

## The Miracles of Imam Hasan and Imam Hussain

*(May Allah be well pleased with them)*

The miracles of the Prophets, the Prophet's Family (*Ahle Bait*), the Companions (May Allah be well pleased with them) and the saints are all true and are well established by the Holy Quran and Hadith. The agreement of the scholars of the Ummah on this since the beginning of Islam is also well established.

They are those special servants of Allah Most High who spend every moment of their lives in the remembrance of Allah Most High. They have given up the desires of their flesh and have abandoned the pleasures of the flesh. They spent their entire energies in the propagation of Islam. Allah Most High says about them:

And certainly We wrote in the Book after the admonition that My righteous servants shall inherit the land. Surah Ambiya (21:105)

The saints (*Auliya*) are those special servants of Allah Most High who spend every moment of their lives in the remembrance of Allah Most High. They have given up the desires of their flesh and have abandoned the pleasures of the flesh. They spend their entire energies in the propagation of Islam.

In the interpretation of this verse, some exegetes of the Holy Quran have written that the "land" meant here is the land of the paradise, while some others have said it means the land of this world. 'Allama Ibn Katheer (May Allah shower His mercy on him) has written that the saints are the inheritors of the lands of both, the paradise and this world.

Translation: Allah Most High is describing those things about which He has made the final decision for His pious servants that there are glad tidings for them in this world and the next and the land of this world and the hereafter is their inheritance.

When Allah Most High has made them the inheritors of the land, then out of his extreme benevolence, Allah Most High has granted them power and command, which is called as "*Karaamah*"

It is one of the basic beliefs of the Ahle Sunnah that the miracles of the saints are true, as given in the most basic tract on beliefs "*Sharh Aqaaid Nasafi*":

Translation: The miracles of the saints are true. (*Sharh Aqaaid Nasafi*, Pg. No. 144)

The miracles expressed at the hands of the saints are the manifestation of the miracles of the Prophets and its blessings. It shows to the world that the Prophet in whom this saint has faith, his religion is true and the one whom they accept to be the Prophet, their law is the true and correct law. The miracles of the pious people and the saints affirm and support Islam.

### **Difference between *Mu'jiza* and *Karaamat***

*Mu'jiza* is the miracle, which is wrought at the hands of a Prophet and *Karaamat* is the miracle, which is expressed through the saints.

If any apparent miracle is expressed through a non-Muslim and irreligious person, then it is called "*Istidraaj*." As mentioned in *Sharh Aqaaid Nasafi*, Pg. No. 144.

### ***Why do we need the miracles of the saints?***

Allah Most High has made the Holy Prophet (Sallallahu alaihi wa sallam), the last and final Prophet. Now there can be no Prophet. Until the Day of Judgment, everyone needs to believe in the Prophethood of the Holy Prophet (Sallallahu alaihi wa sallam). Obviously, for those who embrace Islam, these miracles of the saints make them come closer to Islam and facilitate their acceptance of Islam. For this reason, the miracles of the saints of this Ummah are far more in number than the miracles of the saints of the previous nations.

Imam Yousuf Nabhani (May Allah shower His mercy on him) writes:

Translation: Allah Most High better knows the reason why the miracles of the saints of the Ummah of the Holy Prophet (Sallallahu alaihi wa sallam) are in such a great number. One among them is to express the superiority of the Holy Prophet (Sallallahu alaihi wa sallam) over all other Prophets (May peace be upon them) in His blessed life and after His passing away into the presence of Allah Most High. He is the Seal of all Prophets, the Beloved of the Lord Almighty and His religion will remain until the Day of Judgment. For this reason, it is necessary that the signs that this religion is the true one have to be expressed in every era and among these authoritative proofs are the miracles of the saints, which are in reality the blessings of the Holy Prophet (Sallallahu alaihi wa sallam). (*Muqaddima Jame' Karaamaat Ul Auliya*, Pg. No. 36)

'Allama Ibn Qayyim writes:

Translation: Whenever any need arises in religion, to fulfill that and for the benefit of Islam and Muslims miracles are expressed. These are the (spiritual) states from the Most Merciful One. These miracles are expressed as a result of following and obeying the Holy Prophet (Sallallahu alaihi wa sallam). Its benefit and outcome is to express truth (*Haqq*) and to rout falsehood. (*Zaad Ul Ma'aad, Fasl Fee Fiqh Haadhihil Qissa*)

`Allama Ibn Taimiya has accepted the miracles of the saints and has described many miracles of Companions and the Successors in his book, "*Auliya ur Rahmaan Wa Auliya ush Shaitaan*".

### **The proof of miracles of the saints from the Holy Quran**

The Holy Quran mentions miracles at many places – the miracle of Hadhrat Maryam (May peace be upon her) in Surah Aale Imran, the miracle of the People of the Cave and of Hadhrat Khidhr (May peace be upon him) in Surah Kahf, the miracle of Hadhrat Maryam (May peace be upon her) in Surah Maryam and the miracle of Asif bin Barkhiyya, a follower of Prophet Sulaiman (May peace be upon him), in Surah Naml.

#### **A dead date palm starts giving fruits**

When the time for the birth of Hadhrat `Isa (May peace be upon her) drew close, his mother Hadhrat Maryam (May peace be upon her) approached a dry date palm with no dates on it. Allah Most High said:

And shake the trunk of the palm-tree toward thee, thou wilt cause ripe dates to fall upon thee. Surah Maryam (19:25)

It is mentioned in the verse that the moment Hadhrat Maryam (May peace be upon her) touched the trunk of the date palm, it started shedding fresh dates in her lap. For a dead tree to become green again, it takes time. A tree does not become fruit bearing in a few moments or a few hours. It cannot become green and cover itself with foliage and flowers.

A dead tree become green and fruit-bearing in just a moment is surely a miracle of the pious worshipper of Allah Most High.

### **Out of season fruits appearing from nowhere**

Out of season fruits would appear from nowhere in the closed room of Hadhrat Maryam (May peace be upon her). It is given in Surah Al-Imran:

So, her Lord graciously accepted her (Maryam [Mary]) with excellent acceptance and brought her up immaculately and entrusted her guardianship to Zakariyya (Zacharias). Every time Zakariyya (Zacharias) entered her chamber of worship he found with her (novel and uncommon) food items. He inquired: 'O Maryam, wherefrom have these things come for you?' She replied: 'This (sustenance) comes from Allah. Verily, Allah provides sustenance without measure to whom He desires.' Surah Al-Imran (3:37)

This verse of the Holy Quran explicitly establishes the miracles of the saints. Hadhrat Maryam (May peace be upon her) is not a Prophet, but a saint. Whenever Hadhrat Zakariya (May peace be upon him) came to her, he would see various fruits near her. In summer, fruits of winter would be found and in winter, fruits of summer.

Out of season fruits and food/sustenance being present without any visible worldly means is the miracle of Hadhrat Maryam (May peace be upon her).

### **The People of the Cave rest for 309 years**

The pious folk of the nation of Prophet 'Isa (May peace be upon him) took refuge in a cave to save themselves and their faith. They remained in that cave for 309 years. Allah Most High says:

So they stayed in their Cave three hundred years, and (some) add nine (more).  
Surah Kahf (18:25)

These worshippers of Allah remained in the cave for 309 years. Their bodies didn't age or change. For this whole period, they neither ate nor drank. This is a basic human need. No one can remain for more than a few days without eating or drinking, let alone 300+ years.

Through the great power of Allah Most High, the People of the Cave spent 309 years without eating or drinking. Their bodies remained safe and even the dog on their door remained safe.

### **The sun changed its orbit – Miracle of the People of the Cave**

This is a reality that the sun moves in its own orbit. It neither delays nor makes haste anywhere in its path. It does not swerve a hairbreadth's worth of distance from its path. This is the system of nature. In spite of all this, Allah Most High granted the People of the Cave such excellence that for the whole time they spent in the cave, the sun swerved from its path. When it would rise on the earth, it would move to its right and while setting, it would move to the left, so that the rays of the sun didn't fall on them. Allah Most High says in the Holy Quran:

And you see that the sun, when it rises, moves to the right from their cave and inclines obliquely from them to the left when it sets while they are (lying) in the open chamber of the cave. This (change of the sun's course) is one of the (great) Signs of Allah's (Might). He whom Allah guides is the one who is rightly guided, but one whom He holds strayed you will not find for him any wali (friend to help) and murshid (guide to show the path). Surah Kahf (18:17)

This is a sign of the power of Allah Most High and a miracle of the People of the Cave that for the whole time they spent in the cave, the sun changed its path for them.

Imam Raazi (May Allah shower His Mercy on him) writes in the Tafseer of this verse:

Translation: The rising and setting of the sun in this way is against what usually happens and is a great miracle, which Allah Most High has granted to the People of the Cave. (Tafseer Kabear, Surah Kahf-17)

### **Bringing a throne from hundreds of miles afar – A miracle of Asif bin Barkhiyya**

When Prophet Sulaiman (May peace be upon him) asked: Who among you can bring me the throne of Bilquis before she comes? A strong jinn said: I can bring it before you get up from your seat. Hadhrat Sulaiman (May peace be upon him) said: I want it even sooner. Then Hadhrat Asif bin Barkhiyya (May Allah shower His Mercy on him) requested permission and got the throne in the blink of an eye. As Almighty Allah says in Surah Naml:

Then the one who had some knowledge of the (heavenly) Book submitted: 'I can bring it to you before your vision turns back to you (i.e. even before the twinkling of an eye). So, when (Sulaiman [Solomon]) saw it (the throne) placed before him, he said: 'This is by the Grace of my Lord so that He may put me to the test whether I thank (Him) or not. And he who thanks (Allah) his gratitude is for the good of his own self, and he who is ungrateful surely my Lord is Self-Sufficient, Most Generous.' Surah Naml (27:40)

That throne was of gold and was bejeweled with various precious stones. It was installed in the innermost palace of all 7 palaces. The doors were locked. Guards

were present. It is beyond comprehension that how Hadhrat Asif Bin Barkhiyya carried such a heavy and securely kept thing from Yemen to Syria within the blink of an eye.

'Allama Ibn Katheer has described this in detail in his exegesis. (Tafseer Ibn Katheer, Surah Naml-40)

### **Proof of the miracles of the saints from Hadith**

The Hadith mention in detail the miracles of the saints of the nations of previous Prophets and the miracles of the Companions (May Allah be well pleased with them), so much so that a separate book can be written on this. Here, as proof, a single Hadith is being mentioned:

Translation: It is narrated on the authority of Hadhrat Abu Hurairah (May Allah be well pleased with him), he said that the Holy Prophet (Sallallahu alaihi wa sallam) said: Allah Most High said: Whoever bears enmity with my *Wali* (Lit. friend), I declare war against him. My slave comes closer to me with no act more beloved to me than the Obligatory acts of worship (*Faraaidh*), which I have assigned to him and my slave keeps coming closer to me with Supererogatory acts of worship (*Nafil*), so much so that I start loving him. When I make him my beloved, then I become his ears with whom he hears, I become his eyes with which he sees, I become his hand with which he holds and I become his legs with which he walks. If he asks me for something, I verily grant it. If he asks me for protection, I surely grant it. If I want to do something, I don't hesitate as I wait before taking the soul of a believer when he does not desire it and I don't like hurting him. (Sahih Bukhari, Hadith No. 6502)

This Hadith shows the greatness of the saints and pious folk and is a proof for the veracity of their miracles. When the power of Allah works in their hearing, seeing, listening and moving, they can hear from near and far; they can see what is near and what is far; they have extraordinary power in their hands and feet.

For this reason, the saints, with their extraordinary hearing, hear those things which others are not able to hear; they see that which others cannot; they have such power of help and succor in their hands which others don't; they walk in such a manner that they can cover many leagues with one step of theirs.

The Hadith describe in detail the miracles of the saints of the previous nations and of the Companions (May Allah be well pleased with them). The scholars of the Ummah have composed great works on the veracity of the miracles and in their description. In this regard, the noteworthy among them are:

*Hilyatul Auliya* and *Tabaqaatul Auliya* by Imam Abu Nu'aim Ahmed bin 'Abdullah Asfahaani (Dec. 430 Hijri)

*Risala Qushairiyya* by Imam Abul Qasim 'Abdul Kareem bin Hawazin Qushairi (Dec. 465 Hijri)

*Raudhatur Riyaaheen Fee Hikaayatus Saliheen* by 'Allama 'Abdullah bin As'ad Yafa'ee (Dec. 768 Hijri)

*Jame' Karaamaatul Auliya* by 'Allama Yousuf bin Isma'eel Nabhani (Dec. 1350 Hijri). May Allah shower His Mercy on all of them.

The miracles of the Companions and the Prophet's Family (May Allah be well pleased with them) are mentioned in the books of the *Siyar* (biographies) and history. Here, we have the honor of presenting the miracles of the Prophet's Family so that by reading the miracles of these great personalities, their greatness takes root in our hearts.



## **The miracles of Imam Hasan**

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## **(May Allah be well pleased with him)**

Imam Hasan (May Allah be well pleased with him) was born on the 15<sup>th</sup> of Ramadhan in 3<sup>rd</sup> Hijri. The Holy Prophet (Sallallahu alaihi wa sallam) performed his 'Aqeeqa ceremony on the 7<sup>th</sup> day and named him "Hasan".

On studying the life of the grandson of the Holy Prophet (Sallallahu alaihi wa sallam), we come to know that he has given great sacrifices for the sake of Islam. It was the result of his humility and sacrifice that in his era a unity was established between 2 groups of Muslims and a war which would have killed thousands of Muslims was averted.

To obey the Shariah with steadfastness and to be steadfast on the laws of Islam is the true miracle and in fact much more than a miracle. He was martyred in 49 Hijri. Many miracles were wrought at his hands. Some of them are being mentioned here.

### **Divine punishment to the one who disrespected Imam Hasan (May Allah be well pleased with him)**

The famous Hadith-expert of 6th century Hijri Imam Abul Qasim Ali bin Hasan famously known as Ibn Asakar (May Allah shower His Mercy on him) relates a Tradition from the famous Successor Imam A'amash (May Allah shower His Mercy on him):

Translation: It is narrated on the authority of Hadhrat Imam A'amash (May Allah shower His Mercy on him), a wretch defecated on the blessed grave of Imam Hasan (May Allah be well pleased with him). He immediately went mad. He kept barking like a dog until he died. Even after his death, horrible sounds of barking could be

heard (from his grave). (*Tareekh Dimashq*, Vol. 13, Pg. No. 305; *Jame' Karaamaat Ul Auliya*, Vol. 1, Pg. No. 131)

Imam Yousuf Nabhani (May Allah shower His Mercy on him) has also related this in his book *Jame' Karaamaat Ul Auliya* on the authority of Abu Nu'aim and *Tabaqaat Munaavi*.

This shows that if the beloved of Allah Most High are insulted, then such punishment is given that the world remembers it for a long time. Allah Most High took away all sense from that person and made him a lunatic. His lunacy was not the usual lunacy. Instead that person would bark like a dog. He lived his life like this and died in the same state. When he died, the sounds of barking could be heard from his grave.

This incident is a great lesson for the whole Ummah. May Allah Most High guide us all to be respectful and reverent.

### **Through the blessings of Imam Hasan (May Allah be well pleased with him), an Abyssinian gets a baby**

The great saint of 9<sup>th</sup> century Hijri Hadhrat Nooruddin 'Abdur Rahman bin Ahmad Jaami Khorasani (May Allah shower His Mercy on him) has written in *Shawahid Un Nubuwwah*:

Hadhrat Imam Hasan (May Allah be well pleased with him) was going to Makkah by foot for Hajj. His blessed feet had become swollen. His slave requested him to use a mount, but the Imam didn't accept his request. He told the slave: When you reach your destination, you will meet an Abyssinian. Buy oil from him. The slave says: We didn't find any medicine at any other place. When we reached our destination, the Imam said: That is the slave. Go! Buy oil from him and pay him.

When they met the Abyssinian, he asked them: For whom are you buying the oil? They said: For Imam Hasan (May Allah be well pleased with him). He said: Take me to him. I am his slave.

That Abyssinian requested the Imam: I will not take the price of oil from you. Just pray for my wife, who is in labor right now, that Allah Most High should grant her a healthy baby.

The Imam said: Go home. Allah Most High will grant you a child as per your wishes. He will be our follower.

The Abyssinian returned home and found the situation as the Imam had foretold. (*Shawahid Un Nubuwwah*, Pg. No. 302)

This incident has 2 miracles of the Imam. The first is about the medicine for the feet and the second is the baby of the Abyssinian and that that boy will be obedient to the Prophet's Family.

### **Fresh dates appear out of nowhere**

Hadhrat Nooruddin 'Abdur Rahman bin Ahmad Jaami Khorasani (May Allah shower His Mercy on him) has written in *Shawahid Un Nubuwwah*:

Hadhrat Imam Hasan (May Allah be well pleased with him) was traveling along with a son of Hadhrat Zubair (May Allah be well pleased with him). They rested in a dried-up orchard.

Hadhrat Zubair's son said: If only there were fresh dates that we could have. The Imam said: Do you want to have fresh dates? He said: Yes. The Imam raised his hands in supplication. Suddenly a date tree sprung up and became laden with fresh dates.

A friend of Hadhrat Zubair's son said: This is magic. The Imam said: This is not magic. It is the effect of the prayer of the Prophet's son.

Then people climbed the plucked the fresh dates from that tree and everyone was satiated. (*Shawahid Un Nubuwwah*, Pg. No. 302; *Shahaadatnaama*, Pg. No. 93)

### **Poison couldn't affect the Imam**

The famous jurisprudent of the Maliki School of jurisprudence of 5<sup>th</sup> century Hijri, Hadhrat Ibn 'Abdul Barr (May Allah shower His Mercy on him) has related a Tradition:

Translation: It is narrated on the authority of Hadhrat 'Umair bin Ishaq (May Allah shower His Mercy on him), he says: We were with Imam Hasan (May Allah be well pleased with him)...He said: I have been poisoned by deception many times, but never like this. It was the effect of this poison that I have spat out a piece of my liver. Out of astonishment, I took a stick and kept turning it over and over. Imam Hussain (May Allah be well pleased with him) said: Who poisoned you? Imam Hasan (May Allah be well pleased with him) asked: What will you do? Kill him? Imam Hussain (May Allah be well pleased with him) said: Yes!

Imam Hasan (May Allah be well pleased with him) said: Let it be. If it is the person I think, then Allah Most High will give the severest punishment. If it is not, I don't want an innocent to be killed on my account. (*Al Istiya'ab Fi Ma'arifati Ashaab*)

The aforementioned incident is related in the same book on the authority of Hadhrat Qataadah (May Allah be well pleased with him) as well.

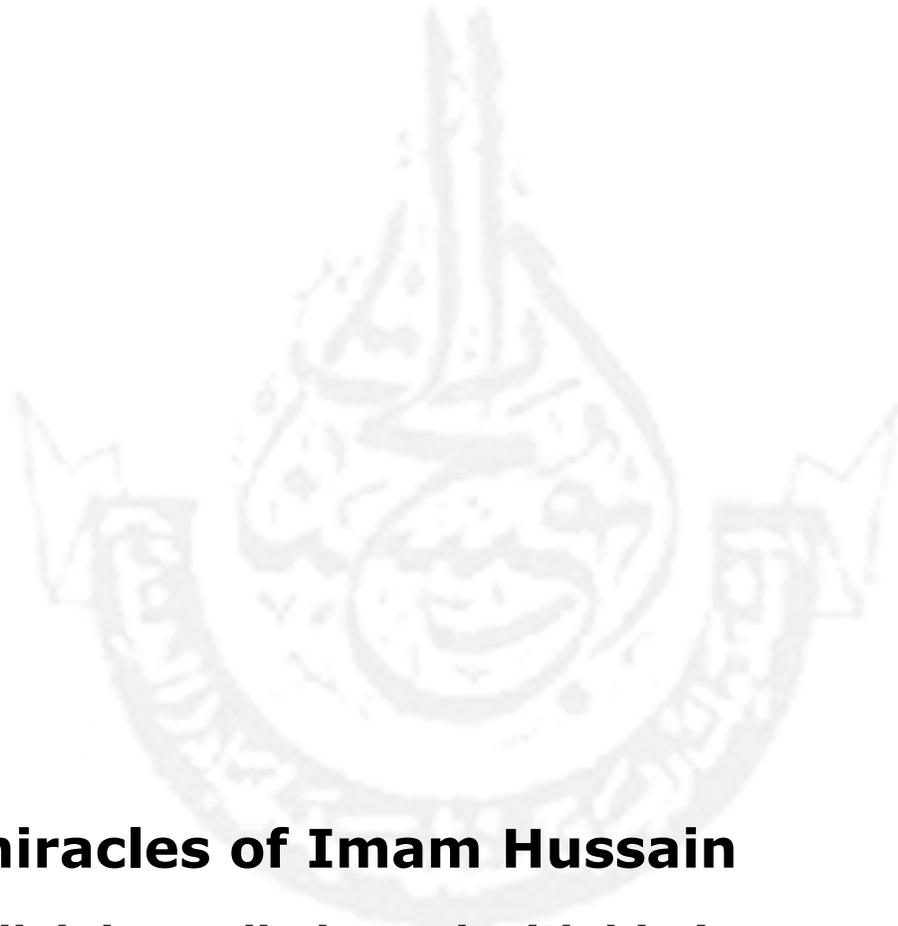
All the scholars agree that the miracles of the saints are a blessing of Prophethood. That Imam Hasan (May Allah be well pleased with him) was not affected by poisoning was the blessing of the miracle of the Holy Prophet (Sallallahu alaihi wa sallam). He was not affected by the poisoning of a Jewish woman.

### **The path becomes radiant for Imam Hasan (May Allah be well pleased with him)**

Imam Abu Nu'aim Ahmad bin 'Abdullah Asfahaani (May Allah shower His Mercy on him) writes:

Translation: It is narrated on the authority of Hadhrat Abu Hurairah (May Allah be well pleased with him) that once Hadhrat Imam Hasan (May Allah be well pleased with him) was present before the Holy Prophet (Sallallahu alaihi wa sallam) on a dark night. The Holy Prophet (Sallallahu alaihi wa sallam) loved the Imam a lot. The Imam said: I want to go to my mother. Hadhrat Abu Hurairah (May Allah be well pleased with him) asked the Holy Prophet (Sallallahu alaihi wa sallam): Shall I go with him? Suddenly a radiance appeared in the sky and Imam Hasan (May Allah be well pleased with him) walked in its illumination and reached his mother. (*Dalaail Un Nubuwwah*, Hadith No. 487)

A radiance appearing in a dark night and the Imam going to his mother in its illumination is a miracle of Imam Hasan (May Allah be well pleased with him) through the blessings of the Holy Prophet (Sallallahu alaihi wa sallam).



## **The miracles of Imam Hussain**

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Imam Hussain (May Allah be well pleased with him) was born on 5<sup>th</sup> Sh'abaaan in 4 Hijri. The Holy Prophet (Sallallahu alaihi wa sallam) performed the *Tahneek* with His own blessed saliva and put His own saliva into the mouth of Imam Hussain (May Allah be well pleased with him). The Holy Prophet (Sallallahu alaihi wa

sallam) said the Adhaan in his ear and named him "Hussain." The Holy Prophet (Sallallahu alaihi wa sallam) blessed him and performed his 'Aqeeqa ceremony on the 7<sup>th</sup> day.

Imam Hussain (May Allah be well pleased with him) was martyred at in the Battle of Karbala on the 10<sup>th</sup> of Muharram in 61 Hijri on the command of Yazid. There are innumerable excellences of Imam Hussain (May Allah be well pleased with him). You might also want to read "Imam Hussain – The true Imam and the Hadith of Constantinople" by this author for more detailed knowledge in this regard.

Imam Hussain (May Allah be well pleased with him) is himself a miracle of Allah Most High. Here, some miracles of the Imam are being mentioned.

### **The blessings of the saliva of the Imam**

The famous Hadith expert of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Hijri Muhammad bin Sa'ad (May Allah shower His Mercy on him) (Dec. 230) has related a Tradition in "*Tabaqaatul Kubra*":

Translation: It is narrated on the authority of Hadhrat Abu 'Aun, he says: When Imam Hussain (May Allah be well pleased with him) was going from Madina to Makkah, he passed by Ibn Mutee' who was getting a well dug. He spoke: ...O Imam! To where do you journey? The Imam said: To Makkah. The Imam also mentioned to Ibn Mutee' that the people of Kufa had sent letters to him. Ibn Mutee' requested: Please let us benefit from you, don't go to them.

Imam Hussain (May Allah be well pleased with him) refused. Then Ibn Mutee' presented a need of his. He said: I have gotten this well dug and today some water has been found in the pail. You please supplicate Allah that this be blessed.

Imam Hussain (May Allah be well pleased with him) said: Get some water from it. When it was presented to the Imam, he took some water from it in his blessed mouth and then spat it back. When that water was poured back into the well, the water of that well became sweet and it came forth in abundance as well. (Tabaqaat Al Kubra Li Ibn Sa'ad, Baabu Abu Sa'eed)

The mouth and tongue of Imam Hussain (May Allah be well pleased with him) have the honor that the Holy Prophet (Sallallahu alaihi wa sallam) would take his tongue in His mouth. The Holy Prophet (Sallallahu alaihi wa sallam) had put His blessed saliva into the mouth of Imam Hussain (May Allah be well pleased with him). Thus, its blessings had come into the mouth of Imam Hussain (May Allah be well pleased with him). That's the reason the saliva of the Imam can sweeten brackish water and make water emerge from a dry well.

### **The consequence of shooting an arrow at the Imam**

'Allama Muhammad bin Yousuf Salihi (May Allah shower His mercy on him) relates in Subul Ul Huda War Rashad:

Translation: 'Abbas bin Hisham bin Muhammad Kufi narrates on the authority of his father who narrates on the authority of his grandfather, he says: There was a person in Karbala by name Zara'a. This accursed man had shot an arrow at Imam Hussain (May Allah be well pleased with him) when he had asked for water and wanted to drink it. His arrow had come between the Imam and the water. The Imam supplicated: O Lord Almighty! Make him thirsty.

The narrator says: A person who was present at the time of his death told me that this person was feeling a lot of heat in his stomach and coldness in his back because of which he started screaming and shouting although ice was placed on his stomach and fans were used and at the back an urn was placed. He would shout: Give me water. This thirst is killing me. Honey mixed with barley, water and milk was brought to him in such quantity that it would suffice for 5.

He would gobble up everything and again cry out: Satisfy me. This thirst is killing me. At last, his stomach split open like a camel's. (*Subul Ul Huda War Rashaad*, Vol. 11, Pg. No. 79)

The person who shot an arrow at the Prince in whose excellence the Holy Quran was revealed and whose excellence has been mentioned in the Hadith, his end was so frightening that in spite of having all facilities, he could not have a shred of comfort. He had a complaint of heat in his stomach and very severe cold in his back. Because of disrespecting Imam Hussain (May Allah be well pleased with him), he spent his life in such agitation and when his death came, it came as a warning to all others. Through this, Almighty Allah made it clear that those who oppress the Prophet's Family, they will be punished in this world and the punishment of the hereafter will be even severe.

### **Punishment to the one who hurt the Imam's cheek**

Imam Tabarani has related a Tradition in *Mo'jam Kabeer*:

Translation: It is narrated on the authority of a person from the clan of Bani Kalb that a wretch had shot an arrow at Imam Hussain (May Allah be well pleased with him) because of which the Imam's blessed jaw was injured. Hadhrat Imam Hussain (May Allah be well pleased with him) supplicated: May Allah not quench your thirst. At that very moment, that wretch became thirsty. He kept drinking water until his stomach burst open and he died. (*Mo'jam Kabeer Tabarani*, Hadith No. 2772)

This man's arrow had injured Imam Hussain (May Allah be well pleased with him), when he was drinking water. Because of this, his end was such that he would drink water, but his thirst wouldn't be quenched. At last, his body burst and he died. Allah Most High wiped out his very existence by making his stomach burst open.

### **Whatever he would drink he would vomit**

A similar incident is written by Imam Ibn Atheer in Al Kaamil Fit Tareekh:

Translation: `Abdullah bin Abil Haseen shouted: O Hussain! Do you not see water? You will be martyred thirsty, but you will not get to taste a single drop of water. Imam Hussain (May Allah be well pleased with him) said: O Allah! Kill him thirsty and don't forgive him.

After this, that person fell ill. He would drink a small quantity of water and vomit it out. He would again drink water but his thirst wouldn't be quenched. He would drink and vomit it out. This was his condition until he died. (Al Kaamil Fit Tareekh, Vol. 167)

He had taunted Imam Hussain (May Allah be well pleased with him) with the words: You will not get to taste a single drop of water. His end was so shocking that he would take a sip of water and vomit it out, as if water itself wouldn't want to stay in his stomach.

### **Death from severe thirst**

`Allama Ibn Atheer (May Allah shower His Mercy on him) has detailed a similar incident:

Translation: When Imam Hussain (May Allah be well pleased with him) was moved by severe thirst, he moved closer to Euphrates. A wretch by name Hisseen bin Nameer shot an arrow at him which struck the Imam in his blessed mouth. Imam Hussain (May Allah be well pleased with him) took that blood and tossed it at the sky, glorified Almighty Allah and said: O Allah! Whatever oppression is being done

to the grandson of Your Prophet, I leave it to you. Punish every single one of them and kill them helpless. Don't let a single one from among remain.

It is related that this person who had shot an arrow at Imam Hussain (May Allah be well pleased with him) belonged to the clan of Bani Abaan bin Darim. He had not spent much time after this that he was assailed by thirst, such thirst that it couldn't be quenched. He was fanned and was given milk in big cups. Even then, he would say: Quench my thirst! Then he was given water in huge vessels. He would drink it, lie down for some time and again say: Quench this thirst. It is killing me. He had not spent much time like this that his stomach burst open like a camel's. (*Al Kaamil Fit Tareekh, Dhikru Maqtalil Hussain Raziallahu Anhu*)

'Allama Ismail bin Katheer (May Allah shower His mercy on him) has also mentioned this in *Al Bidaya Wan Nihaaya*.

This shows that in the Battle of Karbala, Imam Hussain (May Allah be well pleased with him) wasn't helpless. When the army of Yazid attacked the Prophet's Family, disrespected them and tortured them, Imam Hussain (May Allah be well pleased with him) prayed against them. The effect of that prayer was that many of those soldiers saw scenes from hell right in this world. If Imam Hussain (May Allah be well pleased with him) had so desired, the whole army would have been destroyed in Karbala itself. However, the intent of Almighty Allah and the wish of the Holy Prophet (Sallallahu alaihi wa sallam) had been the objective of Imam Hussain (May Allah be well pleased with him). The Holy Prophet (Sallallahu alaihi wa sallam) had already informed him of this trial. As per this, Imam Hussain (May Allah be well pleased with him) himself bore the temporary difficulties of this world and raised Islam's flag for until the end of time. By expressing his miracles now and then, Imam Hussain (May Allah be well pleased with him) showed the world that he is the powerful grandson of the Powerful Prophet (Sallallahu alaihi wa sallam) and that he is simply following the will of Allah. He is not helpless but has all authority.

**His horse goes out of control**

Imam Tabarani (May Allah shower His mercy on him) has related another miracle of Imam Hussain (May Allah be well pleased with him) in his *Mo'jam Kabeer Tabarani*:

Translation: It is narrated on the authority of Hadhrat 'Alqama bin Waail or Waail bin 'Alqama (May Allah be well pleased with him), he says: I was present in the Battle of Karbala. A person stood up and said: Is Hussain present among you? People replied: Yes! He said: Glad tidings of hell! (May Allah protect us from this) Imam Hussain (May Allah be well pleased with him) said: Don't say this. Instead give glad tidings of meeting the Benevolent Lord and the Prophet (Sallallahu alaihi wa sallam) who intercedes, whom the world obeys. Tell me who are you? He said: I am Ibn Juwaiza or maybe he said: I am Ibn Huwaiza. Imam Hussain (May Allah be well pleased with him) said: O Allah! Drag him to fire.

Immediately, his horse bolted. He fell from the horse but his foot got stuck in the stirrup. The narrator says: By Allah! Except that foot which had stuck in the stirrup, no part of his body remained. (*Mo'jam Kabeer Tabarani*, Hadith No. 2780)

He had talked about hell for Imam Hussain (May Allah be well pleased with him) and he was destroyed that very moment and his very existence was snuffed out.

Imam Abu Bakr Ibn Shaiba (May Allah shower His mercy on him) has also mentioned this in His *Musannaf*, Imam Nooruddin 'Ali Haithami (May Allah shower His mercy on him) in *Majma' 'Uz Zawaaid* and by 'Allama Ibn Atheer (May Allah shower His mercy on him) in *Al Kaamil Fit Tareekh*. It is mentioned in *Subul Ul Huda War Rashaad*, Vol. 11, Pg. No. 7; *Musannaf Ibn Abi Shaiba*, Hadith No. 261; *Majma' 'Uz Zawaaid*, Baabu Manaaqibil Hussain bin Ali 'Alaihas Salaam; *Al Kaamil Fit Tareekh*, Baabu Dhikri Maqtalul Hussain Raziallahu Anhu

**Debasement became their lot**

Imam Tabarani (May Allah shower His mercy on him) has related a detailed Tradition about 2 soldiers of Yazid's army. In this, Hadhrat Sufyan (May Allah be well pleased with him) says about a person:

Translation: I saw the son of one of these persons. He was mad. (Mo'jam Kabeer Tabarani, Hadith No. 2788)

Imam Ibn Hajar 'Asqalani (May Allah shower His mercy on him) has also related this in Tahzeeb Ut Tahzeeb in *Baabu Manismuhoo Haabis* and Imam Haithami (May Allah shower His mercy on him) also related this in Majma 'Uz Zawaaid in *Manaaqibil Hussain Raziallahu Anhu*.

May Allah save us! What a frightening punishment! Indeed those who disrespect the beloved of Allah, in this world itself, they are debased and humiliated and there is a great loss for them in the hereafter.

### **A villain loses his eyesight**

The famous Hadith expert of the 4<sup>th</sup> century Hijri Imam Tabarani (May Allah shower His Mercy on him) has related a Tradition in Mo'jam Kabeer Tabarani:

Translation: Hadhrat Qurra bin Khalid, he says: I have heard from Abu Raja Atarudi (May Allah be well pleased with him), he says: Don't ever disrespect Hadhrat 'Ali (May Allah be well pleased with him) or any of the Prophet's Family ...a neighbor of our was saying : O people! Have you not seen that sinner Hussain bin 'Ali (May Allah be well pleased with them) (May Allah protect us from this)? He was still saying that ...and he lost his eyesight.

(*Mo'jam Kabeer Tabarani*, Hadith No. 2730; *Subul Ul Huda War Rashaad*, Vol. 11, Pg. No. 78; *Tahzeeb Ut Tahzeeb, Baabu Manismuhoo Haabis*)

That wretch suggested the possibility of sin for a great personality like Imam Hussain (May Allah be well pleased with him) and Allah Most High snatched away his eyesight. Those eyes which look upon the Imam with disrespect do not deserve to see at all.

### **Punishment for snatching the blessed tunic of Imam Hussain (May Allah be well pleased with him)**

'Allama Ibn Atheer has written in Al Kaamil Fit Tareekh:

Translation: 'Umar bin Sa'ad announced among the people: Who is the one who will face Imam Hussain (May Allah be well pleased with him) and will pound his body with his horse?

Ten rogues stepped forward. One among them was Ishaq bin Hayat Hadhrami. This is the person who snatched the tunic of Imam Hussain (May Allah be well pleased with him). Immediately after this, this person was afflicted with leprosy. (Al Kaamil Fit Tareekh, Dhikru Maqtali Hussain)

This shows us that by disrespecting the Prophet's Family, that person ended up with leprosy. He had snatched away Imam Hussain's (May Allah be well pleased with him) tunic, so Almighty Allah punished him by afflicting him with leprosy.

### **Divine radiance on the blessed head of Imam Hussain (May Allah be well pleased with him)**

The famous Hadith expert of the 4<sup>th</sup> century Hijri Hadhrat Muhammad bin Hibban Tameemi Daarimi (May Allah shower His Mercy on him) (Dec. 354) has written:

Translation: `Ubaidullah bin Zyad gave the order that the women of the Prophet's Family, who are the very embodiments of chastity, their beloved children and the blessed head of Imam Hussain (May Allah be well pleased with him) should be taken to Syria. Wherever the caravan would stop, they would take out the blessed head of Imam Hussain (May Allah be well pleased with him) from a box, place it on a spear and guard it. When they would be ready to go, they would replace the blessed head of the Imam in the box and restart their journey.

In this manner, they stopped at a place where there a Christian house of worship. An ascetic lived there. As per their custom, those rogues placed the head of Imam Hussain (May Allah be well pleased with him) on a spear and placed that spear in an area of the Christian house of worship. The Christian who lived there saw at night that a great radiance was going up till the sky from that place.

He immediately came to them and asked: Who are you people and whose blessed head is this? They replied: We are the people of Syria and this head is of Imam Hussain (May Allah be well pleased with him). He berated them: What kind of accursed people are you? By God! If any descendent of `Isa (May peace be upon him) was among us, we would respect that person a lot.

He then said: O people! I have 10,000 Dinar which I received as inheritance. If I give you those 10,000 Dinar, will you allow me to keep the head with me for tonight? They said: Why not?

The Christian ascetic emptied his bag of money before them. They counted the money and placed it in a bag. They sealed the bag and placed it in a box. Then they extended the blessed head of Imam Hussain (May Allah be well pleased with him) to the Christian ascetic.

He reverentially washed the head. He then placed it in his lap and cried for the whole night. When dawn drew near, he said: O blessed head! I have power only

over myself and I testify that there is none worthy of worship except Allah Most High and your maternal grandfather is the Prophet of Allah. Thus, the Christian ascetic embraced Islam and included himself in the slaves of Imam Hussain (May Allah be well pleased with him). He then handed over the head back to those people.

They again placed it in a box and resumed their journey. When they reached Damascus, they said to each other: We will distribute the 10,000 Dinar among ourselves. If Yazid comes to know of it, he will take it away from us. When they opened the box and the bag of money, they found that the Dinar had changed into pebbles. At the same time, a verse of the Holy Quran was found written on one side of that lane:

Think not that Allah does not heed the deeds of those who do wrong. He but gives them respite against a Day when the eyes will fixedly stare in horror. Surah Ibraheem (14:42)

On the other side, it was written:

...And those who do wrong will soon come to know to what place of turning they will turn back (after death). Surah Shu'ara (26:227)

On seeing this, some people repented and some others remained the same. (*Ath Thiqaat Li Ibn Hibban; As Siyarah Li Ibn Hibban*)

What the Christian ascetic had said that those Dinar were his inheritance, it implied that even if the wealth of the ancestors is gone, let it be, but the company of Imam Hussain (May Allah be well pleased with him) for a single moment is a great bounty. The wealth of this world can turn into pebbles, but what one gives for the hereafter will remain intact.

This is something to be reflected over. A Christian ascetic looks at the radiance and blessings of the blessed head of the Imam and embraces Islam and those who were apparently "Muslims" either did not see that radiance or still remained steeped in wretchedness even after seeing it. They drew no benefit from those blessings.

Thus, we learn that love and devotion for the Prophet's Family grants faith to non-believer and hatred and enmity for them keeps apparent "Muslims" bereft of the blessings of faith.

How great a difference this is! Some people traded away their faith for worldly wealth and exercised cruelty over the Prophet's Family and a non-Muslim spends his wealth to treat the Prophet's Family with kindness, respect and honor and faith is granted to that person.

Here, faith is being traded for wealth and there, wealth is being spent to gain faith.

### **Radiance from the earth to the heavens**

'Allama Ibn Atheer (May Allah shower His Mercy on him) has related a Tradition:

Translation: After the martyrdom of Imam Hussain (May Allah be well pleased with him), the blessed heads of the Imam and other martyrs were sent to Ibn Ziyad along with Khauli bin Yazid and Hameed bin Muslim. Khauli found the doors of the palace to be closed. He came to his own house.

He placed the blessed head of the Imam under a big vessel and approached his bed to take rest. He told his wife, whose name was Nawaar: I have brought great worldly wealth. The head of Imam Hussain (May Allah be well pleased with him) is

along with you in this house. The pious wife said: It is a pit of hell for you. People bring gold and silver and you brought the head of the venerable grandson of the Holy Prophet (Sallallahu alaihi wa sallam)! By Allah! Your head and mine will never be under the same roof again.

She then left the house. She says: I saw a radiance descending like a pillar (of light) on the vessel. I also saw white birds flying towards it. (Al Kaamil Fit Tareekh, *Dhikru Maqtalil Hussain*, Pg. No. 178)

### **An offender gets embroiled in various diseases**

The life of the martyrs is well established through the Holy Quran and Hadith. After martyrdom, they are seated on high stations of closeness to Allah Most High. Thus, they have more powers than they had in their previous existence. After the martyrdom of Imam Hussain (May Allah be well pleased with him), many miracles were expressed.

Imam Tabarani writes in Mo'jam Kabeer:

Translation: Hadhrat Jareer narrates on the authority of Hadhrat A'amash (May Allah be well pleased with him) that a wretch urinated and defecated on the blessed grave of Imam Hussain (May Allah be well pleased with him). That very instant, his family members were afflicted by various diseases like paralysis, lunacy, leprosy and various other diseases. They went bankrupt and became dirt poor. (Mo'jam Kabeer Tabarani, Hadith No. 2791)

After relating this Tradition, 'Allama Nooruddin Haithami (May Allah shower His Mercy on him) writes: Those who relate this Hadith are reliable. (Majma' 'Uz Zawaaid, Vol. 9, Pg. No. 197)

This shows Allah Most High inflicted various deadly diseases on the family of the person who disrespected the blessed grave of Imam Hussain (May Allah be well pleased with him).

### **The blessed grave of the Imam becomes fragrant**

Ibn Asakar (May Allah shower His Mercy on him) relates in Tareekh Dimashq:

Translation: It is narrated on the authority of Hadhrat 'Abdullah bin Zahhak (May Allah be well pleased with him), he says: Hisham bin Muhammad (May Allah be well pleased with him) related to us that water was poured over the blessed grave of Imam Hussain (May Allah be well pleased with him). After 40 days, it dried up and there was no sign of the blessed grave. A person from the clan of Asad came, picked up a fistful of sand and started smelling it. Then he fell at the blessed grave of the Imam and started crying...he also recited some couplets, the substance of whom is that when the enemies tried to hide the blessed grave of the Imam, the fragrance of the soil of the blessed grave informed others where the grave is. (Tareekh Dimashq, Li 'Ali Ibn Al Hasan Ibn Asakar)

It can be understood from the above 2 Traditions that even after the martyrdom of Imam Hussain (May Allah be well pleased with him), benefit and blessings are gained from him. Those who are disrespectful are punished and those who are respectful and hopeful of the benevolence of the Imam, they are blessed.

### **Punishment by fire for Ibn Ziyad**

Imam Tabarani (May Allah shower His mercy on him) has related a Tradition in Mo'jam Kabeer:

Translation: Abdul Malik narrated on the authority of the doorkeeper of 'Abdullah bin Ziyad that when Imam Hussain (May Allah be well pleased with him) was

martyred, I entered the palace behind Ibn Ziyad and suddenly a fire sprang up in his face. He used his sleeve to put out the fire and asked me: Did you see something? I said: Yes. He ordered me to hide this incident. (Mo'jam Kabir Tabarani, Hadith No. 2762)

The murderers of Imam Hussain (May Allah be well pleased with him) were embroiled in various difficulties. The punishment of the hereafter is certain, but even in this world, they were punished. Every moment of their life was a punishment, as we can see from this incident of Ibn Ziyad.

### **Grass turns to ash**

Imam Baihaqi (May Allah shower His mercy on him) relates in Dalaail Un Nubuwwah:

Translation: Hadhrat Sufyan (May Allah be well pleased with him) narrates on the authority of his grandmother, who says: At the time of the martyrdom of Imam Hussain (May Allah be well pleased with him), I saw that the grass had turned to ash and I also saw that meat had become like fire. (Dalaail Un Nubuwwah, Hadith No. 2813)

This shows that for every person who had participated in the martyrdom of Hadhrat Imam Hussain (May Allah be well pleased with him), life had become hell and they would always be bewildered and anxious not knowing what punishment of Allah would be expressed from where. The fire was to show them that their place in hereafter was hell and this is only a taste of what was to come.

### **Meat turns to blood**

Imam Ibn Hajr 'Asqalani (May Allah shower His mercy on him) writes in Tahzeeb Ut Tahzeeb:

Translation: It is narrated on the authority of Hadhrat Humaid bin Murra, he says: On the day of martyrdom, the army took a camel from the army of Imam Hussain (May Allah be well pleased with him), slaughtered it and put it in the pot. That meat turned into a glob of congealed blood and they couldn't chew it. (Tahzeeb Ut Tahzeeb, Manismuhu Habis; Dalaail Un Nubuwwah, Hadith No. 2814)

### **Rain of blood in Khorasan, Syria and Kufa**

'Allama Muhammad bin Yousuf Salihi (May Allah shower His mercy on him) has recorded Traditions in Subul Ul Huda War Rashad which say that on the day, Hadhrat Imam Hussain (May Allah be well pleased with him) was martyred, there was a rain of blood.

Imam Abu Nu'aim Ahmed bin 'Abdullah Asfahani (May Allah shower His mercy on him) has related in Ma'arifat Us Sahabah, 'Allama Yousuf Salihi (May Allah shower His mercy on him) in Subul Ul Huda War Rashad, Imam Tabarani in Mo'jam Kabeer and Imam Baihaqui in Majma' Uz Zawaaid:

Translation: It is narrated on the authority of Hadhrat Nudhra Azdiya, he says: On the day, Imam Hussain (May Allah be well pleased with him) was martyred, the sky rained blood. That morning, we found our foreheads and our body soaked in blood.

Ayyub bin 'Abdullah bin Zyad said: When the blessed head of Hadhrat Imam Hussain (May Allah be well pleased with him) was bought, I saw blood flowing down the walls of the palace.

Hadhrat Umme Salma (May Allah be well pleased with her) said: On the day of martyrdom, blood was rained on the houses and the walls. Ja'afar bin Suleman said: This happened in Khorasan, Syria and Kufa. (Subul Ul Huda War Rashad, Vol. 11, Pg. No. 80)

### **Sky appears like congealed blood**

Imam Baihaqui (May Allah shower His mercy on him) writes in his book Dalaail Un Nubuwwa:

Translation: Hadhrat 'Ali bin Mashar narrates on the authority of his grandmother who said: In the era of Imam Hussain (May Allah be well pleased with him), I was a young girl. In that time, the sky become like congealed blood for many days. (Dalaail Un Nubuwwah, Hadith No. 2812)

Allah's displeasure and anger was expressed in many ways. That the sky became blood-red is also mentioned. Similarly, it is established through many Traditions that the sky became red.

When human beings get angry their faces turn red with anger. Allah Most High is beyond having a physical body. He expressed His displeasure and anger by reddening the sky. As mentioned by Hadhrat Ibn Hajar Haitami (May Allah shower His mercy on him) in As Sawaa'iq Al Muhriqa:

Translation: Ibn Jauzi said: The wisdom behind reddening of the sky is that when we get angry, our anger is expressed by flushing of our face. The Lord Almighty is above and beyond having a physical body. That's why on the martyrdom of Imam Hussain (May Allah be well pleased with him), Allah Most High expressed His displeasure by making red so that everybody knows how grave this crime is. (As Sawaa'iq Ul Muhriqa, Pg. No. 116)

### **The sky became red**

There is a Tradition in Mo'jam Kabeer Tabarani and in Majma Uz Zawaaid:

Translation: Hadhrat Abu Bakr bin 'Ayyash narrates on the authority of Hadhrat Jameel bin Zaid, he says: When Imam Hussain (May Allah be well pleased with him) was martyred, the sky became red. I said: What do you say? Hadhrat Jameel bin Zaid said: Indeed, the one who lies is a hypocrite. Verily, at the time of his martyrdom, the sky became red. (Mo'jam Kabeer Tabarani, Hadith No. 2768; Majma Uz Zawaaid, Hadith No. 15162)

### **The genies express their sorrow**

Even the creation whom we cannot see expressed their sorrow. Thus, it has been mentioned in Traditions that the genies expressed their sorrow and the human beings heard this, as Imam Ibn Katheer has written in Al Bidayah Wan Nihayah:

Translation: There are many Traditions about Karbala narrated on the authority of Hadhrat Ka'ab Ahbaar and Abul Janaab Kalbi has said the people of Karbala continuously heard the crying of genie and they heard them recite couplets that the Holy Prophet (Sallallahu alaihi wa sallam) had kissed his forehead and his cheeks are radiant with the light of the Holy Prophet (Sallallahu alaihi wa sallam). The parents of Imam Hussain (May Allah be well pleased with him) are the elite of the Quraish and his maternal grandfather is the best of all. (Bidayah Wan Nihayah, Hadith No. 1686)

All these Traditions make it clear that not only human beings but genie, animals, birds, plants and every other creation felt the sorrow of the martyrdom of Imam Hussain (May Allah be well pleased with him).

### **A divine verdict?**

Imam Ibn Katheer has mentioned another miracle of Imam Hussain (May Allah be well pleased with him).

Those who had martyred Imam Hussain (May Allah be well pleased with him) returned, drank wine and spent the night. The blessed head of Hadhrat Imam Hussain (May Allah be well pleased with him) was with them. Suddenly a pen of iron appeared and it was written in blood on the walls:

Those who have martyred Imam Hussain (May Allah be well pleased with him)

Do they still hope for his grandfather's intercession on the Day of Judgment?

'Allama Muhammad bin Yousuf Salihi (May Allah shower His mercy on him) writes on the authority of Ibn Asakar:

Translation: A group of people went to Rome on an expedition. There, they saw this couplet written on the wall of a church. On inquiring, they found that this couplet had been there since 300 years before the Holy Prophet (Sallallahu alaihi wa sallam) declared His Prophethood. (Subul Ul Huda War Rashad, Vol. 11, Pg. No. 80)

This shows the stature Imam Hussain (May Allah be well pleased with him) has with Allah Most High.

All the miracles and wonders mentioned above have been related by exegetes, jurists, experts of Hadith memorization and historians in authoritative and reliable books. These are those scholars of Islam from whose relation and interpretation of Hadith, a great corpus of Islamic knowledge is derived.

The aforementioned incidents make it clear that Imam Hasan and Imam Hussain (May Allah be well pleased with them) were not powerless. Almighty Allah has granted them power and authority. Having power but not using it is possible only for the truly great. As it was a trial (from Allah) the Imams didn't use any of their divinely granted power and authority to stop the oppressors. If they had so desired, the earth itself would have gobbled them and the sky would have rained fire on them – the Imams expressed miracles on some occasions and suggested that they are not helpless before others.

Through the martyrdom of Imam Hussain (May Allah be well pleased with him) the Ummah gets a great lesson of sacrifice, those who are powerless and helpless gain assurance, the oppressed derive courage and the spirit to overpower the forces of falsehood, the lessons of steadfastness and firmness of purpose can be learnt; all in all Islam is revived and the standard of truth was again hoisted.

For the sake of the Holy Prophet (Sallallahu alaihi wa sallam), may Allah Most High keep us steadfast on the path of guidance and let us die with our faiths intact. May the Lord Almighty grant us the blessings of Imam Hasan and Imam Hussain (May Allah be well pleased with them). Aameen.