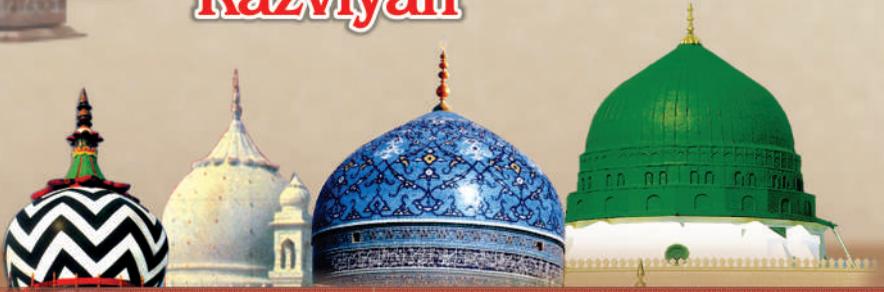


# The Chain of Light

## Tazkira Masha'ikh-e-Qadiriyyah Razviyah



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**His Position in The Silsila:** Sayyidush Shuhada, Sibte-Rasool, Hazrat Sayyiduna Imam Hussain عليه السلام is the third Shaykh of the Silsila Aaliyah Qaadiriyyah Barakaatiyyah Razviyyah Nooriyyah.

**Glorious Birth:** Hazrat Sayyiduna Imam Hussain عليه السلام is the beloved son of Sayyiduna Ali and Bibi Faatima (*ridwaanullahi ta aala alaihim ajmaeen*) and the most beloved grandson of Aqaa-e-Do Aalam Noor-e-Mujassam Hazrat Ahmad-e-Mujtaba Muhammad Mustafa عليه السلام. Hazrat Imam Hussain عليه السلام was born on the 5<sup>th</sup> of Shabaanul Muazzam in the year 4 Hijri. After his birth, his milk mother was Ummul Fadhl bint Haaritha, the wife of Hazrat Ab'bas bin Abdul Mutallib (*radi Allahu anhum*). The Holy Prophet عليه السلام gave the Azaan in his right ear and the takbeer (Iqaamat) in his left ear. The beloved Rasool عليه السلام then placed his blessed saliva into the mouth of Hazrat Imam Hussain عليه السلام and made Dua for him. On the seventh day, he was named Hussain and his Aqeeqa was made. The Prophet عليه السلام commanded Bibi Faatima عليها السلام to remove his hair and to give silver in charity equivalent to the weight of the hair as it had been done for Imam Hassan عليه السلام. Hazrat Imam Hussain عليه السلام was blessed with numerous titles, such as, Abu Abdullah, Sayyidush Shuhada, Sibte-Rasool Sibte-Asfar, Rasheed, Zakee, Mubaarak and Raihaanatur Rasool.

**His Features :** Hazrat Imam Hussain عليه السلام was without doubt a very handsome personality. From his chest up to his blessed feet, he was the picture of the Prophet عليه السلام, whereas his elder brother Hazrat Imam Hassan عليه السلام was the image of the Prophet عليه السلام from his head up to his chest. His was so handsome and radiant, that anyone who saw him was lost in his beauty. His blessed face was so bright, that it would even shine in the darkness of night.

**His Education :** Hazrat Imam Hussain عليه السلام was groomed in the blessed court of the Beloved Rasool ﷺ. He was taught by the Beloved Rasool ﷺ, Bibi Faatima Zahra and Sher-e-Khuda Hazrat Ali (radi Allahu anhum). The Beloved Rasool ﷺ loved Hazrat Imam Hussain عليه السلام dearly, due to his piety and pure heart. The Prophet ﷺ was also aware, that the time would come, when his beloved grandson would save the Ummah from destruction at the hands of a corrupt and tyrant leader. He knew that Imam Hussain عليه السلام will uphold the flag of Islam and that he will steer the great ship of Islam clear from the storm of fitna.

**His Blessed Character :** Hazrat Imam Hussain عليه السلام was a very kind, gentle, generous, merciful, and Allah fearing personality. He always cared for the poor and oppressed, he assisted the helpless, he gave comfort to those in pain and in sorrow and he showed great love and affection towards orphans. He was the embodiment of the character of his grandfather Sayyiduna Rasoolullah ﷺ and of his parents Sayyiduna Ali and Bibi Faatima (radi Allahu anhum). Whenever a beggar came to his home, he always cared for him and spoke to him with kind words. There were times, when there was only enough food in his home to feed one person, but if a beggar came to his home, he would feed this to the beggar and would remain hungry himself. Subhaan'Allah! This was the shaan of the beloved grandson of Rasoolullah ﷺ. He could not bear to see another Muslim go hungry, but he was prepared to sleep without a meal. Once, Hazrat Imam Hussain عليه السلام had joined some of his visitors to partake in a meal with them. One of his servants brought out a bowl of soup. As he walked into the room, he tripped and dropped the bowl. The bowl fell to the ground and broke and the soup spilled onto the blessed face of Hazrat Imam Hussain عليه السلام. The servant was very afraid that he had insulted the grandson of the Prophet ﷺ by dropping the bowl. Hazrat Imam Hussain looked towards him and he trembled in fear and asked Imam Hussain عليه السلام

not to be angry. Imam Hussain عليه السلام replied by saying, “I have consumed my anger.” The servant then spoke about forgiveness and Imam Hussain عليه السلام said, “I have forgiven you.” The servant then said, “Allah loves those who are kind” and Hazrat Imam Hussain عليه السلام said, “I have freed you for the pleasure of Allah.” Subhaan’Allah!

**His Excellence :** Once, Hazrat Imam Hassan and Imam Hussain (radi Allahu anhum) wrote some words in calligraphy on a blackboard. After they had completed writing, they both told each other that their writing was better. They could not come to an agreement about whose writing was better, so they took their work to Hazrat Ali عليه السلام and asked him to make the decision. Hazrat Ali عليه السلام looked at their work, and asked them to take their work to their mother Bibi Faatima عليها السلام. She looked at their work and said that the best person to make such a decision was their beloved grandfather Sayyiduna Rasoolullah ﷺ. Both brothers then went to the court of the Beloved Rasool ﷺ.

The Beloved Rasool ﷺ looked at their work and said, “This decision will be made by Hazrat Jibra’eel عليه السلام.” Immediately, Sayyiduna Jibra’eel عليه السلام appeared and said, “O Prophet of Allah! This decision shall be made by Almighty Allah.” Thus, Almighty Allah commanded Jibra’eel عليه السلام to take an apple from Jannat and to drop it over their boards. The best piece of work will be that on which the apple will fall. Hazrat Jibra’eel عليه السلام then did as commanded, dropping the apple over the writing boards. Subhaan’ Allah!

The apple fell and split into two equal pieces, half on the board of Imam Hassan and half on the board of Imam Hussain (radi Allahu anhum). This showed that both of their calligraphic writing was equal. Subhaan Allah! Such excellence has been bestowed upon the grandchildren of the Beloved Rasool ﷺ that the decision concerning their writing is even

made in the Divine Court of Almighty Allah. What more can be said about the excellence of Hazrat Imam Hassan and Imam Hussain (radi Allahu anhum)?

**Angels for Protection:** On one instance, Hazrat Imam Hassan and Imam Hussain (radi Allahu anhum) had gone outside for a long time. Bibi Faatima Zahra عليها السلام became very worried. She was still thinking about where the children might have gone, when the Beloved Rasool ﷺ arrived at her home. Bibi Faatima Zahra عليها السلام immediately said, “Ya Rasool’Allah ﷺ Imam Hassan and Imam Hussain cannot be found. They have gone out and we do not know their whereabouts.” Just then, Hazrat Jibra’eel Ameen عليه السلام descended and said, “Ya Rasool’Allah ﷺ there is nothing to worry about. Both the children are at a certain place and Almighty Allah has appointed Angels to protect them.” On hearing this, the beloved Rasool ﷺ went to the spot that Jibra’eel عليه السلام had pointed out. The Beloved Rasool ﷺ saw that Hazrat Imam Hassan and Imam Hussain (radi Allahu anhum) were resting, and an Angel had one of his wings under them and was shading them with his other wing. The Prophet ﷺ kissed both of them and carried them home to Bibi Faatima عليها السلام.

**His Generosity:** Once a Bedouin presented himself in the Darbaar of Imam Hussain عليه السلام and said, “I heard your beloved grandfather ﷺ say that when you are in need of anything, then you should request this from one of four persons, either from a pious Arab; or from a pious master; or from a Haafizul Qur’an; or from a very graceful person, and (O Imam) all these four qualities are found in you in the highest form. The reason for this, is that if the entire Arabia received piety, it is through your blessed family, and generosity is your beautiful quality and as for the Qur’an, then this was revealed in your home and concerning your gracefulness, then, I heard your beloved grand father ﷺ say, ‘If you wish to see me, then look at Hassan and Hussain.’”

Hazrat Imam Hussain عليه السلام listened to his words and then said, *“I heard my beloved grandfather Rasoolullah صلى الله عليه وسلم saying, ‘Piety is according to ones knowledge’ I will thus ask you religious questions which I have with me in this case. If you answer one question I shall give you one third of what is in this bag, if you answer two, then I shall give you half of what is in this bag and if you answer all the questions, then I shall give you all of what is in the bag.”* The Bedouin was very pleased and requested Imam Hussain to present the questions. He asked, *“Which action is the most exalted amongst all actions?”* The Bedouin answered, *“To bring faith in Allah”* Hazrat Imam Hussain then asked, *“What protects a servant from destruction?”* He answered, *“In having complete trust (faith) in Allah.”* Hazrat Imam Hussain عليه السلام then asked, *“What is that through which a servant attains his splendour?”* He answered, *“By Knowledge which is accompanied with good deeds.”* He asked, *“And if one does not have this quality”* He answered, *“He should have that wealth in which there is generosity.”* Hazrat Imam Hussain عليه السلام said, *“And what if he does not have such wealth?”* He said, *He should be patient in his poverty.* The Imam said, *“And what if someone is not in such poverty (where he is patient)?”* He said, *“Then, he should be struck by a bolt of lightning”* On hearing these answers, Hazrat Imam Hussain عليه السلام smiled and gave him the entire bag.

**Another Incident Relating To His Generosity:** Once Hazrat Imam Hassan, Imam Hussain and Hazrat Abdullah ibn Ja’far (radi Allahu anhum) had gone together on Hajj. On their way, the camel which was carrying their food, water and belongings went astray and was left far behind. They came to a shack belonging to a very old woman. All three of them went over to the shack and told the woman that they were very thirsty and asked if she could spare them something to drink. The old woman kindly milked her goats and presented the goats milk for them to drink. They then kindly asked if she had anything for them to eat. The old woman said that the food was not prepared but if they wished to wait, she would slaughter the goat and cook it for them. They thus agreed to wait. The

goat was slaughtered and the old woman cooked a delicious meal. All of them happily partook in the meal that the old woman had prepared. After partaking in the meal, the three of them now continued on their journey. On leaving, they informed the old woman that they were of the Quraish tribe and they invited her to visit them in Madinah, so that they may return her generous favour. Her husband came home later that day and found that she had cooked the goat. He was very angry that she had fed the goat to people she did not even know. Some time passed, and both the old woman and her husband became very poor. They travelled to Madinah Munaw'wara, where they earned very little money gathering and selling camel droppings. Once whilst she was walking in Madinah Shareef, Hazrat Imam Hassan عليه السلام spotted her. He immediately went up to her and asked if she recognised him. The old woman said that she could not recognise him. Imam Hassan عليه السلام explained to her that he was amongst those who stopped at her shack and partook in a meal which she provided for them. On hearing this, she was very pleased, and informed Imam Hassan عليه السلام of her situation. Hazrat Imam Hassan عليه السلام took her to his home and gave her one thousand goats and one thousand dinars in cash. He then asked his servant to take her to the home of Imam Hussain عليه السلام. Hazrat Imam Hussain asked her what his brother had given her, and he too blessed her with one thousand goats and one thousand dinars. Hazrat Imam Hussain عليه السلام then asked his servant to take her to the home of Hazrat Abdullah ibn Ja'far عليه السلام. He was very pleased to see her and asked what both Imam Hassan and Hussain (*radi Allahu anhum*) had given her. She replied that all together, they had given her two thousand goats and two thousand dinars. On hearing this, Hazrat Abdullah ibn Ja'far عليه السلام gave her two thousand goats and two thousand dinaars. The old woman was now very pleased, and took the four thousand goats and four thousand dinaars and went to her husband. She presented these to him and said, “ *This is a gift from that generous family to whom I had fed one goat.*”

**His Tolerance & Patience :** None can ever doubt the patience and the tolerance of Imam Hussain عليه السلام. The fact that his martyrdom had been foretold by the beloved Rasool صلى الله عليه وسلم and that even though he was aware of this, he still made sabr and waited for the Will of Allah to take its course. Hazrat Imam Hussain عليه السلام was also blessed with bravery from his family. Being the son of Asadullah (The Lion of Allah) Hazrat Ali عليه السلام, his bravery was obvious. He showed his bravery and fearlessness on many occasions particularly during the Battle of Karbala.

**Rasoolullah's صلى الله عليه وسلم Love for Him:** The Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم loved Hazrat Imam Hussain عليه السلام dearly. Hazrat Umar-e-Farouk رضي الله عنه said, “*Once, when I presented myself in the court of Rasoolullah صلى الله عليه وسلم I saw that the Beloved Rasool صلى الله عليه وسلم was walking on his knees carrying Imam Hussain عليه السلام on his blessed back. When I saw this, I said, your mode of transport is most splendid. On hearing this, the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم replied: ‘O Umar! The passenger is also very splendid.’*” [Kashful Mahjoob]

Ya'la bin Marwah رضي الله عنه reports that the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم said, “*Hussain is from me and I am from Hussain. Whosoever has kept Hussain as his beloved, Allah is his beloved. Hussain is a grandchild from amongst grandchildren.*” [Mishkaat Shareef]

Hazrat Bar'ra رضي الله عنه says, “*I saw that the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم used to carry Imam Hussain عليه السلام on his shoulders and say, ‘O Allah! I love him. You Love him too.’*” [Mishkaat Shareef]

Hazrat Jaabir Ibn Abdullah رضي الله عنه states, “*I heard from the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم, ‘Whomsoever wishes to see the leader of Paradise, he should look at Hussain ibn Ali عليه السلام.’*”

**Ahadith Relating To Him :** It is in Dalaa'il e Nabuiwat, that Ummul Fadhl bin Haaritha رضي الله عنه the wife of Hazrat Ab'bas ibn Abdul Mutallib رضي الله عنه once went to the Prophet ﷺ and said, “ Ya Rasool'Allah! ﷺ tonight, I saw a worrying dream.” The Prophet ﷺ asked, “ What was it?” She said, “ It was a very worrying dream.” He ﷺ again asked, “ What was it?” She then said, “ I saw that a portion of your flesh was cut off from your Blessed Body and placed in my lap.” The Prophet ﷺ said, “ This is a good dream that you have seen. Insha Allah, a son will be born to Bibi Faatima رضي الله عنها and he will be given in your care.” Ummul Fadhl رضي الله عنها says, “ Hussain رضي الله عنه was born to Bibi Faatima رضي الله عنها and was given in my care.”

She says, “ Once I took him to Rasoolullah ﷺ and gave him in the hands of the Prophet ﷺ. I turned away for a while and when I looked again; I noticed tears flowing from the blessed eyes of Rasoolullah ﷺ. I then said, Ya Rasool'Allah ﷺ! May my parents be sacrificed at your feet. What has happened? The Prophet ﷺ said, ‘Hazrat Jibra'eel عليه السلام came to me and informed me that my Ummat will kill this child of mine.’ I said, this child, and he said ‘yes, he also brought the red sand to me from the place where he (Hussain) will be martyred.’”

Abu Nu'aim رضي الله عنه narrated from Asbah. He says, “ I was on a journey with Hazrat Ali رضي الله عنه and we passed by Karbala. When we reached the plains of Karbala, Hazrat Ali رضي الله عنه said, ‘This is where their camels will sit, this is where they will keep their belongings, this is where they will be martyred. They will be of the Family of the Prophet ﷺ and they will be martyred on these plains. The skies and the earths will weep on their martyrdom.’”

**Reason for the Shahaadat:** On the demise of Hazrat Ameer Mu'awiyah رضي الله عنه his son Yazeed assumed Khilaafat in the year 60 Hijri. Hazrat Ameer Mu'awiyah رضي الله عنه is no doubt a Sahabi of the Holy Prophet ﷺ and a very beloved companion of Rasoolullah ﷺ. He is also amongst those who were

commanded to record the verses of the Holy Quran in written form. In other words he was “*Kaatib-e-Wahi-e-Nabuiwat*” He had deep love for Rasoolullah ﷺ. Today, there are those who call themselves Shias or shi’ites. They are a corrupt sect. They slander Sayyiduna Ameer Mu’awiyah ؓ and they even call great Sahaba like Hazrat Abu Bakr and Hazrat Umar disbelievers (Ma’az’ Allah). Their aim is to destroy the Imaan of the Sunni Muslims. They use the month of Muharram and the names of Hazrat Imam Hassan and Imam Hussain (radi Allahu anhum) and the name of Bibi Faatima ؓ to trap the unsuspecting Sunni Muslims. Do not let such people play with your emotions. They are not the Aashiqs of the Ahle Bait. They are the enemy of the Ahle Bait. Stay away from them and keep your wives and children away from them. How can we follow those who called great Sahaba like Hazrat Abu Bakr and Hazrat Umar ؓ kaafirs (Ma’az Allah)! Yazeed sent letters to all the Muslims States requesting them to accept him as the leader of the Muslims (The Khalifa). He also sent a letter to the governor of Madinah, Waleed ibn Uqba, informing him that he should command Imam Hussain ؓ to accept him as the Khalifa and take the oath of allegiance at his hands. This, Imam Hussain ؓ rejected. Imam Hussain ؓ rejected the Bai’at of Yazeed because Yazeed was a faasiq, an alcoholic, and a tyrant.

**Imam Hussain Goes to Makkah:** It is for this reason that Imam Hussain ؓ left Madinah and travelled to Makkah on the 4<sup>th</sup> of Sha’baan and began to live in Makkah. When the people of Kufa heard this, they began to send scores of letters to Imam Hussain ؓ. In their letters, they told him that they were not prepared to accept Yazeed as the Khalifa and they were prepared to sacrifice everything and take the oath of allegiance at the hands of Imam Hussain ؓ. Many companions of the beloved Rasool ﷺ advised Hazrat Imam Hussain ؓ against this, as the disloyalty of the people of Kufa was very well known. The very same people of Kufa were

the ones who claimed to be the followers of Hazrat Ali عليه السلام yet they were the very people who turned against him. Hazrat Imam Hussain عليه السلام listened carefully to their advice, but he still decided that it was important to go to Kufa. He felt that if he did not heed their call, then he would have not fulfilled his responsibility towards the Ummah. The companions then advised him that he should first send a representative to Kufa. The representative should assess the situation in Kufa. If he found that the people of Kufa were sincere and the conditions were favourable, then the great Imam would decide whether to go to Kufa or not. Hazrat Imam Hussain عليه السلام accepted this advice from his companions and it was agreed that his cousin, Hazrat Muslim bin Aqeel عليه السلام would go as the representative to Kufa.

**Hazrat Muslim عليه السلام In Kufa :** Hazrat Imam Muslim bin Aqeel عليه السلام thus went to kufa as the representative of Imam Hussain عليه السلام. He was accompanied by his two young sons on this journey. When he arrived in Kufa, he stayed at the home of Mukhtar bin Ubaid. When the people of Kufa heard of his arrival, they came in huge groups and took Bai'at on his hands as the representative of Imam Hussain عليه السلام. Some narrations have said that approximately twelve thousand people took the oath of allegiance at the hands of Hazrat Muslim bin Aqeel عليه السلام. When Sayyiduna Muslim bin Aqeel عليه السلام saw the sincerity of the people, he immediately wrote to Imam Hussain عليه السلام informing him of this, and requesting him to come to Kufa.

**Yazeed's Plan:** Yazeed heard of the situation in Kufa and how the people of Kufa had taken Bai'at (oath of allegiance) at the hands of Hazrat Muslim bin Aqeel عليه السلام and were waiting with great anticipation for the arrival of Hazrat Imam Hussain عليه السلام. Yazeed immediately convened a sitting of his advisors and asked their opinion. The corrupt advisors advised him as he wished they would. They said that Nu'man bin Basheer who was the

governor of Kufa was sympathetic to the Ahle Bait and should thus be removed. They also advised that a very hard person should replace him, if not the entire region of Iraq would be in the control of Imam Hussain عليه السلام and this would be detrimental to Yazeed's empire. After their discussion, they agreed that the person best suited for the position as governor of Kufa, was Ibn Ziyaad. A letter was immediately sent to Ibn Ziyaad, who at that time was the governor of Basra. He was asked to immediately take over control of Kufa by relieving Nu'man bin Basheer of his duties.

He was also commanded to kill Imam Muslim and all those who supported him. He was further commanded that when Imam Hussain عليه السلام arrived in Kufa, he should be asked to accept Yazeed as the Khalifa. If he refused, then he too should be killed like the others (Allah forbid). On receiving his orders, Ibn Ziyaad appointed his brother as his deputy in Basra and left for Kufa. He came to Qaadsia, where he left his army and took a few people with him. He dressed himself in the garb of the people of Hijaz and covered his face. He entered Kufa between Maghrib and Esha. The people of Kufa, on seeing a person dressed in a Hijazi garb arriving thought that it was Imam Hussain عليه السلام. They welcomed him into Kufa and were very pleased on his arrival.

That morning, Ibn Ziyaad relieved Nu'man bin Basheer of his duties and personally took control of the Government building of Kufa. Ibn Ziyaad delivered his speech early the next morning to the people of Kufa and warned them against joining with Imam Hussain عليه السلام. He captured the leaders of Kufa and held them hostage. Hazrat Muslim bin Aqeel عليه السلام called on the people of Kufa for assistance and narrations say that approximately forty thousand people accompanied him to the government building. By now Ibn Ziyaad had placed the leaders of Kufa on the roof top of the building and threatened to kill them if they did not

leave Imam Muslim bin Aqeel عليه السلام. Within a short while, not one from the forty thousand was with Imam Muslim bin Aqeel عليه السلام. The people of Kufa had again shown their disloyalty to the Ahle Bait of Rasoolullah ﷺ.

Hazrat Imam Muslim عليه السلام was later taken by the soldiers of Ibn Ziyaad and made shaheed. In'na lil'laahi wa in'na ilaihi Raaji'oon. Later, even the children of Imam Muslim bin Aqeel عليه السلام were made shaheed. These were two young children who accompanied their father, thinking that they were journeying to a place that was filled with true followers of the Ahle Bait.

**Imam Hussain Departs For Kufa:** On receiving the letter of Imam Muslim bin Aqeel عليه السلام, Hazrat Imam Hussain عليه السلام departed from Makkah for Kufa. When this group of the Ahle Bait departed from Makkah on their way towards Kufa, every person and every child stood watching them with sadness as they left. Their eyes filled with tears and their hearts heavy with sadness.

On his way, he received news of the martyrdom of Imam Muslim bin Aqeel عليه السلام and his children. He was also informed of the betrayal of the people of Kufa. Hazrat Imam Hussain عليه السلام was very sad when he heard this news and read In'na lil'laahi wa in'na ilaihi Raaji'oon. He then comforted the family members and gave them hope. When the Ahle Bait reached a place called Thaa'lba, Hazrat Imam Hussain rested for a while. He awoke with tears in eyes.

His beloved sister, Sayyidah Zainab عليها السلام asked the reason for this, and he said, *"I dreamt of our grandfather, Rasoolullah ﷺ. The Prophet ﷺ was crying and he said; 'O Hussain! You are soon to come and meet with me' On hearing this, Hazrat Ali Akbar عليه السلام the son of Imam Hussain عليه السلام said, " O my Dear*

*Father! Are we not on Haq (Truth)?” Imam Hussain عليه السلام said, “ Verily we are on Haq and Haq is with us.” Then Hazrat Ali Akbar عليه السلام said, “ Why then should we fear death, O my father? We all must pass from this world one day. I am seeing the gardens of Shahaadat and a mansion better than that of the world and bounties even greater than that of this world are before us.”*

**Sabr (Patience) Of The Ahle Bait:** Hazrat Imam Hussain عليه السلام and the members of the Ahle Bait reached the plains of Karbala on the second of Muharram, 61 Hijri, and pitched their tents beside the River Euphrates. Hazrat Imam Hussain عليه السلام then delivered a lecture to the Ahle Bait, He said, “ *Be patient on my hardships. When I am martyred, you must not hit and pull on your faces and neither should you tear your clothes. O my sister Zainab! You are the daughter of Faatima Zahra عليها السلام. Like she made sabr when the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم left this world, you too must be patient on my demise.”*

**River Euphrates Sealed Off:** Imam Hussain عليه السلام and the rest of his Ahle Bait and companions remained in their tents. On the seventh of Muharram, the army of ibn Sa’ad, who was appointed the commander of the army, against Imam Hussain عليه السلام sealed of the river Euphrates to the Ahle Bait. This army consisted of many of those who earlier claimed to be Followers of Hazrat Ali عليه السلام and followers of Hazrat Imam Hussain عليه السلام. Ibn Sa’ad then asked Imam Hussain عليه السلام to remove his tents from beside the river Euphrates. Hazrat Ab’bas عليه السلام rejected this command of Ibn Sa’ad, but Hazrat Imam Hussain explained that the Ahle Bait should be patient. Imam Hussain عليه السلام then had the Ahle Bait remove their tents and pitch them at another spot.

**Deedar-E-Nabi صلى الله عليه وسلم:** On the eve of the tenth of Muharram, Imam Hussain عليه السلام made Ibaadat for the entire night. In the third portion of the night, he became drowned in the remembrance of Allah. In this condition, he saw

the beloved Rasool ﷺ with an army of Angels. The Prophet ﷺ took him in his arms like a child and said, “ O the comfort of my heart! O the light of my eyes! O my Hussain! I know very well that the enemy have confronted you and they wish to martyr you. My Dear Son! You must let this time pass by being patient and making Shukr. All those responsible for your martyrdom shall be deprived of my intercession on the day of Qiyaamat, and you are to receive the very great status of martyrdom. In a very little while, you will be freed of this difficult time. My Dear Son! Paradise has been adorned for you. Your parents are awaiting your arrival at the doors of Jannah.” On saying this, the Prophet ﷺ placed his blessed hand on the chest and head of Imam Hussain عليه السلام and made the following Dua: ‘O Allah! Bless my Hussain with patience and its reward’”

**Imam Hussain Reasons With The Enemy:** When Imam Hussain عليه السلام realised that the Yazeedis were now intent on doing battle, he tied the Turban of the Prophet ﷺ and took in his hand Zulfikaar, the sword of Sayyiduna Ali عليه السلام. He rode towards their camp and said, “ O People of Iraq! You know very well that I am the grandson of the Prophet ﷺ, the son of Bibi Faatima عليها السلام, the beloved of Sayyiduna Ali عليه السلام and the brother of Hazrat Imam Hassan عليه السلام. Do you recognise my Turban, Armour, sword and camel? Do you recognise who they belong to? Up to this day, the Christians show respect to the belongings of Esa عليه السلام, and the Jews show respect to the footprint of Moosa عليه السلام. All the followers of the past religions have shown respect to the relics that have been attributed to their Prophets (peace be upon them all). I am the grandson of your Nabi ﷺ. I am the son of Ali Sher-e-Khuda. If you do not want to be of assistance to me, then do not be the cause of my martyrdom. For what reason have you sealed of the river to my family? Have I murdered anyone from amongst you? Have I usurped the property belonging to any one of you, for which you are taking revenge? It is you that invited me to come here, and yet this is the way you behave with me. O People of Kufa! You are very well aware of my genealogy, to which there is no equal on earth today. You are the ones that sent letters to me, asking me to come to Kufa. Now, why have you become thirsty for my blood. There, look at the letters which

you have sent to me.” Hazrat Imam Hussain عليه السلام then showed the letters to the people of Kufa. They rejected that the letters were sent by them. When Imam Hussain عليه السلام saw their betrayal, he said, “ *Alhumdulillah! I have fulfilled my responsibility of reasoning. Now there is no need to reason with you again.*”

**The 10<sup>th</sup> Of Muharram :** The enemy then attacked the camp of the Ahle Bait, and thus began the battle of Karbala. One after the other, the members of the Ahle Bait and the companions of Sayyiduna Imam Hussain عليه السلام entered the Battle field. Each one made Jihad against the enemy until he was made shaheed. Hazrat Imam Hussain عليه السلام then prepared for battle. He was now ready to enter the battle field. Just then, he saw standing before him, Hazrat Imam Zainul Abideen. He was the son of Imam Hussain عليه السلام and could not go into battle because he was very ill. He said, “ *O my beloved father! How can you go into battle whereas I am still alive. Permit me to go into the battle field like the other members of the Ahle bait. I too want to attain the status of Shahaadat.*” Hazrat Imam Hussain عليه السلام said, “ *O My beloved son! Go into the tent of the Ahle Bait. Do not insist on going into battle. Because of you, the Ahle Bait of Rasoolullah عليه السلام will remain until the last day.*” On hearing these words of Imam Hussain عليه السلام, Imam Zainul Abideen عليه السلام remained silent.

**Shahaadat Of Imam Hussain:** Hazrat Imam Hussain عليه السلام entered the battle field and one after the other, he sent the enemy towards the blazing fire of Hell. Seeing that they could not defeat him individually, the enemy attacked the great Imam in huge groups, firing arrows and launching spears at him. Imam Hussain عليه السلام fought with great bravery, sending scores of Yazeedis towards Hell. The offensive by the enemy was very powerful and soon, the blessed body of Imam Hussain عليه السلام was pierced severely by arrows, spears and swords. One of the Yazeedis fired an arrow

at the forehead of Imam Hussain عليه السلام, which caused him to fall of his horse. It was a Friday and the time of Jummah Salaah. Hazrat Imam Hussain عليه السلام bowed his head in the Darbaar of Allah and Shimr the cursed, removed the blessed head of Imam Hussain عليه السلام. *In'na lil'laahi wa in'na ilaihi Raaji'oon*. The beloved grandson of the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم had been martyred.

Those who claimed to be Muslims were responsible for the martyrdom of the grandson of their Nabi صلى الله عليه وسلم. Imam Hussain عليه السلام had sacrificed his life for the sake of Islam. Imam Hussain عليه السلام was martyred on a Friday, the 10<sup>th</sup> of Muharram 61 Hijri. Even in such a difficult time, Imam Hussain عليه السلام did not leave his Salaah. He was made shaheed whilst in Sajdah.

Dear Brothers and Sisters! We should learn from the Shahaadat of Imam Hussain عليه السلام. Firstly we should learn never to accept a corrupt and unjust person as our leader and secondly we should learn how important it is to perform our Salaah.

**After Karbala :** After the battle of Karbala, Imam Zainul Abideen and the female members of the Ahle Bait were taken to Kufa. They were then sent back to Madinah Shareef on the authority of Yazeed. After the Battle of Karbala many amazing incidents occurred which the learned Ulama have quoted in many of their books. Some of them are being quoted for your perusal:

1. Hazrat Ibn Ab'bas عليه السلام reports, *“One night, I dreamt of the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم. I saw that the blessed hair of the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم was uncombed and covered with dust. It was around noon. In his hand, the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم had a bottle which was filled with blood. I asked, ‘Ya Rasool’Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم! What is this?’ He replied, ‘This is the blood of Hussain and his companions, and I have been gathering this since morning.’”* Hazrat Ibn Ab'bas عليه السلام says, *“I remembered the day that I had this dream. When the news of Imam Hussain’s Shahaadat arrived, I realised it was the same day on*

which I had the dream.” [Baihaqi - Haakim]

2. It rained blood after the Shahaadat of Imam Hussain عليه السلام (Baihaqi)

3. Abu Nu’aim narrates from Habib ibn Thaabit عليه السلام . He said, AI heard the Jinns reciting the following stanzas on the Shahaadat of Imam Hussain عليه السلام

*“ His forehead was kissed by the Nabi عليه السلام  
And his blessed face glittered so beautifully  
His parents were the soul of the Quraishi Nation  
And his Grandfather عليه السلام is greater than all the creation.”*

**The Monk :** The Yazeedis carried the head of Imam Hussain عليه السلام with them, when they left the Battle of Karbala. On their way, they passed a church. The Monk at the church paid the Yazeedis ten thousand dirhams to keep the head for one night. He washed the blessed head and kept it on his lap. He made Ziyaarat of Imam Hussain’s عليه السلام blessed head the entire night and saw the rays of mercy descending upon it. He cried out! “ O grandson of the Prophet عليه السلام! You are not dead. You are alive. I request that you bear witness to what I am saying, and that is, I bear witness that there is none worthy of worship but Allah, and I bear witness that Muhammad عليه السلام is His servant and Messenger.”

When morning came, the Yazeedis reclaimed the blessed head of Imam Hussain عليه السلام from the monk. They also claimed the ten thousand coins. When they opened the box of money, they found that the coins had turned to pieces of clay. On either side of the clay coins were verses of the Holy Quran which reminded the Yazeedis of their tyranny. All those that were responsible for the Shahaadat of Imam Hussain عليه السلام died very bad deaths. Both Shimr and Ibn Sa’ad were killed.

Yazeed died a very bad death. It is said that he constantly remained drunk and dogs roamed around him. He was killed by a girl whom he tried to

harm.

**Gems of Wisdom:** Imam Hussain عليه السلام said the following gems of wisdom:

- 1. When people in need come to you, then think that this is the grace of Allah; and fulfil their needs.*
- 2. One who shows kindness will be a leader and one who is miserly will be disgraced.*
- 3. Think of splendour and piety as bounties and strive to achieve this very quickly.*

**Mazaar Shareef:** There are numerous narrations concerning this, but the most authentic narration is that the blessed body of Imam Hussain عليه السلام is buried in Karbala and the blessed head of Imam Hussain عليه السلام is buried in Jannat ul Baqi, close to Imam Hassan عليه السلام and Bibi Faatima عليها السلام. May Almighty Allah bless us with true love for the Ahle Bait and we pray that Almighty Allah allows us to be risen amongst martyrs on the day of Judgement. Aameen