

## Responsibility 37: Love for the Imam Part 1

Another responsibility that the believers have is to love the Imam since he is one of the infallible members of the Ahlul Bayt (as) of the Prophet Muhammad (S).

The consecutively narrated traditions tell us that loving the Ahlul Bayt (as), and specifically Imam al-Zaman (ajtf), is one of the responsibilities of the true believers.

As we know, it is obligatory upon every believer to love the family of the Prophet which is actually the reward he asked for bringing us the message of Islam. In addition, this act is also regarded as a part of having true faith and is one of the conditions for our actions to be accepted in the presence of Allah.

All of the permitted, pure blessings of Allah and the various pleasures which the believers have been granted are due to the presence of the Imam and the blessings he brings with him and it stands to reason that a person must love the one who is the reason for all of the blessings which he has been granted. Indeed, the Islamic traditions tell us that the presence of the twelfth Imam is the reason that we are blessed.

Thus, our intelligence commands us to love him and in principle, human nature commands people to this truth we must love the one who has given us blessings and bounties and has done good to us.

In addition, there are numerous traditions that speak directly about the need to have love for our living Imam.

قَالَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى: يَا مُحَمَّدُ أُحِبُّهُ فَإِنِّي أُحِبُّهُ وَأُحِبُّ مَنْ يُحِبُّهُ

Allah has said in a Sacred Tradition (Hadith al-Qudsi): “O’ Muhammad! Have love for him (al-Mahdi) since surely I love him and I love anyone who loves him.”<sup>1</sup>

The Messenger of Allah (S) has said:

وَمَنْ أَحَبَّ أَنْ يَلْقَى اللَّهَ وَقَدْ كَمَلَ إِيمَانُهُ وَحَسَنَ إِسْلَامُهُ فَلْيَتَوَلَّ الْحُجَّةَ صَاحِبَ الزَّمَانِ الْمُتَنَتِّزِ

“A person who would like to meet Allah in a state of perfect faith and in the best form of submission should love al-Hujjah Sahib al-Zaman al-Muntadhar (ajtf).”<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>. Biharul Anwar, vol. 36, pg. 223, sec. 40, no. 21

<sup>2</sup>. Biharul Anwar, vol. 36, pg. 296, sec. 41, no. 125

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