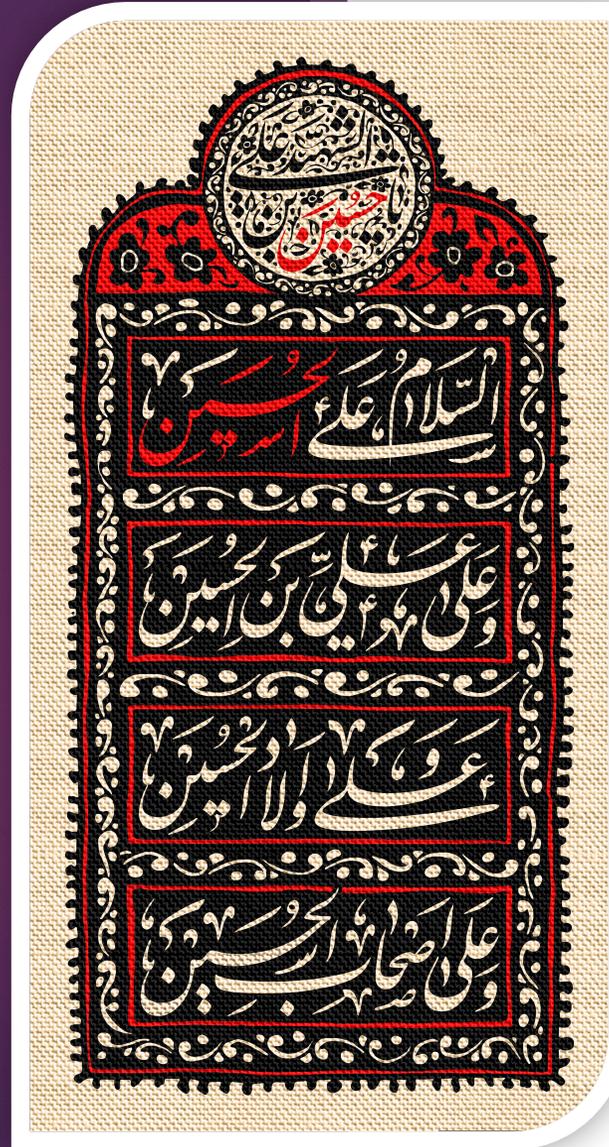


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LESSON 2





Salam of the Imam

IMAM HUSAYN: HIS LINEAGE AND POSITION

Imam Husayn (as) was the third **mas'Ūm** Imam.

He is also **father** of all the remaining Imams (as they all came from his lineage), the last of which is our **present Imam**.

Imam Husayn (as) had a very special **position** in the eyes of the Prophet (saw) and the Prophet loved him very much. The Prophet (saw) used to say:

“O God, I love both of them (Hasan and Husayn (as)). Therefore love them and love whoever loves them.”

Then he said:

“Whoever loves Hasan and Husayn, is the one whom I love. Whomever I love, God loves, and whomever God loves, He will cause to enter Heaven. Whoever hates them, I hate and God hates. Whomever God hates, He will cause to enter the Fire.”

IMAM HUSAIN: HIS CHARACTERISTICS

HIS BRAVERY:

Imam Husayn's (as) bravery needs no introduction. One who vaguely knows the events of **Karbala** would immediately witness to his bravery and valour in all situations. With his small but **sincere** army, he faced an army of thousands. However, he did not back down and did not step back from his sacrifice. He was afraid of no one but Allah and he never stepped away from a battle for the sake of Allah and for the sake of justice.

IMAM HUSAIN: HIS CHARACTERISTICS

HIS SACRIFICING SELF

As noted above, Imam Husayn (as) was willing to step forward and sacrifice everything for the sake of Islam. All of his actions on the day and before the day of Ashura present the way in which his only aim was the pleasure of Allah (SWT).

We see the peak of this on the day of Ashura, when Imam Husayn (as) is holding his infant son, the **six month** old Abdullah.. Abdullah was martyred in his father's own arms. An arrow was shot into the neck of this young child and the blood spurted onto the hands of Imam Husayn (as). At this very point we hear the immortal call of Imam Husayn (as):

“It makes what is befalling me easier, that it is happening in the sight of Allah.”

CAN WE FOLLOW THE EXAMPLE OF IMAM HUSAYN (AS)?

Now, we have seen how Imam Husayn (as) was prepared to sacrifice everything for the sake of Allah (SWT). But are we on the same path of the Imam?

We may not be in the same position as the Imam, however, we are still being tested in our lives to see which is more important to us, Allah (SWT) or this world. If we want to be like Imam Husayn (as) we must sacrifice like he did.

Some of the different types of sacrifice for Allah (SWT):

- ▶ Money
- ▶ Time
- ▶ Life
- ▶ Family
- ▶ Ego

BRIEF SAYINGS OF THE IMAM

الا ترون إلى الحق لا يعمل به، وإلى الباطل لا يتناهى عنه، ليرغب المؤمن في لقاء ربه
حقا حقا، فاني لا أرى الموت الا سعادة، والحياة مع الظالمين الا برما.

“Do you not see that the right is not being put into practice and distance is not being taken from the falsehood? (In this situation) the faithful is inclined to meet Allah.”

(TUHAFUL UQOOL, P 245)