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# 36. Before Praying For Oneself And Ones Family

Authentic traditions have declared that true belief demands that one should pray for the reappearance of Imam az-Zaman (aj) before he prays for himself and his family. The concept of a quote from the Holy Prophet (S) is as follows: "Surely a person will not be a believer till he considers Allah's messenger (S) dearer than his own life, and the progeny of the Prophet (S) more beloved than his own family, and finally, anything regarded by the Prophet (S) as significant is more precious for him than what he considers as important.

There is no doubt that praying for the early reappearance of Hazrat Vali-e-Asr (aj) is among the most important affairs, through which hearts will gain peace and satisfaction. Hence, it is proper for a believer that before he starts praying for himself and his family, he should pray for the reappearance, thereby observing the due right of the Holy Prophet (S).

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