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Responsibility 50: Assisting the Imam Part 2

In order to help Imam al-Zaman (ajtf) during his advent, we must have a strong spiritual heart and be firm in our beliefs entering absolutely no doubts or confusion in regards to him (and things related to him). In this regards, Imam Ja'far b. Muhammad as-Sadiq (as) has said:

إِنَّ لَكُمْ ثَوَابَ مَنِ اسْتُشْهِدَ مَعَهُ بِنِيَّاتِكُمْ وَ إِنْ مُتُّمْ عَلى فَرْشِكُمْ

"Indeed for you is a promised reward equivalent to becoming a martyr with him (the Imam) which results from your intention - even if you die on your beds."1

In another tradition from Imam Ja'far b. Muhammad as-Sadiq (as) it is stated:

إِنّي لاَ أُخْرِجُ نَفْسِي مِنْ شُهَدَاءِ الطُّفُوفِ وَ لاَ أَعُدُّ ثَوَابِي أَقَلَّ مِنْهُمْ لِأَنَّ مِنْ نِيَّتِي النُّصْرَةَ لَوْ شَهِدْتُ ذٰلِكَ الْيَوْمَ وَ كَذٰلِكَ شِيعَتُنَا هُمُ الشُّهَدَاءُ وَ إِنْ مَاتُوا عَلى فَرْشِهِمْ

"I do not think of myself as being out of the ranks of the martyrs of al-Tufuf (Karbala), nor do I count myself as having a lesser reward than them because it is from my intention to help if I had witnessed that day. This is also the case with our Shi'a they too are martyrs even if they die on their beds."2

1. Mikyal al-Makarim, vol. 2, pg. 229
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