlessness.' *(Al Tabasrah li Ibn-e-Jawzi, vol. 2, p. 8)*

Hence, perform the following righteous actions:

1. Keep the fast of the day of 'Ashura and also join with it the

fast of the 9th or 11th of Muharram-ul-Haraam.

(Musnad Imam Ahmad, vol. 1, p. 518, Hadees 2154)

2. It is stated by Sayyiduna ‘Ali-ul-Murtada رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ, ‘Whosoever recites Surat-ul-Ikhlaas 1000 times on the day of ‘Ashura, then Allah Almighty will look at him (with mercy), and the one whom Allah Almighty looks at (mercifully), He will never punish him.’

(Al-Noor fi Fazaail-il-Ayaam wal-Shuhoor, p. 124)

3. The repentance of Sayyiduna Aadam عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام was accepted on the day of ‘Ashura; hence, repent and seek forgiveness on this day and make Du’a in the Majestic Court of the Lord Almighty to remain firm on repentance.

(Lawami’-ul- Anwaar, p. 259)

4. Especially apply Ismid Kohl on the day of ‘Ashura; with the blessing of this, the eyes will not hurt. It is a saying of the Noble Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, ‘The one who applies Ismid Kohl in the eyes on the day of ‘Ashura, his eyes will never hurt.’ *(Shu’ab-ul-Iman, vol. 3, p. 367, Hadees 3797)*

5. Visit graves.

6. Shed tears out of the fear of Allah (if possible).

(Muraqqa’ Kaleemi, p. 190, summarised)

Forgiveness of all past and future sins

Once, after offering Jumu’ah Salah on the 10th of Muharram-ul-Haraam, the Noble Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ sat near a pillar in

Masjid Nabawi. Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Siddeeq رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ was also sat by him. The Mu’azzin of the Noble Messenger, Sayyiduna Bilal رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ began to call out the Azaan, and when he said ‘أَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا رَسُولُ اللَّهِ’, then Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Siddeeq رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ placed the nails of both thumbs on both of his eyes and said, ‘أَفْرِغْ عَيْنِي يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ’¹ When Sayyiduna Bilal رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ finished giving the Azaan, the Noble Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ stated, ‘O Abu Bakr! The one who does what you did, Allah Almighty will forgive all of his past and future sins.’ (*Tafseer Ruh-ul-Bayan, vol. 7, p. 229, summarised*) Acting upon this practise of Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Siddeeq رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ, not only on the day of ‘Ashura, but whenever you hear the blessed name of the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, make it a habit to kiss your thumbs.

A great formula for blessing in sustenance

It is stated by the Noble Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, ‘The one who spends prosperously on his children on the 10th of Muharram, Allah Almighty will grant him prosperity all year round. Sayyiduna Sufyan رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ states, ‘We practised this Hadees and found it to be exactly as it states.’

(Mishkat-ul-Masabih, vol. 1, p. 365, Hadees 1926)

Hakeem-ul-Ummah, Mufti Ahmad Yar Khan Na’eemi رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ states with regards to this blessed Hadees, ‘If you prepare various kinds of food on the tenth of Muharram for

¹ O Messenger of Allah! You are the coolness of my eyes.

your children, servants, workers, the poor and needy, then **إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ** there will be blessings in those foods for the whole year. Muslims cook Haleem (Khichra) on the day of ‘Ashura. The origin of this is this Hadees because in Haleem (Khichra), there is every kind of food; wheat, meat, lentils, rice, etc. So **إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ**, there will be blessings in all of these foods in the home of the one who cooks Haleem.’ He further states, ‘Remember, you should keep a fast yourself on the day of ‘Ashura, and feed children and the poor well; hence, this Hadees does not contradict the fast of ‘Ashura.’ (*Mirat-ul-Manajih, vol. 3, p. 115*)

The day of ‘Ashura and the account of Karbala

O devotees of the blessed companions and the Ahl-ul-Bayt! The month of Muharram-ul-Haraam reminds us every year of the martyrs of Karbala and especially the maternal grandson of the Noble Messenger, the leader of the martyrs, the lofty Imam, Sayyiduna Imam Husayn **رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ**, because on the 10th Muharram 61 AH, a great battle in the history of Islam took place between truth and falsehood, which is referred to as the account of Karbala. The determined way of the martyrs of Karbala **رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمْ** gave a great lesson to the people of truth to remain firm in front of evil and to sacrifice one’s life for the sake of Islam when needed. If Sayyiduna Imam Husayn **رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ** pledged allegiance to Yazeed, then that entire army would have been at his feet, he would have been respected, treasures would have been given to him, and the wealth of the

world would have been placed in his feet. But the one whose heart is free from [the desire of] the world; rather, at whose service the world itself is, what would he want to do with the beauty of this world? Sayyiduna Imam Husayn رضي الله عنه totally renounced the luxuries of this world and wholeheartedly welcomed the difficulties he faced in the path of truth. Despite facing such an amount of calamities, he did not allow even the thought of pledging allegiance to an open wrongdoer like the wretched Yazeed to come into his blessed heart. He agreed to sacrifice his house and spill his own blood, but he did not allow the dignity of Islam to be tarnished. By Allah! The people of Karbala offering their lives in the battlefield of Karbala for the sake of Islam is a great lesson for the Muslims until the end of time.

*Qatl-e-Husayn Asl mayn Marg-e-Yazeed hay
Islam zindah hota hay har Karbala kay ba'd*

Whilst embedding the love and affection of the Blessed Ahl-ul-Bayt in our hearts, may we also enlighten our lives in this world and the Hereafter by acting upon their blessed seerah, and may we attain the pleasure of Allah Almighty.

*Ghar lutana jaan dayna koyi tujh say seekh jaye
Jaan-e-'Alam ho fida ay khandan-e-Ahl-e-Bayt
Dolat-e-Didar paayi pak janayn baych kar
Karbala mayn khoob hi chamki Dukan-e-Ahl-e-Bayt
(Zauq-e-Na't, p. 100)*

Aainah-e-Qiyamat

The brother of A'la Hazrat, Maulana Hasan Raza Khan رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ has written a book named 'Ainah-e-Qiyamat' regarding the account of Karbala. A'la Hazrat Imam Ahmad Raza Khan رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ states regarding this book, "There are authentic narrations in the book of Maulana Shah 'Abdul-'Aziz which is in Arabic or the book of my late brother Hasan 'Aainah-e-Qiyamat', one should listen to these; as for the rest, it is a lot better to not read or listen to anything rather than listening to incorrect narrations." (*Malfuzaat A'la Hazrat, p. 293*)

What should food and drink (Niyaz) be offered for?

Mufti Muhammad Amjad 'Ali A'zami رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ states, "In the first ten days of the month of Muharram, especially on the 10th, Isal-e-Sawaab [the sending of reward] takes place for Sayyiduna Imam Husayn رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ and the other martyrs of Karbala. Some [people] read Fatihah over sweet drinks, some over rice pudding, some over sweets, and some over bread and meat. It is permissible to make Fatihah on whatever you wish. Whichever manner is used to convey Sawaab [reward] to them, it is a good act. It is famous amongst some ignorant people that the Fatihah of anyone else except the martyrs of Karbala shall not be made in Muharram; this view point of theirs is incorrect. The way Fatihah can be made for everyone in other days, similarly, it can be made in these days too."

(*Bahar-e-Shari'at, Part 3, vol. 16, p. 644*)

A'la Hazrat رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ states, 'Giving the Niyaz of sweets, etc. for the noble martyrs is a means of reward and blessings, and the 10th of the blessed month of Muharram is more appropriate for this.' (*Fatawa Razawiyyah, vol. 9, p. 598*)

The practice of Shah 'Abdul-'Aziz رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ

There would be two gatherings in the home of Shah 'Abdul-'Aziz Muhaddis Dihlavi رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ in the year. (1) Mawlid gathering. (2) A gathering of the martyrdom of Imam Husayn رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ.

Mentioning this second gathering, he states, 'This gathering takes place on the day of 'Ashura or a day before it. Four to five hundred people, in fact even a thousand people gather (in it) and recite Salat upon the Prophet. After that, when this lowly person arrives, then people sit down. The excellences of Sayyiduna Imam Hasan and Husayn رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُمَا which have come in the blessed Hadees are mentioned. Then, a Khatm of the Quran is done and, having recited the five verses, Fatihah is done on whatever food is present.' (*Fatawa 'Azizi, vol. 1, p. 124*)

The love of Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnah for the Ahl-e-Bayt

Dear Islamic brothers! Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnah 'Allamah Maulana Muhammad Ilyas 'Attar Qadiri Razavi دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَةِ is a great devotee of the blessed companions and the Ahl-ul-Bayt; in fact, he دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَةِ has made hundreds and thousands of people devotees of the companions and the Ahl-ul-Bayt. A physical portrayal of this is his books and sayings.

Virtues of Muharram

Please study these booklets of Ameer-e-Ahl-us-Sunnah comprising of the devotion and seerah of the pure Ahl-ul-Bayt: Marvels of Sayyiduna Imam Husayn رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ, Bloodshed in Karbala, Husayni Groom, Miraculous Wonders of Sayyiduna ‘Ali رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ, Thirty Parables of Imam Hasan.

Alongside distributing food and drink on the day of ‘Ashura, sacrifice time and also travel in Madani Qafilah on the 8th, 9th, and 10th or 9th, 10th, and 11th of Muharram-ul-Haraam with the intention of sending reward [Sawaab] to the martyrs and captives of Karbala. One will attain great blessings of this, إِنْ شَاءَ اللهُ.

Har Sahabi-e-Nabi

Jannati jannati

Sab sahabiyaat bhi

Jannati jannati

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ