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Responsibility 26: Getting Spiritually Closer to the Imam Part 2

During times of difficulty, misfortunes, sickness and other such things even in the times of confusion and spiritual difficulties which can wreak havoc on the belief system and faith of a person one should hold tight to Imam al-Zaman (ajtf) and seek help and support from him. During such a time, one must cry out for help to the Imam.

Allah has said in the Qur`an:

﴿ وَ لِلَّهِ الأَسْمَاءُ الْحُسْنى فَادْعُوهُ بِهَا ﴾

"And to Allah belong the most beautiful names so call upon Him by them."[1]

In relation to this verse, it has been narrated from Imam Ja'far b. Muhammad as-Sadiq ﷺ that:

نَحنُ وَ اللَّهِ الأَسْمَاءُ الْحُسْنى

"We (the Ahlul Bayt) are, by Allah, the most beautiful names (of Allah)."[2]
In addition, Imam 'Ali b. Musa al-Rida (as) has said:

﴿ إِذَا نَزَلَتْ بِكُمْ شِدَّةٌ فَاسْتَعِينُوا بِنَا عَلى اللَّهِ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ وَ هُوَ قَوْلُهُ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ: ﴿ وَ لِلَّهِ الأَسْمَاءُ الْحُسْنىٰ فَادْعُوهُ بِهَا

"When difficulties come upon you, then seek assistance through us (the Ahlul Bayt) as intermediaries with Allah, the Noble and Grand, and this is the meaning of His words, the Noble and Grand, ﴿And to Allah belong the most beautiful names so call upon Him by them.﴾"[3]

Indeed, the believers must refer to their Imam and seek assistance from him because if they do not do

so, then they will remain in troubles and will not be protected from disgrace and humiliation.

1. Suratul A'raf (6), Verse 180
2. al-Burhan, vol. 2, pg. 52 under the commentary of Suratul A'raf (6), Verse 180
3. Biharul Anwar, vol. 94, pg. 5, sec. 28, no. 7

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