

IN THE NAME OF ALLAH

Significance Of Eid-E-Ghadeer

The 18th of Zil-Hajj marks the auspicious occasion of Eid-e-Ghadeer. This is the day of nomination of Imam Ali (a.s.) as the successor to the Holy Prophet (pbuh&hf) and commander of the faithfuls and the first Imam.

This event and wording has been reported in the following books :

(1) Sahih Tirmizi, Vol.2 Page 298. (2) Sahih ibn-e-Maja, Chapter: Virtues of the Companions of the Holy Prophet(pbuh&hf), Page 12 .(3) Kinz-al-Amaal, Vol.6, Page 397. (4) Riyaz un-Nazra Vol.2, Page 169 .(5) Mustadrak as-Sahiyeen, Vol.3, Page 109 .(6) Mustadrak as-Sahiyeen, Vol.3, Page 116. (7) Khasais-e-Nisaaee, Page 25. (8) Masnad Ahmad ibn-e-Hambal, Vol.4, Page 372. (9) Tafseer-e-Kabeer, Fakhruddin Razi. (10) Hulyat ul-Aulia, Vol.5, Page 26. (11) Sawaiq-e-Moharraka, Page 25. (12) Al-Asaba, Vol1, Al-qism 1, Page 319

Parts Of Ghadir Sermon

- O people! Iblis caused Adam to be dismissed from the garden through envy; so, do not envy him lest your deeds should be voided and lest your feet should slip away, for Adam was sent down to earth after having committed only one sin, and he was among the elite of Allah's creation. How, then, will be your case, and you being who you are, and among you are enemies of Allah? Indeed, none hates Ali except a wretch, and none accepts Ali's wilayat except a pious person. None believes in him except a sincere mu'min, and in honor of, Ali was the Chapter of al-Asr (Qur'an, 103) revealed, I swear to it by Allah: "In the Name of Allah, the All-beneficent, the All-merciful. By Time! Indeed man is in loss, except those who have faith and do righteous deeds, and enjoin one another to [follow] the truth, and enjoin one another to patience". except Ali (as) who believed and was pleased with the truth and with perseverance.¹

- O people! This is Ali, my Brother, wasi (executor), the one who comprehends my knowledge, and my successor over my nation, over everyone who believes in me. He is the one entrusted with explaining the Book of Allah, the most Exalted One, the Sublime, and the one who invites people to His path. He is the one who does whatever pleases Him, fighting His enemies, befriending His friends who obey Him, prohibiting disobedience to Him. He is the successor of the Messenger of Allah and Amir al-Mu'minin (Commander of the Faithful), the man assigned by Allah to guide others, killer of

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the Nakithun and Qasitun and Mariqun by the command of Allah. Allah says, "My Word shall not be changed."²

Abd al-Rahman Ibn Abu Laylah said: I witnessed Ali administering an oath to the people in the plain of Rahbah. Ali said: "I adjure those of you in the name of Allah who heard the Messenger of Allah on the Day of Ghadir saying `Ali is the Mawla of whom I am Mawla' to stand up and to testify. He who was not an eyewitness doesn't need to stand up." Thereupon twelve such companions who had participated in the Battle of Badr stood up. The occasion is still fresh in my memory.³

الْيَوْمَ أَكْمَلْتُ لَكُمْ دِينَكُمْ وَأَتَمَمْتُ عَلَيْكُمْ نِعْمَتِي وَرَضِيْتُ لَكُمُ الْإِسْلَامَ دِينًا

"This day have I perfected your religion for you, completed my favor upon you, and have chosen for you Islam as your religion." (Al Quran Chapter.5 Verse.3)

Imam Sadiq (A.S) said:

"It (Eid al-Ghadir) is the greatest Eid of Allah (S.W.T)."⁴

² part of Ghadir_Sermon

³ Musnad Ahmad Ibn Hanbal, v1, p119, see also v5, p366

Khasa'is, by al-Nisa'i, pp 21,103, narrated similar to above on the authority of three others: Umayyah Ibn Sa'd, Zaid Ibn yathigh, and Sa'id Ibn Wahab.

⁴ Wasail us Shia Vol.5 Pg.224