

In The Name Of Allah

Visiting Imam Mahdi And Its Stories



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Thanks Allah Since We Are Under Imam Hussein's Shelter

Sayyed Bahr al-olum departed alone intending to go to Samarra. He was intensely thinking on the way. An Arab man (Imam Mahdi (PBUH)) reached him riding a horse and asked: "Sayyed! What are you thinking about this deep?". Sayyed said: "Why does Allah grant this much reward for pilgrims and mourners of Imam Hussein (PBUH)? For example; rewards of one Haj and one Omra for each single step and forgiving major and minor sins for a drop of tear?"

The Arab horseman (by telling a very beautiful and meaningful story) said: "Mr. Bahr al-olum, Imam Hussein (PBUH) gave all his wealth and family and son and brother and daughter and sister and head and body in the way of God. So there would be no wonder if God rewards pilgrims and mourners of Imam Hussein (PBUH) this much, because God cannot give the Godship to Imam Hussein (PBUH), so will do all and everything else for him. Meaning that, despite Imam Hussein's (PBUH) high rank, God rewards his pilgrims and mourners with high ranks as well and meanwhile God does not consider this as Imam Hussein's complete reward for his sacrifice."

After the Arab person said the above, he disappeared from Sayyed Bahr al-Olum's eyes.¹

¹ Imam Mahdi's blessings, p. 218

The Healing Of The Paralytic

One of the noblemen had lost his two sons during the Shah's reign. His wife became paralyzed because of too much impatience. She lost her sight and almost her youth as well. In fact, she developed premature aging. She was going to be taken to Tehran in order to be cured. Her husband said: "I saw my wife is going to be taken the next morning and there was no one to take care of my children. I got worried. Supplicating Imam Mahdi (PBUH), I asked God: "Please do me a favor so Imam Mahdi (PBUH) helps us. You know our situation is upsetting..."

At the middle of the night, I saw the lights turned on and I heard some sounds. I wondered what has happened. I came downstairs. My little daughter came to me and said: "Dad! Mom is healed." I went to see my wife and found her healthy. Her premature aging was reversed, she became young again and her sight was healed as well." Then, the woman started telling the story herself:

"I was sleeping by myself in the room. Suddenly, the room was lightened. The holy light of Imam Mahdi (PBUH) came to me and said: "Stand up, provided that you no more be impatient." I stood up. He went out of the room and I followed him. Suddenly, I realized I'm healthy."

The woman who had been paralyzed was completely healthy, she recaptured her sight and her youth as well. While we have such a master, it's a shame not to pay attention to him and ironically, we are all neglectful.²

² Jihad ba Nafs (The Battle with Oneself); Ayatollah Mazaheri, p. 432

Wishing To Visit (A Touching Story)

Zuhari says: “I had the wish to visit Imam Mahdi (PBUH) for years, and I had suffered a lot and spent a lot in this way. But I was not successful at it. Until I met Muhammad ibn Uthman, the second Special Deputy of Imam Mahdi (PBUH). I asked him: “May I visit Imam Mahdi (PBUH)?” He said: “You will not reach your goal.” I was so sad that I fell at his feet. When he saw my condition, he said: “Come tomorrow at early dawn.”

So I went the next morning and saw a young man with such a beautiful face and fragrant smell which I had never seen and smelled before in my life... Muhammad ibn Uthman made me understand that he is Imam Mahdi (PBUH). I asked many questions and Imam answered them and he answered many questions without even asking. Imam was going to enter a room and Muhammad ibn Uthman said: “If you have further questions ask that you will not see him again.” Imam did not pay attention to my question and as the last thing he said:

“Accursed is, accursed is a person who delays the evening prayer until the stars appear in the sky. And accursed is, accursed is a person who delays the morning prayer until the stars vanish from the sky.”³

³ Al-Ghayba al-Tusi, p. 271; Bihar al-Anwar, v. 52

The Helper

One of the seminary students from Mazandaran narrated: “We set up to go to Gorgan after our curriculum vacations. After getting off the vehicle in Gorgan and taking my family and luggage to the sidewalk, we (my wife and child) were waiting on the sidewalk for another car to take us to the village. In the meantime, a car stopped in front of us and aimed a gun at us.

I was totally hopeless, so I screamed with sincerity and full attention: “Oh Imam Mahdi”. Then the car left without shooting. After some minutes, a patrolling police car reached there and stopped in front of us. One of the policemen in the car said: “Sir, please get in”. We all got in his car and moved on. Then, they told me:

“We were on our way, suddenly a Sayyed (title for men) stopped us and gave us the address of this place, mentioning that a seminary student along with his wife and child are waiting for a car, so we came. Now, wherever you want to go, we will take you there.” I also told them the whole story and we understood that Imam Mahdi (PBUH) had helped us...⁴

⁴ The devotees of Imam Mahdi (PBUH), volume 2, page 79

The Rescue Of Shahid Al-Thani By Imam Mahdi (PBUH)

Shahid al-Thani (Second Martyr-Zayn al-Din ibn Nur al-Din Ali ibn Ahmad al-Amili al-Jub'a) was traveling along with a caravan. On the way, they arrived in a place named Ramla. In order to go on a pilgrimage to the tombs of some prophets who were buried in the famous mosque of Jame Abyz, Shahid al-Thani decided to go there. But the door was locked and nobody was there.

Then, he put his hand on the lock and pulled it. The lock opened by the miracle of God. He entered and started praying (Namaz and Doa). Since all his attention was towards God, he did not notice that the caravan left without him. Then he realized that the caravan has gone and no one was there. He was thinking what he could do. Since his luggage was also on a camel which was gone with the caravan, he started walking to reach the caravan until he got tired and did not reach them and even could not see them from distance.

While being in this tough situation, he suddenly saw a man who was coming towards him, riding a horse. When the horseman reached him, said: "Come and sit behind me". In the blink of an eye, they reached the caravan. Then the horseman said: "Go to your friends". And Shahid al-Thani entered the caravan.

Shahid says: "I was searching for that horseman on my way but I did not see him at all. I had never seen him before, too."⁵

⁵ Najam al-Saqeb, chapter 8, Story 65; page 456

He Is Watching And He Is Attentive...

Everybody's name is their most emotional and personal sign. When our name is called, it brings so much joy and delight to us. Indeed what a joy it brings to whom who hears his name from Allah. Peace and salutation to Abraham, Peace and salutation to Noah, Peace and salutation to Ale Yasin (progeny of Muhammad)...

Imam Mahdi (PBUH) knows all people and especially his Shias well and is familiar with the name of each and every one of them. The record of our deeds is presented to his holy presence every week. Our thought never slips his mind.

One day Ayatollah Baha'a al-Dini told me: "This year in Mecca, in a meeting that Imam Mahdi (PBUH) was present, the names of some individuals were called who were under Imam's grace and Mr. Fakhr was one of them. I approached Mr. Fakhr and asked him: "What have you done to get the attention of Imam Mahdi (PBUH)?"

He cried and asked: "O Mr. Baha'a al-Dini, didn't he (Imam Mahdi) say how this word got to him?" I said: "no." Mr. Fakhr said: "I didn't do anything special, but my mother is Alavi and paralytic and disabled. I have taken responsibility of all her care, even her bath and ablution. I think that serving my mother has caused me to be under grace of Imam Mahdi (PBUH)."⁶

⁶ The book "Mir-e- mehr", p. 8

The Consequence Of Annoying Awaiting People

A Sunni from Samarra, named Mustafa Al-Hamud, was one of the servants of Haram, but he was always annoying the pilgrims and causing them distress and usurping their properties with any tricks. And most of the time he was in the holy cellar at the small platform, which is behind the place of Nasir Abbasi. He knew most of the recitations by heart. He was such a wicked person that used to disturb the attention of whoever entered that holy place and started reciting the Ziyarat and made them notice his nonsense.

One night he saw Imam Mahdi (PBUH) in a dream telling him: “how long do you want to annoy my pilgrims and not let them recite the Ziyarat? Why do you think you can intervene in this matter? Let them free to recite what they like.” He woke up while Allah (God) has made both his ears deaf. After that, he heard nothing and pilgrims became free from his mischief and he was like that until he died.⁷

⁷ The book of “Najm as-Saqib”, p. 473

As If Imam Mahdi (PBUH) Is Not Absent

Late Ayatollah Mojtahedi: “One day during the period of studying in Najaf, after saying prayers with Ayatollah Madani (as our Imam in the prayer), I saw him crying bitterly with his shoulders trembling. I went to him and asked, ‘What has happened that you’re crying like this?’”

He said: “I saw Imam Mahdi (PBUH) for a moment. He pointed to behind me and said: ‘Look Mr. Madani! My Shias immediately go away after prayer to take care of their own business and none of them stay to pray for my reappearance. It is as if their Imam of time is not absent!’” And I began crying about his complaint.”⁸

To precipitate his Reappearance, let’s think over our deeds ...

⁸ The book of “Mehrabantar az Madar” (Kinder than a mother)

Patients And People In Problems Should Recite It

Muhammad ibn Yusuf Al-Shashi: "I got hemorrhoids. I went to the doctor and spent a lot of money for the treatment. But the medicine did not have any effect. Then I wrote a letter for Imam Mahdi (PBUH) and asked him to pray for me."

I received a noble letter in which it was written that: "May God cover you with the dress of health and healing and may he place you as our companion in this world and in the other world."

After this prayer, I was cured in less than a week and my body wound was healed. A friend of mine who was a doctor, said: "From the medical point of view, your disease did not have any treatments and the healing that you received is only from God."⁹

⁹ Usul al-Kafi, volume 1, page 519, Al Irshad lil-Mufeed, page 352

The great and eloquent scientist, Hujjat al-Islam Kaffi, quoted: “One of my friends from Yazd wrote a letter to me. He is a good religious man, from the lovers of Imam Mahdi (PBUH). His letter impressed me for a few days, although the same message has already reached many Ulamas (scholars) like late Allamah Majlesi, Sheikh Morteza Ansari, Sheikh Abdol Karim Haeri and etc. He wrote: ‘I came from Yazd to Jamkaran Mosque for forty nights on Wednesdays to pray for a request (Hajat).

The 40th Wednesday night was just two weeks ago. I was tired at Jamkaran mosque and decided to sleep a bit at night and then to wake up by dawn and do my prayers. It was warm in the courtyard. I was sleeping. Out of a sudden, I saw a crowd of seminary students rushing in from the door of the mosque. I said: ‘What’s happened?’ They said: ‘His Holiness is coming.’

I moved forward quickly and happily. I saw Imam Mahdi (PBUH), but I couldn’t go forward any further. His Holiness said: ‘Go to the people and tell them to pray for hastening my Reappearance.’

I swear to God that your prayers are effective; your groans are effective. Imam Mahdi (PBUH) himself has said to the late Allamah Majlesi: ‘Majlesi; tell the Shias to pray for me.’

He sends the message, constantly. Swear to God that his heart is full of pain.”¹⁰

¹⁰ The book of “Visiting the Imam of the Time in Jamkaran Mosque”, p. 158

One of the scholars longed to visit Imam Mahdi (PBUH). He mortified and tried to do so for a long time but got no result. Then he resorted to the occult science and numerical symbolism, but he got no result.

One day, in a spiritual state, he was told: "Visiting Imam Mahdi (PBUH) is not possible for you unless you go to some other city." So he went there and started self-discipline and ascetic practices. It was the last days that he was told: "Imam Mahdi (PBUH) is in the blacksmiths' Bazar now, at an old locksmith's shop." He went there immediately. When he reached, he saw Imam Mahdi (PBUH) sitting there and talking amiably with the old locksmith and saying kind words. He greeted, Imam Mahdi (PBUH) greeted back and beckoned him to be silent.

He saw a bent, old woman with a cane came in and gave him a lock and said: "If possible, buy this lock from me for three shahis (a currency unit) for Allah's sake, because I need three shahis." The old man checked the lock and found it intact and said: "This lock is worth eight shahis... I will make its key and it will worth ten shahis." The old woman said: "No, I don't need that."

The old man simply said: "You are a Muslim and so am I. Why should I buy a Muslim's belonging cheaper and spoil your right? This lock is worth eight shahis now, if I want to benefit from it, I will buy it for seven shahis, because benefit more than one shahi is unjust. I repeat again: Its real price is eight shahis and since I'm a tradesman and I need to benefit from it, I will buy it one shahi cheaper!" The old woman couldn't believe it. The old locksmith gave her seven shahis and bought the lock.

As the old woman left, Imam told me: "Did you see this?! Do likewise so we will come to you. There is no need for seclusion, no use in numerical symbolism. Have good deeds and be Muslim so I can cooperate with you! Of all people of this city, I have chosen this old man. Because he is pious and knows Allah, and this was the test he took. From the beginning of bazar... everybody seek to buy it cheap and no one bought it even for three shahis and this old man bought it for seven shahis. No week passes without me coming here and visiting him."¹¹

¹¹ Mulaqat ba Imam-e Asr (Visiting Imam Mahdi (PBUH)), p. 268