

Responsibility 88: Respecting Things Related to the Imam Part 3

Another responsibility of the true believers is to honor the specific times, days and nights which are related to the Imam.

For example, on the days of 'Eid which include: 'Eid al-Qurban; 'Eid al-Ghadir, 'Eid al-Fitr, the 15th of Sha'ban (the birth anniversary of the Imam), the days which mark the birth or the martyrdom of each of his pure forefathers, the day of Nawruz which marks the (solar) new year; the Hajj season; the Day of 'Ashura, the night preceeding and the day of Jumu'ah, and the nights of Qadr in the month of Ramaḡhan, must all be respected and honored.

In these time periods, it is incumbent upon a true believer to pay special attention to the Imam and more than other people, one should strive to fulfill the rights of the Imam which are related to these specific times.

As for how one can show honor and veneration to some of these time periods, this shall be mentioned in later sections. However generally speaking, respecting the times which are related to the Imam can be carried out in various ways such as performing the specific acts of worship which have been mentioned in the traditions.

The etiquette which each of these time periods have related to them has been mentioned in the books of traditions and Du'a, and these should be followed by the true believers. Therefore, the supplications and Ziyarat which have been mentioned to be read at specific times should be performed in order to fulfill this responsibility.

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