

7: Relating The Praiseworthy Qualities Of Imam (aj)

To remember Imam (aj) through the mention of his Fadail (special qualities). Proof for this is based on the general traditions that recommend the narration of the Fadail of other Purified Imams (as). For example it is mentioned in Al-Kafi that Imam Ja'far as-Sadiq (as) is reported to have remarked, "It is the duty of a group of heavenly angels to look at two or three people who are discussing the Fadail of Aale Muhammad (as). One of the angels says, 'Look at them! In spite of the fact that they are so few in number and in spite of having so many enemies, they are still discussing the Fadail of Aale Muhammad (as).' The other group of angels says:

That is Allah's grace; He grants it to whom He pleases, and Allah is the Lord of mighty grace. [1](#)

In the same book through the author's own chain of narrators it is narrated from Maseer from Imam Muhammad Baqir (as) that he said to me: Do you have secluded meetings and discuss among yourselves what you like? I replied: Yes, we indeed talk about the excellences of Aale Muhammad in private. The Imam said: I would like it very much to be present in those gatherings. By Allah, I like your fragrance and your souls. Indeed you are following the religion of the Allah and His angels, thus you help it through piety and effort.[2](#)

In the same book it is narrated from Imam Musa Kazim (as) that he said: That which is most despicable for Satan and his group is mutual interaction of the believer for the sake of Allah. He said: When two believers meet and remember Allah and discuss the excellence of us, Ahle Bayt (as), Iblees scratches his face badly and then his soul screams due to the intensity of pain so much that the angels of the sky and the custodians of Paradise hear it and they curse him and no angel remains but that he curses him, thus the Satan becomes disgraced and helpless.[3](#)

It can also be supported by traditional report that talk of responding to a good turn and to speak nicely of one who has done a favor to you. Like the tradition of Imam Zainul Abideen (as) mentioned in the Treatise of Rights, which is also quoted in books like Makarimul Ahklaq and Tohaful Uqool etc. In the

said tradition, the Imam explains the rights of one who has done a favor to us.

He says: As for the right of one who has done a good turn to you it is that you be thankful to him and that you remember his favor and talk of him in good terms among the people and pray for him with all sincerity to the Almighty Allah; thus if you do this you have thanked him openly and privately and if one day you are capable you recompense his favor by doing a good turn to him.⁴

Although we have mentioned in Parts Three and Four, the rights of His Eminence (aj), at this point it would be advisable to refer to them once again so that your breast may widen and you may enhance your faith. Also supporting this matter is the argument that speaks of making the Holy Imam (as) popular among the people and the excellence of attracting the people to His Eminence, as will be explained in the coming pages, Insha Allah.

Another point which supports this matter is that traditions emphasize that during times of innovation it is obligatory for the scholar to make his knowledge evident; in the same way is all that is told about remembrance of the Almighty Allah because remembering the Imam is a part of remembrance of Allah as mentioned in traditional reports and will be stated in the Ninth duty.

1. Raudatul Kafi; Pg. 334, Tr. No. 521

2. Usool Kafi, Vol. 2, Pg. 187, Tr. No. 5

3. Usool Kafi, Vol. 2, Pg. 188, Tr. No. 7

4. Makarimul Akhlaq, Tabarsi, Pg. 422, Chapter 12

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