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Serving the Imam of the Age

Imam Sadiq (a.s.) was asked: 'Has the Qaem been born?' Imam (a.s.) replied:

"No. If I were to meet him I would serve him all my life."[1]

Ayatullah Sayyed Muhammad Taqi Musawi Esfahani says: This tradition signifies that serving the Imam (a.t.f.s.) is the highest form of worship and the most beloved form of obedience. This is because Imam Sadiq (a.s.) who has spent his noble life only on the path of divine worship and obedience says that if he met the Qaem, he would serve him all his life. Thus, it becomes clear that striving to serve the Qaem is the highest form of obedience and the noblest way of gaining proximity to Allah as Imam Sadiq (a.s.) has preferred this to all other forms of worships and obedience.[2]

1. Ghaibah-Nu'mani/245
2. Mikyal al-Makarem; 2/220

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