

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْمَلِكِ الْقُدُّوسِ السَّلَامِ، مُدَبِّرِ الشُّهُورِ وَالْأَعْوَامِ، وَمُصَرِّفِ اللَّيَالِي وَالْأَيَّامِ، نَحْمَدُهُ سُبْحَانَهُ
كَمَا يَنْبَغِي لِجَلَالِ وَجْهِهِ وَعَظِيمِ سُلْطَانِهِ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، ذُو الْجَلَالِ
وَالْإِكْرَامِ،

وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا وَنَبِيَّنَا مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُ اللَّهِ وَرَسُولُهُ، الْمَبْعُوثُ رَحْمَةً لِلْأَنَامِ، صَاحِبُ الْمَقَامِ الْمَحْمُودِ،
وَالْحَوْضِ الْمَوْزُودِ، وَلَهُ الشَّفَاعَةُ الْعُظْمَى، وَالدَّرَجَةُ الْعُلْيَا، صَلَّى اللَّهُ وَسَلَّمَ وَبَارَكَ عَلَيْهِ، وَعَلَى آلِهِ
وَصَحْبِهِ الْأَيْمَّةِ الْأَعْلَامِ، وَعَلَى مَنْ تَبِعَهُمْ بِإِحْسَانٍ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ.

All praise is for Allah, the Sovereign, the Source of Peace, who arranges months and years, days and nights. We thank Him as is befitting to His great sovereignty and glorious status and we bear witness that there is no deity but Him, having no associates.

We also testify that Muhammad is His Servant and Messenger. He was sent as a Mercy to all of mankind. He is of the praised station and intercessor of his Ummah, may the peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, his family, his companions, and all those who will follow them in righteousness till the Day of Judgment.

إِنَّمَا يُرِيدُ اللَّهُ لِيُذْهِبَ عَنْكُمُ الرِّجْسَ أَهْلَ الْبَيْتِ وَيُطَهِّرَكُمْ تَطْهِيرًا

“Allah intends only to remove from you the impurity, O people of the Prophet's household, and to purify you with extensive purification.” (33:33)

Muharram: New Year, Beginning, Opportunity – Reflect/Remember To Become Better

Question: What is Ashura? - Is it a day of Joy or Grief?

- Ashurah is the 10th day in Muharram – First Obligatory Fast in Islam before Ramadan

أَفْضَلُ الصِّيَامِ بَعْدَ رَمَضَانَ شَهْرُ اللَّهِ الْمُحَرَّمِ،

Expiates sins of preceding year وَصِيَامُ يَوْمِ عَاشُورَاءَ، أَحْتَسِبُ عَلَى اللَّهِ أَنْ يُكَفِّرَ السَّنَةَ الَّتِي قَبْلَهُ

- Ashura – day that Allah saved Musa عليه السلام and the Jews from Firawn
- Ashura – day that Imam Hussain was martyred in Karbala
- **Grief:** Mourning/Lament: The Shi'ites have public processions of chest beating, wailing, injuring and avoid all manifestations of joy during this month. They refrain from eating meat and avoid getting married or wearing new clothes.
- “Wailing, chest beating and ripping shirts are from the period of ignorance – Jahiliyah (Sahih Muslim)

Imam Hussain عليه السلام & Muharram

- **Joy:** The “Khawārij” consider this as a day of happiness. They held animosity against al-Husayn عليه السلام and the *Ahle Bayt*. Therefore they celebrated this day by wearing new clothes, cooking special food and spending extra money on their family.
- **We:** The *Ahl as-Sunnah* neither make it a day of celebration nor a day of mourning. We reflect on our history, take heed of its lessons and show our respect and love to the Ahle Bayt and Companions of the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم.

أَنَا تَارِكٌ فِيكُمْ ثَقَلَيْنِ أَوْلُهُمَا كِتَابُ اللَّهِ فِيهِ الْهُدَى وَالنُّورُ فَخُذُوا بِكِتَابِ اللَّهِ وَاسْتَمْسِكُوا بِهِ وَأَهْلُ بَيْتِي أُذَكِّرُكُمُ اللَّهَ فِي أَهْلِ بَيْتِي
(Sahih Muslim) أُذَكِّرُكُمُ اللَّهَ فِي أَهْلِ بَيْتِي أُذَكِّرُكُمُ اللَّهَ فِي أَهْلِ بَيْتِي
(Ibn Majah) فَعَلَيْكُمْ بِسُنَّتِي وَسُنَّةِ الْخُلَفَاءِ الرَّاشِدِينَ الْمَهْدِيِّينَ

- **Birth:** Imam Hussain Bin Ali: Born Friday 5th Sha’ban 3AH, the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم named Hussain – goodness/beauty. Parents Must Realise - Names have effects on children's character
- Azan right ear, Iqamah left, first voice to hear was of Allah, sound of Khair, Iman
- Performed Tahneek – Aqeeqah

خَطَبَنَا رَسُولُ اللَّهِ - صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ - فَأَقْبَلَ الْحَسَنُ وَالْحُسَيْنُ - رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمَا - عَلَيْهِمَا فَمِصَانِ أَحْمَرَانِ يَعْثُرَانِ وَيَقُومَانِ؛
فَنَزَلَ فَأَخَذَهُمَا فَصَعِدَ بِهِمَا الْمَنْبَرَ، ثُمَّ قَالَ: رَأَيْتُمْ هَذَيْنِ فَلَمْ أَصْبِرْ ثُمَّ أَخَذَ فِي الْخُطْبَةِ"

- **Youth:** The company of the pious and blessed in his youth meant that Imam Hussain grew up to become a character of great faith, patience, God-consciousness, politeness and bravery. He became a true reflection of the Prophet's faith and actions.
- The Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم Whoever loves me and these two, along with their mother and father, they will be with me on the day of Judgement. (Tirmidhi)

حُسَيْنٌ مِنِّي وَأَنَا مِنْ حُسَيْنٍ أَحَبَّ اللَّهُ مَنْ أَحَبَّ حُسَيْنًا حُسَيْنٌ سِبْطٌ مِنَ الْأَسْبَاطِ

"Husain is part of me and I am part of him. May Allah love those who love Husain. Husain is a tribe among tribes." (Ibn Majah)

“ الْحَسَنُ وَالْحُسَيْنُ سَيِّدَا شَبَابِ أَهْلِ الْجَنَّةِ ”


"Al-Hasan and Al-Husain are the chiefs of the youth of Paradise."


- Sayyidna Ali عليه السلام states, love your children until 7, then discipline them until 14, thereafter become their friends.

Lesson: Imam Hussain's life teaches us important lessons of knowledge, piety, patience and upholding justice. His struggle illustrates a clash between truth and falsehood, the war between justice and oppression.

Reminder:

- Halloween – not our tradition – heritage, custom or action
- Trick/Treating/Parades, 2000 year old pagan festival called Samhain
- Belief of dead souls returning as ghost, food wine to keep ghosts on bay. People would wear masks so not get caught/attacked, Christians 8th Century All Hallows Day, All Hallows Eve – Halloween. £6 Billion Halloween Per Year USA

The Prophet  said *“Each of you is a shepherd and each of you is responsible for those under your care (Sahih Muslim)”*

The Prophet  said *“Whoever imitates or resembles a people is one of them.”*
(Abu Dawood)

- Fireworks – Dangerous, health and safety, supervision by parents/adults