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الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ وَالصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَى سَيِّدِ الْمُرْسَلِينَ
أَتَابَعْتُ فَأَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

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Du'a of Attar

O Allah! Whoever reads or listens to the booklet '*Blessings of Imam Ja'far Sadiq*', grant him the true love of all the companions and the Ahl-ul-Bayt [Family of the Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ]. Grant him the intercession of the grandfather of Imam Ja'far Sadiq رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ, on the Day of Judgement.

اٰمِيْنَ بِجَاہِ النَّبِيِّ الْاَمِيْنَ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

Virtue of Sending Salat upon the Prophet ﷺ

The final Prophet of Allah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said: There is no Muslim who sends Salat upon me, except that the Angels send Salat upon him for as long as he does so. So it is up to the person whether he sends less or more.¹

صَلُّوا عَلَيَّ الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدٍ

¹ Ibn-e-Majah, vol. 1, p. 490, Hadith 907

Grapes and Shawl from the Unseen

Sayyiduna Layth Bin Sa'd رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ states: I once went to Makkah with the intention of performing Hajj. After performing the Asr prayer, I travelled towards Mount Abu Qubays, which is near Masjid-ul-Haraam. I saw a man sitting down supplicating: 'يَا رَبِّ! يَا رَبِّ!' such that he ran out of breath. He began to say: 'يَا اللهُ! يَا اللهُ!' such that again he ran out of breath. He then said: 'يَا قَتِيومُ! يَا قَتِيومُ!' to the extent that he ran out of breath. He then said: 'يَا رَحْمَنُ! يَا رَحْمَنُ!' until he ran out of breath. Then he started a litany of 'يَا اَرْحَمَ الرَّحِمِيْنَ' and continued reciting until he ran out of breath. When he finished his recitation, he supplicated in the court of Allah: O Allah Almighty! I desire to eat grapes so feed me. My shawl is ripped so grant me a new one. Sayyiduna Layth Bin Sa'd رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ states: I swear by Allah! I saw a crate full of grapes even though it was not the seasonal fruit and beside it, I saw 2 new shawls. When he started eating, I said: I am a part of this; when you supplicated I also said Aameen. The man said: Come, eat in the name of Allah and do not leave any leftovers. I went forward and started eating the grapes. The grapes were seedless and I had never eaten grapes as tasty as these. Therefore, I ate to my heart's content but the number of grapes in the crate did not decrease. He then said to me: Take a shawl that you like. I said: I am not in need of a shawl. The man said: leave this place for a while so I can wear these shawls. So, I moved away and sat behind some cover. He wore one of the shawls as a tehband [a

cloth worn around the waist] and covered himself with the other. He then took the old shawls and left. I followed him until he met a person in Safa Marwah who said to him: O paternal relative of the beloved Prophet of Allah. Clothe me. Allah the Generous will clothe you. So he handed over the two shawls to the person. I then asked that person: Allah have mercy upon you, who is this? The man replied: This is Sayyiduna Ja'far bin Muhammad [i.e. Imam Ja'far Sadiq] برحمته اللّٰه عليه. Sayyiduna Layth برحمته اللّٰه عليه states: After this, I tried searching for him برحمته اللّٰه عليه but could not find him. I was very upset that he برحمته اللّٰه عليه had left.¹

Allah Almighty have mercy upon him and forgive us without accountability for his sake.

اٰمِيْنَ بِجَاةِ النَّبِيِّ الْاَكْمِيْنِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

صَلُّوْا عَلٰى الْحَبِيْبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلٰى مُحَمَّدٍ

O lovers of the Prophet and Ahl-ul-Bayt! Sayyiduna Imam Ja'far Sadiq برحمته اللّٰه عليه performed many miracles. He was a great friend of Allah and scholar of Islam.

Introduction of Imam Ja'far Sadiq برحمته اللّٰه عليه

Sayyiduna Imam Ja'far Sadiq برحمته اللّٰه عليه was born on the 17th of Rabi'-ul-Awwal in the year of 80 or 83 AH on the day of

¹ Al-Raud al-Faa'iq, p. 224

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Monday in Madinah. His appellation was Abu Abdullah and Abu Ismail whereas his title was Sadiq, Faadil and Taahir.¹ He رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ would always tell the truth, so he was known as 'Sadiq'. He was exactly as his name suggested and his actions reflected that too.

Noble Lineage

The mother of Sayyiduna Imam Ja'far Sadiq رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ was Sayyidatuna Umm Farwa Bint Qasim Bin Muhammad Bin Abu Bakr رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُمْ. His father's name was Sayyiduna Imam Muhammad Baaqir Bin Ali Zain al-Aa'bideen Bin Imam Husain رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُمْ. Meaning that Imam Ja'far Sadiq رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ was 'Siddeeqi' from his mother's side of the family and a 'Husaini Sayyid' from his father's side.²

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Rank of Imam Ja'far Sadiq رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ

Sayyiduna Imam Ja'far Sadiq رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ is a Taabi'i [from the generation after the Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ]. He saw two noble companions; Sayyiduna Anas Bin Maalik and Sayyiduna Sahl Bin Sa'd رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُمْ. His son, Sayyiduna Imam Musa Kaazim, Imam Abu Hanifah, Imam Maalik, Sayyiduna Sufyaan Thawri

¹ *Shawahid al-Nubuwwah* p. 245; *Sharh Shajarah Qadiriyyah*, p. 58

² *Tabqat al-Kubra Ibn Sa'd*, vol. 8, p. 342; *Faizan Siddeeq Akbar*, p. 82

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ

and Sayyiduna Sufyaan Bin Uyaynah رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ all took blessings from Sayyiduna Imam Ja'far Sadiq رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ.¹

7 events in the Life of Imam Ja'far Sadiq رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ

1. Delicious Dates

A man narrates that we were travelling with Sayyiduna Imam Ja'far Sadiq رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ to perform Hajj. Along the way, we stopped by some dried-out date trees. Imam Ja'far Sadiq عَلَيْهِ رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ whispered something to himself which I could not comprehend, and then said to the withered trees: Feed us from the sustenance Allah has provided for us in you. At that very moment, bundles of dates began to hang towards him from the tree. He said to me: come closer and eat in the name of Allah. I had never eaten dates as delicious as those.² Allah Almighty have mercy upon him and forgive us without accountability for his sake.

أَمِينٌ بِجَاهِ النَّبِيِّ الْأَمِينِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

2. Supplication to Perform Hajj 50 Times

The supplications of Imam Ja'far Sadiq would always be

¹ *Siyar A'lam An-Nubala*, vol. 6, pp. 438-439

² *Shawahid al-Nubuwwah*, p. 250

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accepted رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ. Here is another one of his miracles. A man requested Imam Ja'far Sadiq رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ to supplicate to Allah to bless him with an abundance of wealth so he could perform Hajj. He رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ supplicated: O Allah! Grant this man an abundance of wealth so he can perform Hajj 50 times in his life. Thus, he received so much wealth that he managed to perform Hajj 50 times. When he reached Al-Juhfa to perform Hajj for the 51st time, he went into a river to perform ghusl. But the strong waves and tides took him away and he drowned.¹ Allah Almighty have mercy upon him and forgive us without accountability for his sake.

اٰمِيْنَ بِجَاةِ النَّبِيِّ الْاَمِيْنَ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

صَلُّوْا عَلٰى الْحَبِيْبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلٰى مُحَمَّدٍ

3. Bringing a Dead Animal back to Life

One day, Sayyiduna Imam Ja'far Sadiq رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ was travelling towards Makkah when he saw a woman crying because her cow had died. He رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ said: Do you desire for Allah to give life to your cow? She replied: You joke and jester like this even though I am going through difficulty. He رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ said to the woman: I am not joking. Then he supplicated, held the cow by the head and feet and shook it and it immediately stood up.²

¹ Shawahid al-Nubuwwah, p. 251

² Shawahid al-Nubuwwah, p. 249

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Allah Almighty have mercy upon him and forgive us without accountability for his sake.

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4. Lost Shawl was Found

A man purchased a shawl in Makkah and swore to never give it to anyone else. Rather, he would use it as his shroud after death. He says: I travelled from Arafah to Muzdalifah and my shawl had disappeared because of which I was very upset. In the morning, I left Muzdalifah and arrived at Mina. I decided to sit in Masjid-ul-Khayf when a man approached me and said: Imam Ja'far Sadiq رحمۃ اللہ علیہ is calling you. I quickly went towards him, greeted him and sat down. He رحمۃ اللہ علیہ looked at me and said: Do you desire to receive your misplaced shawl and, after death, use it as your shroud? He replied: O son of the Prophet! It has been lost for a couple of days but if you can find it, I will be forever grateful. He رحمۃ اللہ علیہ called his slave and he had the shawl that I had lost. He رحمۃ اللہ علیہ said: Take this and thank Allah Almighty.¹ Allah Almighty have mercy upon him and forgive us without accountability for his sake.

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¹ Shawahid Al Nubuwwah, p. 249

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5. A House in Paradise

It is mentioned in *Shawahid al-Nubuwwah*: A man presented 10,000 Dinars [i.e. gold coins used as a form of currency] in the court of Sayyiduna Imam Ja'far Sadiq رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ and said: I am travelling to perform Hajj. Take this money and purchase a house so that my family and I can live in it when we return. When he returned, Sayyiduna Imam Ja'far رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ said to him: I have purchased a house for you in Paradise. The first level of this house concludes at the Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ; the second at Sayyiduna Ali رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ; the third at Imam Hasan رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ and the fourth level concludes at Imam Husain رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ. Take this, I have written this down for you. After hearing the good news, the man was extremely happy and he took the letter to his family. As he was travelling home, he fell ill. He made a will that the letter should be placed with him in his grave. When he died, the family buried him and fulfilled his wishes. The next day, the letter was on top of the grave and written on the other side of the letter was: The promise of Imam Ja'far Sadiq has been fulfilled [meaning that he has received a house in Paradise].¹

6. Why were Flies Created?

Sayyiduna Imam Ja'far Sadiq رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ once went to the court of Khalifah Mansoor and saw that flies would constantly sit on

¹ *Shawahid al-Nubuwwah*, p. 251

his face. Out of irritation and bother, the Khalifah said: O Abu Abdullah! [this was the appellation of Imam Ja'far Sadiq برحمة اللہ علیہ] Why has Allah created flies? [To reprimand the Khalifah} he replied: To disgrace oppressors and the arrogant.¹

7. A Great Example of Humility

O lovers of the companions and Ahl-ul-Bayt! Despite being of noble lineage, Sayyiduna Imam Ja'far Sadiq برحمة اللہ علیہ was humble and modest. On one occasion, the esteemed student of Imam Abu Hanifah برحمة اللہ علیہ, Sayyiduna Dawood Ta'i برحمة اللہ علیہ said to Imam Ja'far برحمة اللہ علیہ, 'As you are from the Ahl-ul-Bayt, give me some advice'. Sayyiduna Imam Ja'far برحمة اللہ علیہ remained silent. He asked again: 'As you are from the Ahl-ul-Bayt, Allah has bestowed blessings upon you. Therefore, it is necessary for you to give advice'. After hearing this, he برحمة اللہ علیہ said: 'I myself am fearful that my grandfather [the Prophet صلی اللہ علیہ وآلہ وسلم] takes my hand on the Day of Judgement and asks me as to why I did not follow him? Salvation is not achieved through lineage but through performing good deeds'. After hearing this, Sayyiduna Dawood Ta'i برحمة اللہ علیہ started crying. When the individual, whose grandfather is the final Messenger of Allah, is expressing this level of fear, then where do I stand?²Allah

¹ Hilyat al-Awliya, vol. 3 p. 230

² Tazkirah al-Awliya, vol. 1, p. 21

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Almighty have mercy upon him and forgive us without accountability for his sake.

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صَلُّوْا عَلَيَّ الْحَبِيْبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدٍ

Some Virtuous Habits

Imam Ja'far Sadiq رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ had good mannerisms. He would always have a smile on his face but when the Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ was mentioned, he would cry [out of reverence and honour]. He would always be in a state of Wudu when narrating Hadith. He would busy himself in prayer and recitation, otherwise he would remain silent. His speech was free from the mention of futile matters.¹

3 Worships

Dear Islamic brothers! Sayyiduna Imam Ja'far رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ was the embodiment of knowledge. He was known for his worship and spiritual struggle. Imam Malik رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ mentions: I would visit Sayyiduna Imam Ja'far رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ and I always saw him busy in any one of these 3 worships. He would be praying, reciting the Quran or observing a fast.²

¹ Shifa, vol. 2, p. 42

² Shifa, vol. 2, p. 42

O lovers of the companions and Ahl-ul-Bayt! You read how Imam Malik رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ would always see Imam Ja'far Sadiq رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ busy in worship. We should ponder as to how much time we spend in the remembrance of Allah and his Messenger. What is the condition of our prayers? Do we recite the Quran on a daily basis? Imam Ja'far Sadiq رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ would offer his obligatory prayers and observe supererogatory fasts whereas we cannot even observe the obligatory fasts. If only we could follow in the footsteps of our pious predecessors. If Allah grants you the ability, along with the obligatory worship, perform an abundance of optional worship. Make a habit of reciting at least one part of the Quran a day. Of course, cooking and distributing food in his remembrance is a good act and should be done but is not the best way of expressing your love for Imam Ja'far Sadiq رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ. True love is to follow in his footsteps and perform righteous deeds. اَلْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ, we are in the month of Sha'ban, the month of Imam Ja'far Sadiq رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ. Whoever is capable of doing so should observe optional fasts.

Who is a Sufi?

Sayyiduna Imam Ja'far Sadiq رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ states: The one who lives his life according to the apparent lifestyle of the Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ is the one who acts upon the Sunnah. The one who acts upon the internal [spiritual] lifestyle of the Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ is called a 'Sufi'. When mentioning the internal lifestyle, Imam Ja'far رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ is referring to the good manners

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of the Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ and his choosing the Hereafter. Therefore, whoever adopts good manners and chooses only that which the Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ chose, will undoubtedly acquire salvation. He must also adopt that which the Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ performed consistently. He must refrain from the things the Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ protected himself from. He must also carry out those actions that the Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ encouraged us to do. The one who digresses from the path of the Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, and is instead consumed by fulfilling the lustful thoughts and desires of the Nafs, is not only far from being a Sufi, but he is foolish and negligent of the consequences of his actions.¹

Sidq-e-Sadiq ka tasadduq Sadiq-ul-Islam kar

Bay gazab raazi ho kaazim aur raza ke waasitay

Commentary of this verse: This is the fourth stanza of the Shajarah Attariyyah Qadiriyyah Razawiyyah order. In this couplet, a supplication has been made through the means of the 6th, 7th and 8th Shaykh of this order; Imam Ja'far Sadiq رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ then his son Imam Musa Kaazim and then his son Imam Ali Raza. The meaning of the couplet is: O Allah! Grant us the safety of our faith for the sake of the Sidq (i.e. truthfulness) of Imam Ja'far Sadiq رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ. For the sake of

¹ Hilyat-ul-Awliya, vol. 1, p. 53

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Imam Musa Kaazim and Imam Ali Raza رحمة الله عليه, save us from Your wrath and be pleased with us.

اٰمِيْنَ بِجَاہِ النَّبِيِّ الْاَمِيْنِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

صَلُّوْا عَلٰى الْحَبِيْبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

The Rank of Sayyiduna Abu Bakr and Sayyiduna Umar explained by Imam Ja'far Sadiq رحمة الله عليه

Sayyiduna Imam Ja'far رحمة الله عليه was asked about Sayyiduna Abu Bakr رضي الله عنه and said: One can only speak well of him because I heard from my father, Sayyiduna Imam Baaqir رحمة الله عليه who heard from Sayyiduna Imam Zain-ul-Aabideen رضي الله عنه, who heard from Sayyiduna Imam Husain رضي الله عنه that Sayyiduna Ali رضي الله عنه stated: I heard the Prophet صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم say: 'The sun has not risen or set upon a man greater than Abu Bakr Siddeeq.' After this, Imam Ja'far Sadiq رحمة الله عليه said: If I have lied whilst narrating this, may I not receive the intercession of the Prophet صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم on the Day of Judgement, [why should I not mention the excellences of Abu Bakr Siddiq when] I myself will be seeking the intercession of Sayyiduna Abu Bakr رضي الله عنه on the day of judgement. He رحمة الله عليه further states: Whoever is unacquainted with the excellences of Shaykhayn [i.e. Sayyiduna Abu Bakr and Sayyiduna Umar رضي الله عنهما] is unaware of the Sunnah. I have not seen anyone

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from the Ahl-ul-Bayt who did not love them. He also said: Undoubtedly, the heart of Sayyiduna Abu Bakr رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ was filled with Divine manifestation. There was nothing other than Allah in his heart. He would recite 'لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللهُ' regularly and Sayyiduna Umar رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ would often be heard saying 'اللهُ أَكْبَرُ'.¹

I Have Nothing to do with that Person

A man asked Imam Ja'far رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ about Sayyiduna Abu Bakr and Sayyiduna Umar رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُمَا, so he replied: you ask me about the ones who have eaten the fruit of Paradise.² I am free from the person who does not remember Sayyiduna Abu Bakr and Sayyiduna Umar رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ as good and honourable men.³

صَلُّوا عَلَيَّ الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدٍ

Imam Ja'far Sadiq and the Remembrance of Death

Despite the greatness of his rank, Sayyiduna Imam Ja'far Sadiq رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ would remember death. He would go the cemetery at night and say: O dwellers of the grave! What is the matter, I call out to you but you do not reply? He رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ then stated: There is a veil between you and I. However, I will become like you in the future. He رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ would continue saying this until

¹ Al-Riyad al-Nadirah, vol. 1, pp. 36-37

² Siyar A'alam al-Nubala, vol. 6, p. 441

³Tareekh al-Khulafa, p. 96

the true dawn. Then he would travel to the Masjid to offer the Fajr prayer. ¹

Imam Ja'far رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ states: O son of Adam! Why do you weep at the loss of something? This [sadness] will not bring it back. Why are you arrogant because of something you possess? Death will cause it to separate from you. ²

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

5 Types of People

Sayyiduna Imam Ja'far Sadiq رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ states: Do not adopt the company of 5 types of people:

1. The one who lies excessively because you will be deceived by him. He is like a mirage (a vapour resembling the sea at a distance, formed by the rays of the sun or moonlight on a sandy plain); he will bring the distant closer to you but repel the ones who are close to you.
2. A foolish individual because you will not acquire anything from him. He will desire to bring you benefit but you will only receive loss.
3. The one who is miserly because if you are in desperate need of money, he will end the friendship.

¹ Ihya-ul-'Uloom, vol. 5, p. 237

² Siraat al-Jinan, vol. 9, p. 748

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4. A coward because during a difficult time, he will leave you and run away.
5. The transgressor because he will betray you for less than a morsel. Somebody asked what is less than a morsel? He رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ replied: to have greed and not being able to satisfy it.¹

Remedy for Protection from Fear

The father of Imam Ahmad Raza Khan رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ, Mufti Naqi Ali Khan رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ states: Imam Ja'far Sadiq said: The one who recites 'يَا رَبِّتَا' five times at the time of helplessness, Allah will protect him from the things he fears. He will also be given that which he desires.² 'يَا رَبِّتَا' means O our Lord.

The 'Koondeh' of Rajab

Mufti Amjad Ali A'zami رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ states: In the month of Rajab, some places prepare 'koondeh' (rice pudding in a clay bowl) to convey reward to Imam Ja'far Sadiq رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ. This is permissible. However, some people have made it a condition to only eat at the locations that prepare these 'koondeh'. This is an undue restriction. There is a book regarding this practice by the name of 'Dastan-e-Ajeeb'. On this occasion, people read this book but there is no proof for whatever is written in it. It

¹ Seerat al-Jinaan, vol. 4, p. 258

² Fazaail-e-Du'a, p. 71

should not be read and one should convey reward by reciting Surah al-Fatihah.¹

Likewise, 'Das beebiyo ki kahaani', 'lakar haray ki kahaani' and 'janaab sayyidah ki kahani' are all fabricated stories that should not be read. Instead, recite Surah Ya-Sin [because according to a Hadith] the reward of completing the Quran 10 times is attained. Remember, it is not necessary to eat or feed others in these 'Koondeh'. You can eat and feed others from different utensils and you can take these out of your home. Without a doubt, the basis of feeding others and reciting Fatihah is to convey reward and feeding others in Koondeh is another form of conveying reward. Conveying reward to the deceased is proven from the Quran and Hadith. This can be done by means of supplication, feeding others and reciting Fatihah. To label this as impermissible is slandering Shari'ah. The ones who deem it as so should read the 87th Ayah of Surah Ma'idah:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لَا تَحْرِمُوا طَيِّبَاتِ مَا أَحَلَّ اللَّهُ لَكُمْ وَلَا تَعْتَدُوا

إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يُحِبُّ الْمُعْتَدِينَ

O believers! Do not make unlawful such pure things which Allah has made lawful for you, and do not exceed the limit; indeed, Allah dislikes those who exceed the limit.

[Kanz-ul-Iman (translation of Quran)] (Part 7, Surah Al Ma'idah, verse 87)

¹ Bahar e-Shari'at, vol. 3-16 p. 643

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Saying of Sayyiduna Abdullah Bin Mas'ood رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ

مَا رَأَى الْمُسْلِمُونَ حَسَنًا فَهُوَ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ حَسَنٌ

Whatever Muslims [people of knowledge and people of taqwa] consider to be good is also considered good by Allah.¹

Calamities are Evaded

Mufti Ahmad Yar Khan رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ states: Recite Fatihah for Imam Ja'far Sadiq رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ, [as by the blessings of this] many hindering calamities are removed.²

How to Make Delicious Rice Pudding

To convey reward to Sayyiduna Imam Ja'far Sadiq رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ, the custom of gathering, preparing food and conveying reward is practiced amongst Muslims. I have not read about the wisdom of this practice becoming prevalent. From my experience, setting the pudding in vessels made of clay that have not been polished produces the tastiest pudding. Some cooks set the pudding in small bowls made of clay that have not been polished. The pudding that is set in these vessels is very tasty. If it is set in steel vessels, the taste will not be as good as if it was placed in a bowl made of clay. The higher the quality of the item given in the way of Allah, or the tastier the

¹ Musnad Imam Ahmad, vol. 2, p. 16, Hadith 3600

² Islami Zindagi, p. 133

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food upon which Fatihah is recited, more reward will be gained and your fellow Muslims will be happy. The one who initiated this practice must have understood these things. But as time went on, people forgot these wisdoms and only the name remained. Distributing food in the name of Imam Ja'far Sadiq رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ can be done with anything that is Halal. You can also convey reward by cooking, eating and sending Salat upon the Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. To learn more about conveying reward to the deceased, read the booklet of Maktaba-tul-Madinah, 'Method of Fatihah'.

When should the Koondeh of Rajab be Held?

During the entire month of Rajab, rather whenever you desire throughout the year, gatherings of conveying reward upon Imam Ja'far Sadiq رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ can be held. It is ideal to hold these gatherings on the 15th of Rajab because this is the day he رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ passed away. It is mentioned in *Fatawa Faqih-e-Millat* vol. 2 page 265: Distribute food in the name of Imam Ja'far Sadiq رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ on the 15th of Rajab because he passed away on this day.

Specifying a Date

Satanic Whisper: Why have specific days been selected and named for conveying reward upon the deceased?

Answer: It is not necessary to specify a time or date to convey reward. However, Shari'ah does not prevent one from doing so. There are two types of specification:

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1. **Shar'i:** Shari'ah has stipulated a specific time to perform an action. E.g. Hajj, Qurbani etc.
2. **Customary:** Shari'ah has not stipulated this time but people have specified the time for the convenience of others and ease of remembrance. Today, Masjids have specified a time when the congregational prayer is performed whereas this was not practiced before; people would pray in a congregation whenever they would gather, there was no specific time. In fact, the Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ would specify a time for some acts and this is proven from the noble companions and pious people of the past too. For example:
 1. The Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ would visit the graves of the martyrs of Uhud رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُمْ at the end of every year.
 2. The Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ would go to Majid Quba every Saturday.
 3. Specifying the mornings and evenings for religious consultation with Sayyiduna Abu Bakr رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ.
 4. Sayyiduna Abdullah bin Mas'ood رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ would teach and deliver speeches on Thursdays.
 5. Scholars have selected the day of Wednesday to begin lessons.¹

¹ *Fatawa Razawiyyah, vol. 9, pp. 585,586, selected*

9 Sayings of Imam Ja'far Sadiq رَحْمَةُ الْمَوْعِيَةِ

1. If you desire the longevity of a blessing Allah has bestowed upon you then thank Him for it as much as you can.¹
2. If you feel a delay in sustenance, recite اَسْتَغْفِرُ الله abundantly.²
3. Allah Almighty ordered the Earth: O Earth! Serve whoever worships Me and tire the one who serves you.³
4. Give charity to increase your wealth and pay Zakah to protect your wealth.⁴
5. Allah Almighty prohibited usury so that people do not discontinue doing good.⁵
6. Allah Almighty deprives the one who is wasteful in his spending.⁶
7. Refrain from arguing and fighting regarding religion for it occupies the heart and creates hypocrisy.⁷
8. The one who embraces moderation will never be poor.⁸

¹ Hilya-tul-Awliya, vol. 3, p. 225, Raqam 3783

² Hilya-tul-Awliya, vol. 3, p. 225 Raqam 3783

³ Hilya-tul-Awliya, vol. 3, p. 226 Raqam 3785

⁴ Hilya-tul-Awliya, vol. 3, p. 227 Raqam 3792

⁵ Hilya-tul-Awliya, vol. 3, p. 226 Raqam 3789

⁶ Hilya-tul-Awliya, vol. 3, p. 227 Raqam 3792

⁷ Hilya-tul-Awliya, vol. 3, p. 230 Raqam 3799

⁸ Hilya-tul-Awliya, vol. 3, p. 227 Raqam 3792

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9. There is no provision better than piety. There is nothing better than silence. There is no greater enemy that causes as much loss as ignorance. There is no greater illness than the illness of lying.¹

Passing away

On the 15th of Rajab 148 AH, a wretched individual poisoned Sayyiduna Imam Ja'far Sadiq رحمته اللو عليه and this was the cause of his martyrdom. His shrine is in Jannah-tul-Baqi next to his father, Imam Muhammad Baqir رحمته اللو عليه²

Allah Almighty have mercy upon Imam Ja'far Sadiq رحمته اللو عليه and allow us to take blessings from him. Grant us the ability to not only eat and distribute food in his name, but also offer prayers, perform good deeds and refrain from sins to better our Hereafter.

¹ *Siyar A'laam al-Nubala`*, vol. 6, p. 444

² *Shawahid al-Nubuwwah*, p. 245 ; *Sharh Shajrah Qadiriyyah*, p. 59

**The Ameer of
Ahl Al-Sunnah** وامسأ بركسأهأ العابىب **writes:**

Saying of Imam Ja'far: The one
proud of his worship is a sinner,
and the one embarrassed by his
sins is obedient.



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