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75: Prayer Of Imam az-Zaman (aj)

Numerous authentic books have quoted the correct tradition of Jamal al-Usboo where Sayyid Ibne Tawoos says: The Prayer for Imam az-Zaman (aj) consists of two rakats and in each rakat one should recite the Surah al-Hamd till Iyyaaka Na'budo wa iyyaaka Nastae'en. Then repeat this sentence a hundred times and then complete the Surah. After al-Hamd recite Surah Ikhlaas (Qul Huwallaaho Ah'ad). On completing this prayer we should recite the following Dua:

O Allah! Calamities have become severe and our helplessness is clear and the curtains on it are raised, and the earth has become narrow inspite of its vastness (due to discontinuance of the bounties). We have complaint with the Heavens and You and only on You do we rely; on all severities and hardships. O Allah! Send blessings on Prophet Muhammad (S) and his progeny, whose obedience You have made obligatory on us, and hasten. O Allah the reappearance of the "upright one" (Al Qaim) and manifest his honor. O Muhammad O Ali, O Ali, O Muhammad answer me both of you as you both are sufficient for me. O Muhammad, O Ali, O Ali, O Muhammad help me as both of you one my true helpers. O Muhammad, O Ali, O Ali, O Muhammad you both protect me as you both are my protectors O my master, O the owner of the universe, O master of the time I have complaints, complaints complaints. Help me, Help me, Help me. Give me salvation, salvation, salvation.

I say: A similar Dua with some different wording is mentioned at the end of Part Seven narrating from His Eminence as.

For example: In Makarimul Akhlaq written by Hasan bin Fadl Tabarsi it is quoted from Abu Abdullah Husain bin Muhammad Bazoofari directly for, Najmus Thaqib which in turn has quoted from Kunooz an-Najah of Fadl bin Husain Tabarsi – father of the author of Makarimul Akhlaq – from Ahmad bin Darbi that he said: "It is said from Imam of the Time (aj) that: One who has a need from the Almighty Allah should rise after midnight of Friday eve, perform the bath; go to the place of his prayer, and perform two rakats of prayer. In the first rakat recite Surah Hamd, and when he reaches 'Iyyaka Na'budo wa iyyaka Nastae'en' he should repeat it a hundred times. On the hundredth time he should complete the Surah Hamd. Then recite Surah Tauheed once. After that perform Ruku and Sujood and in each of them recite

the zikr seventy times. Perform the second rakat also in the same manner. Recite the following Dua before the Namaz. And if you do it, the Almighty Allah will fulfill any of your needs whatever it may be, except that it be for cutting off relations. The Dua is follows:

O Allah, if I obey You, You are worth commendation, and if I offend You, You have proof against me. All ease and relief are from You. Glory be to He Who possesses the power but forgives. O Allah, even though I have offended You, but I have obeyed You in the thing You love most which is believing in You, I have not ascribed an offspring to You and I have not ascribed a partner to You. You have bestowed on me and I have not bestowed anything on You. O my God, verily I have offended You but not as a result of stubbornness, nor to depart from Your service and not denial of Your Divinity; but I have obeyed my desire and Satan has deviated me. You possess the proof against me. You will not be oppressing me if You punish me due to my sin, but if You forgive and have mercy on me, verily You are the Openhanded and Generous. O the Generous. O the Generous...

وَجْهِ الْمُكَابَرَةِ وَلاَ الْخُرُوجِ عَنْ عُبُودِيَّتِكَ وَلاَ الْجُحُودِ لِرُبُوبِيَّتِكَ وَلَكِنْ اَطَعْتُ هَوَايَ وَاَزَلَّنِي الشَّيْطَانُ فَلَكَ الْحُجَّةُ عَلَيَّ وَالْبَيَانُ فَإِنْ تُعَذِّبْنِي فَبِذُنُوبِي غَيْرَ ظَالِمٍ وَإِنْ تَغْفِرْ لِي وَتَرْحَمْنِي فَإِنَّكَ جَوَادٌ كَرِيمٌ يَا كَرِيمُ يَا كَرِيمُ.

(recite till you are out of breath)

Then say:

O He that is secured from everything. O He from Whom everything is afraid and cautious of. I request You of Your security from everything and the fear of everything of You, to send blessings on Muhammad and on the family of Muhammad, and to grant security for me, my family, offspring and other privileges You have bestowed on me till I was not frightened by anyone and will not be cautious of anything forever. Verily You have the power over everything. Allah is sufficient for us as an excellent trustee. O He that sufficed Ibrahim against Nimrod. O He that sufficed Musa against Firon, I request You to bless Muhammad and the family of Muhammad and to suffice me from the evils of so and so, son of so and so.

In Makarimul Akhlaq it is said: It is narrated that if every believing man and woman recites this prayer, and supplicates sincerely with this supplication, doors of the sky will open in acceptance of it and it will be accepted immediately [or in the same night]. And it is from the mercy of the Almighty Allah on us and on the people.[1]

In Najmus Thaqib a similar tradition is quoted from Kunooz an-Najah.

The weak author, Muhammad Taqi Musawi Isfahani – may Allah forgive him – says: I had many important tasks that prevented me from this prayer but later through His blessings and bounties of the Imam of the Time (aj) He removed all such impediments.

For example: in Najmus Thaqib, this prayer is mentioned as the Prayer of the Imam of the Time (aj) and he has quoted it from Sayyid Fadlullah Rawandi. And after conclusion of prayer, one as to recite Salawat on Muhammad and progeny of Muhammad, a hundred times and then there is a special supplication for this occasion.

In Jannatul Mawa quoting from Tarikh Qom of Shaykh Fadil Hasan bin Muhammad Qummi from Monisul Hazeen Fee Marifte Haqq wal Yaqeen of Shaykh Abu Ja'far Muhammad bin Babawahy in the chapter of building of Masjid Jamakaran, a long tradition has been mentioned and then it is said: "Imam Mahdi (aj) has commanded this prayer in a special way that is: Recite two rakats prayer and each rakat recite Surah Fatiha and when you come 'Iyyaaka na'budu wa iyyaaka nastae'en', repeat it a hundred times. After that recite Surah Hamd till the end. In Ruku and Sujood recite the Tasbih seven times and when you finish the prayer recite tahleel (Laa ilaaha illallaahu), tasbih of Lady Fatima Zahra (as). When you finish that perform a Sajdah and recite a hundred times Salawat on the Holy Prophet (S). Then he said: (And these are Imam's words): Faman s'allaha fa kaannama s'alla fee baitil a'teeq; One who prays these two rakats prayer is like one who prayed in Holy Kaaba.[1]

The respected Muhaddith Noori has said regarding the Imam's statement: 'and when you finish the prayer recite tahleel' apparently means recite Laa ilaaha illallaahu wah'dahu wah'dahu.

I say: Precaution in worship and preparation of fulfillment of needs demands that we reconcile between the mentioned values, that after midnight of Friday, perform the Ghusl and perform this prayer, and after the prayer recite the Tahleel that the Messenger of Allah (S) has taught and said: This is my Dua and the Dua of the prophets is before me and then recite:

There is no god but Allah, the One with no partner to Him. For Him is the kingdom and the praise. He enlivens and causes death. He causes death and He enlivens. And He is the living that never dies. In His control is all the good. And He is powerful over everything.

Then recite the Dua that the Holy Prophet (S) recited on the day of the conquest of Mecca:

There is no god but Allah, the One with no partner to him. He fulfilled the promise and helped His servant and destroyed the confederations through one. Then for Him is the Kingdom and the praise. He enlivens and causes death and He is powerful over everything.

Then recite the Tasbih of Fatima Zahra (as) that is recited after every obligatory prayer. Then recite the special Tasbih of His Eminence as mentioned after his prayer; it is as follows:

Glory be to the One having power, the lofty being. Glory be to the One with majesty and greatness. Glory be to the One with the original kingdom of dignity. Glory be to the One who is dressed in beauty and elegance. Glory be to the One who wears the dress of Noor and dignity. Glory be to the One who sees the spoor of ant on the black hard rock. Glory be to the One Who sees the route taken by birds in the air. Glory be to the One Who is only thus and except for Him none is like it.

Then recite Salawat a hundred times on the Holy Prophet (S) and his progeny. Then recite the Dua that is mentioned in Makarimul Akhlaq and after that recite the supplication narrated by Sayyid Ibne Tawoos; as when you act upon that which we have mentioned, your needs would be fulfilled, Insha Allah. And it is recommended to prolong the Qunoot in that Prayer and recite the words of 'Faraj' in it as our master, Amirul Momineen (as) has advised some righteous person in dream and these are the words of Dua:

There is no god, except Allah, the Forbearing and the Noble. There is no god, except Allah, the High and the Great. Glory be to Allah, the Lord of the seven skies and the seven earths and what is in them and what is between them and the Lord of the Great Arsh.

لاَ إِلَهَ إِلاَّ اللَّهُ الْحَلِيمُ الْكَرِيمُ لاَ إِلَهَ إِلاَّ اللَّهُ الْعَلِيُّ الْعَظِيمُ سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ رَبِّ السَّمَاوَاتِ السَّبْعِ وَرَبِّ الاَرَضِينَ السَّبْعِ وَمَا فِيهِنَّ وَمَا بَيْنَهُنَّ وَرَبِّ الْعَرْشِ الْعَظِيمِ.

Note and Conclusion: Sayyid Ibne Tawoos, has mentioned a similar prayer in Prayers of fulfillment of needs on Friday eve and he says: Prayers of fulfillment is two rakats on Friday eves and eves of Eid of Sacrifice. Recite Surah Fatiha till 'Iyyaaka na'budu wa iyyaaka nastae'en', and repeat this verse a hundred times and then complete the Hamd. Then recite Surah Qul huwallaahu Ahad a hundred times and in every rakat do the same. Then recite the Salaam and say seventy times: Laa h'awla wa laa quwwata illa billaahil a'liyil a'z"eem. And after that go into Sajdah and recite two hundred times: Yaa rabbi, Yaa rabbi…and ask whatever you need.

1. Makarimul Akhlaq, Tabarsi, Pg. 339-340

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