

Du'a' Kumayl

The vigilant believers consider the status of *du'a'* Kumayl among other *du'a'*s as the status of man among the other creatures of the Almighty. In other words, they know *du'a'* Kumayl as “Insan al-Ad'iyah”. The great scholar, researcher and reporter of ahadith, Allamah Majlisi regards *du'a'* Kumayl as the best *du'a'*. Allamah Majlisi narrates from “Iqbal” of Sayyid Ibn Tawus in his book “Zad al-Ma'ad”:

Kumayl said: “One day, I was with my master ‘Ali (as) in Kufah. We were talking about Sha’ban the fifteenth. Imam said: “One who spends that night worshipping and recites *du'a'* Khidhr, his prayer will be answered for sure.” When Imam (as) returned home, I went to him. He said: “What do you want?” I answered: “I’ve come to you so that you may teach me *du'a'* Khidhr.” He told me to sit down.

Then he said: “O Kumayl! When you memorize this *du'a'*, recite it every Thursday night, or once in a month, or once in a year or once in your lifetime, and Allah will save you from enemies, help you, extend your sustenance, and forgive your sins. O Kumayl! Your extended and faithful service has made me teach you such a blissful *du'a'*.” Then he said: “Write it down!” And he then recited it to me.

The divine theologian, Kaf'ami, writes in his book ‘*Misbah*’: “Amir al-Mu'minin (as) recited this *du'a'* in prostration.”¹

The supplicant should recite this *du'a'* on Thursday night, facing the direction of the qiblah, sincerely and humbly. This way the supplication is more likely to be answered.² The supplicant should also present himself before Allah with a tearful eye which is so valuable before the Almighty that it hastens the forgiveness of sins and attraction of His blessings.³

It is narrated from Imam Sadiq (as):

مَا مِنْ شَيْءٍ إِلَّا وَلَهُ كَيْلٌ وَوَزْنٌ، إِلَّا الدُّمُوعَ؛ فَإِنَّ القَطْرَةَ تُطْفِئُ بَحَاراً مِنَ النَّارِ، وَلَوْ أَنَّ بَاكِيّاً بَكَى فِي أُمَّةٍ لَرُحِمُوا.

Everything has a special scale except tears; a drop of tear extinguishes oceans of fire. Allah forbids inferno from burning a tearful eye. In fact if there's one tearful person (from Allah's fear) in any nation, all

the people will be forgiven. [4](#)

كُلُّ عَيْنٍ بَاكِئَةٌ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ إِلَّا ثَلَاثَةً: عَيْنٌ غُضَّتْ عَنْ مَحَارِمِ اللَّهِ، وَعَيْنٌ سَهَرَتْ فِي طَاعَةِ اللَّهِ، وَعَيْنٌ بَكَتْ فِي جَوْفِ اللَّيْلِ مِنْ خَشْيَةِ اللَّهِ.

All the people are tearful in the Hereafter except three: one who closes his eyes to what Allah forbade, one who remains alive for Allah, and one cries for the fear of Allah at midnight. [5](#)

- [1.](#) Misbah Kaf'ami: 555.
- [2.](#) Mahajja Al-Bayza': 2/285, Adab al-do'a wa hia 'ashra.
- [3.](#) Ibid.
- [4.](#) Al-Kafi: 2/481, Bab Al-Buka', tradition 1.
- [5.](#) Al-Kafi, 2/80, Bab Ijtinab Al-Maharim, tradition 2.

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