

IMPORTANCE OF THE MONTH OF MUHARRAM

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Today's sohba will be about the importance of the month of Muharram. The days from 1 Muharram to 10 Muharram are the most virtuous days. "People who fast these ten days gain the Garden of Paradise," says in the hadith sharif. And Hazrat Aisha (RA), our Holy Prophet's wife, narrates this hadith.

People have become such groups today that when a person does something [others don't do] they are assumed to have left the religion. There are also people who say, "I do not do anything but this." They are both wrong. There are people who say, "I only fast these ten days," and they are wrong. There are people who say, "No, this fast should not be done," and they are also wrong.

What is right is to follow the path that our Holy Prophet (SAW) and the companions followed. This is the way of tariqa as tariqa exists in the Ahl-e Sunnat wal Jamaat and nobody else. Others do not accept tariqa, these factions do not accept tariqa because tariqa is not a faction. A faction means a division.

Our Holy Prophet (SAW) said, "My Nation will divide into 73 factions." Factions are all small. The real large one, Sawad al-Azam, the majority is the Ahl-e Sunnat wal Jamaat. There are small factions that have separeted from it. None of them accept tariqa.

The month of Muharram is also called the month of Ashura as the tenth day is the day of Ashura. This name comes from "Ashara". Ashara means ten. Most people do not even know this now. When Ashura is mentioned, they think of desert. But this day has set in people's minds as a holy day, Ashura day, and the tenth day.

This day is a holy day. Our Holy Prophet (SAW) would fast on Ashura days in the month of Muharram. It was obligatory to fast it. He fasted them until the fasting of Ramadan became fard. It was left as a sunna when Ramazan became farz. Fasting it is not obligatory but fasting it carries lots of rewards and it is very virtuous. Its rewards are huge in the sight of Allah (JJ). It writes in the hadith, we cannot remember it now but so many thousands of palaces are gifted and the reward a person receives is very high. The virtue

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of this day is written in books. Therefore, spending this day fasting is like a command. So a person of tariqa definitely needs to do it.

It does not work alone. Other fasts can be done one day but our Holy Prophet (SAW) ordered not to fast this day alone. It is disliked to fast Fridays alone. This is not makruh but is said not to fast alone! If you fast it alone, you would be going against the order of our Holy Prophet (SAW) and would be carrying the burden of sin.

This is why you should either fast it two days or three days. If you do not fast it two days, it is better that you do not fast it at all, rather than fast for one day. It can be 10-11, 9-10, or 9-10-11. You can fast it three days or you can fast it from the beginning of Muharram to the tenth. This would make you "Gain the highest stations in the Garden of Paradise," says our Holy Prophet (SAW) in the hadith we read.

Now as we said, they are not fasting Ramazan and fasting these ten days. Here, this is wrong because our Master Hazrat Ali (KW) used to love fasting. He would say, "I like summer fasting more," just so it would be harder. Therefore, he would not stop fasting Ramazan. People who follow Hazrat Ali (KW), people who say they love Hazrat Ali (KW) need to love things he loved and do the things he did.

Otherwise, they would be in the category of people who have rancour for Hazrat Ali (KW) and who do not like the Ahl-e Bayt. Because they did not like Hazrat Ali (KW) either and did not want the Family of the Prophet. In fact, as you know these two sects were the means for Hazrat Hussain's (RA) martyrdom. So was it a game between them or something else Allah knows. They called Hazrat Hussain (RA), left him alone there, and these traitors were the means to his martyrdom.

Shaitan took this opportunity and used it to put enmity amongst Muslims. Tariqas, thank Allah, had gotten rid of this enmity. Lately, Muslims have increased in number but their faith has decreased, no faith is left. There is Islam but no iman. This is why these dissensions have increased. Otherwise, tariqas know everything is from Allah.

When something happens in this world, are we going to do it according to our own ego or according to the way shown by Allah (JJ) and Hazrat Prophet (SAW)? Of course, no fitna and corruption occurs when in the path of Allah. However, dissension and corruption appear everywhere if we act according to Shaitan's whisperings and our own self's desires.

During the Ottoman period, thank Allah everybody lived happily without a problem for 700 years. Fitna increased following the Ottomans and they wanted to pit Muslims against each other. This issue continues to this day.

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As we said, what is important is saying "This was Allah's decree." This issue occured in this world, it is a bad issue but it is quite different in the sight of Allah (JJ) and the sight of Hazrat Prophet (SAW). Those who caused this issue died and left hundreds of years ago.

Our Master Hazrat Hussain (RA) is "Sayyid shabab ul-janna." This is what our Holy Prophet (SAW) said. He is the master of young men of paradise, meaning he is the highest. We say paradise exists, we say Allah, we believe and we have faith. Those who do not have iman say, "We will take revenge. We are grieving."

Allah will take the revenge of the martyrs in the hereafer. It is not that easy to martyr the grandchildren of our Holy Prophet (SAW). Of course they will have to answer for it. Nothing will happen with your crying and yelling here. They will also answer for this. Neither the two of the martyred holy ones nor those who killed them lived, they did not live till now. They are with our Holy Prophet (SAW) in paradise. This is iman and this is Allah's command.

وَلاَ تَقُولُواْ لِمَنْ يُقْتَلُ فِي سَبِيلِ اللهِ أَمْوَاتُ بَلْ أَحْيَاء وَلَكِن لاَّ تَشْعُرُونَ

"Wala taqulu liman yuqtalu fi sabilillahi amwatun bal ahia'un walakin la tash'urun." (Sura Baqara:154) "Do not call those who are martyred dead. They are alive, living in the sight of Allah." Hazrat Hussain (RA) is a martyr, he is alive Allah willing. His continuous himmat is present. May Allah increase their station ever more Inshallah. Their stations is high. May Allah make us all meet in paradise Inshallah.

This is what we need to do. These are Allah's beautiful commands. He says, "Do not cry and scream." Mourning is for three days in Islam. Do not spend your time and your life for nothing. With this opportunity, let us make zikr and read the Koran, and send it directly as a gift to Hazrat Hussain (RA) and the martyrs of Karabala. Because the things we gift them also elevate and raise our station.

There is no use in yelling, shouting, and cursing. Instead of sobbing, as we said, read the Koran and pray to Allah for the sake of those persons. May Allah give us safety and security, may Islam rise, and may the enemy who causes these fitnas be ruined. The enemy that is attacking Islam since the time of our Holy Prophet (SAW) never sleeps, never tires, and continuously comes out with dissension and corruption. It will last till the Day of Judgment, but thank Allah they will answer for it there and get punished.

May Allah keep us all safe. May Allah make Mahdi Alayhis Salam come out soon, may He show the right path to Islam, and may He ruin all the enemies of Islam.

Wa Minallah at-Tawfeeq. Al-Fatiha.

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