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The Prisoner of War

A young man came to Imam Husayn's camp. He was looking for his father Muhammad bin Basheer al-Hadramy.

The young man said to his father:

My brother is a prisoner of war at Ray (*a town near Teheran*).

His father said:

I'll support Imam Husayn at any rate!

Imam Husayn said:

You're free. Go and release your son.

Muhammad bin Basheer refused that and said:

By Allah, I won't leave you!

Imam Husayn [a] gave him five garments. Each cost one thousand dinars. Then he said to him:

Give your son these garments to release his brother.

Thus Imam Husayn's companions preferred death with him to life with the unjust.

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