



Shrine of Imam Husayn (may Allah Almighty be well pleased with him)
Karbala, Iraq

**THE MARTYRDOM OF
HAZRAT IMAM HUSAYN
(MAY ALLAH BE WELL PLEASED WITH HIM)**

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 **AGENDA** 

TILAWAT-E-QURAN5:00 PM
WELCOME & INTRODUCTION5:05 PM

ALTERNATING NAATS, MANQABATS & SPEECHES

MAGHRIB PRAYER5:45 PM

ALTERNATING NAATS, MANQABATS & SPEECHES

GUEST SPEAKER7:00 PM
ISHA PRAYER7:30 PM
DINNER8:00 PM

**THE PROGRAM WILL INCLUDE
ALTERNATING NAATS & MANQABATS,
AND SPEECHES
ON THE
MARTYRDOM OF HAZRAT IMAM HUSAYN
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**FREE ADMISSION
COMPLIMENTARY DINNER**



WELCOME

In the Name of Allah, The Beneficent, The Merciful
Prayers and Peace upon His Noble Messenger ﷺ
and upon His Pure Family & Noble Companions

All Praise belongs to Allah Almighty, the Creator and Sustainer of everyone and everything. And countless Blessings and Salutations upon His Chosen and Beloved Messenger, Mercy to all the Worlds, the Final Prophet, Chief of this world and the Next World, Best of Creation, Present and Witnessing, Intercessor on the Day of Judgment, and upon the Holy Prophet's Blessed Companions, Noble Family and Pure Wives, and all followers until Judgment Day.

Allah *subhaanahu wa ta'ala* says in His Noble Quran about His Noble Friends (i.e. the *Awliya Kiram*, may Allah be pleased with them all):

*"Alaa inna awliyaa Allahi
laa khaufun 'alayhim wa laa hum yahzanoon"*
"Pay heed! Indeed upon the Friends of Allah
is neither any fear, nor any grief."

[Al-Quran, 10:62]

It is stated in the famous *Kashf-ul-Mahjoob* that:

*"[Hazrat Imam Husayn ؑ] is one of the great Awliya Allah devoted exclusively to Allah and famous for renunciation, patience and forbearance in the hours of extreme affliction, such as that experienced in the massacre at Karbala."*¹

¹ Hazrat Abul Hasan Syed Ali bin Uthman Hujweri رحمته اللہ علیہ, famous as Hazrat Daata Ganj Baksh رحمته اللہ علیہ (11th century CE). *Kashf-ul-Mahjoob* trans. as *Unveiling the Veiled* by Maulana Wahid Baksh Rabbani. Pakistan: A.S. Noordeen & AST, 1997. p. 87.

Hazrat Imam Husayn رضي الله عنه (4 - 61 Hijri), the beloved grandson of the Holy Prophet Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم and the precious son of Hazrat Fatima-tuz-Zahra رضي الله عنها & Hazrat 'Ali ibn Abi Talib al-Murtaza رضي الله عنه, is one of the greatest exemplars of sacrifice in the history of Islam.

Hazrat Al-Bara` ibn 'Aazib رضي الله عنه, a Companion of the Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم said:

"I saw that the Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم used to carry Imam Husayn رضي الله عنه on His shoulders and say, 'O Allah! I love him. You too love him.'"

[Mishkaat Shareef]

THE HOLY PROPHET'S صلى الله عليه وسلم FOREKNOWLEDGE OF IMAM HUSAYN'S رضي الله عنه MARTYRDOM

Hazrat Umm Salama رضي الله عنها, one of the Holy Prophet's Wives (Ummahaat al-Mumineen / Mothers of the Believers) is reported has having said:

"Allah's رسوله Messenger صلى الله عليه وسلم was once in my apartment, when His صلى الله عليه وسلم young grandson al-Husayn رضي الله عنه went in to see Him صلى الله عليه وسلم. I watched the pair of them from the doorway and there was al-Husayn رضي الله عنه perched on the chest of the Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم as he played a game. The Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم was holding a piece of clay in his hand and tears were streaming from his eyes. As soon as al-Husayn رضي الله عنه had left, I went inside and said: Let my father and my mother be your ransom, O Messenger of Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم! As I was watching you, I noticed that you were holding a piece of clay in your hand, and

that you were shedding tears. He ﷺ responded by telling me:

'While I was taking delight in having him perched on my chest, playing his game, Jibreel came to me and handed me the piece of clay upon which he will be slain. That is why I was shedding tears.'

[Al-Ghunya li-Talibi]

THE SPIRITUAL TEACHINGS OF IMAM HUSAYN رضي الله عنه

Imam Husayn رضي الله عنه was a man who stood for Truth all his life and sacrificed his life for Truth. The Prophet ﷺ Himself has indicated some of Imam Husayn's spiritual merits in His sayings. Imam Husayn رضي الله عنه also has some subtle sayings on the mysteries of the Sufi path. He said:

"Ashraful Ikhwani alaik dinakum"

"Your best friend is your Din (religion)"

[Kashf-ul-Mahjoob]

It is said that once a man came to Imam Husayn رضي الله عنه, and said, "O son of the Prophet ﷺ, I am a poor man with a large family. Kindly give something to me to suffice for the night." He said, *"Sit down. The money is on the way."* After a short while a man arrived and placed before him five bags each containing a thousand dinars saying that Amir Muawiyah رضي الله عنه had sent the money and wanted Imam Husayn رضي الله عنه to use it sparingly since there was a shortfall in his budget (Amir Muawiyah رضي الله عنه was the governor of Syria). Imam Husayn رضي الله عنه ordered the man to give the entire amount to the beggar and addressed him thus, *"I am sorry to have kept you waiting for long. Had I known that the amount was so*

little, I would not have troubled you to wait. Please forgive me the inconvenience caused to you."

Hazrat Imam Husayn رضي الله عنه continued on to say that:

"We are the people called Ahl-e-bala (sufferers). We love bala (calamities) and feel pleased with it. We live for others and not for ourselves."

[Kashf-ul-Mahjoob]

THE MARTYRDOM OF IMAM HUSAYN رضي الله عنه

Imam Husayn's رضي الله عنه martyrdom on the 10th of Muharram is the ultimate tribute to sacrificing oneself for the sake of the greater good. When Imam Husayn رضي الله عنه was confronted with the call for pledging allegiance to Yazid, the ruler at that time, he رضي الله عنه refused on account of the fact that Yazid was a tyrant and transgressor. Imam Husayn's رضي الله عنه confrontation with Yazid was a call for justice and restoration of the *Shari'ah*. Yazid had done many anti-*Shari'ah* acts. He had committed the sacrilegious act of tying horses to the Mosque of the Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم, and they had soiled the blessed mosque. Imam Husayn رضي الله عنه exhorted and warned Yazid three times to give up his tyrannical and blasphemous ways and to pledge allegiance to the family of the Holy Prophet Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم. However, this call for rectification fell on deaf ears.

Some 72 lovers of the Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم were forced to take on the huge army of Yazid that had laid siege upon them. The martyrdom of Imam Husayn رضي الله عنه and the rest of the martyrs of Karbala was the price paid for the fortification and safeguarding of Islam and the guarantor for this religion having reached us today.

Seventy thousand angels alighted in the grave of Imam al-Husayn ibn 'Ali (may Allah Almighty be pleased with them both) on the day when he was mortally wounded, and they will continue to weep over him until the day of Resurrection.

[*Al-Ghunya li-Talibi*]

Allah وَتَعَالَى chose martyrdom for the grandson of our Beloved Prophet ﷺ on the most noble of all days, the most glorious of them, the most majestic of them, and the most exalted of them in His وَتَعَالَى sight. In doing so, His وَتَعَالَى purpose was to grant him increased elevation in His degrees and His tokens of special favor over and above the special favor he already enjoyed. By way of martyrdom, He وَتَعَالَى caused him to reach the stations of the rightly guided Khalifas, who died as martyrs. [*Al-Ghunya li-Talibi*]

Like the angels, those who have love in their hearts for Imam Husayn رضي الله عنه weep tears and feel pain on this sad day. However, it must not be observed as a day of tragic misfortune. Instead it must be regarded as an remarkable day full of blessings and opportunities to reap plentiful rewards from the Merciful One وَتَعَالَى and attempt to perform as many righteous deeds as possible.

If it had ever been permissible to observe this day as the day of tragic misfortune, the Noble Companions and Successors (may Allah be pleased with them all) would have observed it as such, because they were more closely in touch with it than we are, and better qualified to understand its true significance. In actual fact, as we know from traditional reports about them that they used to urge people to treat their dependants with special generosity on that day and to observe it as a day of fasting.

[*Al-Ghunya li-Talibi*]

It is highly recommended to fast on both the 9th and 10th of Muharram.

**YAUM-UL-'ASHURA, AND THE
ACTS RECOMMENDED ON THIS GREAT DAY**

The sacred month of Muharram includes *Yaum-ul-'Ashura* or the Day of 'Ashura, which according to most experts is its 10th day. Allah ﷻ enormously enhances the recompense of those who worshipfully obey Him ﷻ on this day.

Fasting

It is reported in Sahih Muslim that:

“It [i.e. fasting on the Day of 'Ashura] expiates the sins of the preceding year.”

It is also reported in Sahih al-Bukhari and Muslim on the authority of Hazrat Ibn Abbas رضي الله عنه that the Jews of Madina used to fast on this day because they considered it a good day, the day on which Allah ﷻ rescued the Bani Israel from their enemy. So Hazrat Moosa عليه السلام used to fast on this day. The Holy Prophet ﷺ said, ***“We have more claim over Moosa than you.”*** So the Holy Prophet ﷺ observed fast on that day and ordered the Muslims to observe fast on that day.

It is also reported in Sahih Muslim and Abu Dawood on the authority of Hazrat Ibn Abbas رضي الله عنه that :

“The Messenger of Allah ﷺ fasted on the day of 'Ashura and ordered the people to fast on it. The

people said, 'O Messenger of Allah ﷺ, it is a day that the Jews and Christians honor.' The Prophet ﷺ, said, 'When the following year comes - Allah willing - we shall fast on the ninth.' The death of the Prophet ﷺ came before the following year."

It is reported by Hazrat Ibn Abbas (may Allah be pleased with them both) that the Holy Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said:

"If someone fasts on the first 10 days of 'Ashura in Muharram, he will be granted the spiritual reward of ten thousand angels. If someone fasts on the day of 'Ashura in Muharram, he will be granted the spiritual reward of ten thousand martyrs, as well as the spiritual reward of ten thousand pilgrims and visitants."

Being Kind to Orphans

The above Hadeeth continues as follows:

"If someone strokes the head of an orphan with his hand on the day of 'Ashura for every hair on the orphan's head, Allah ﷻ will promote him by one degree in the Garden of Paradise."

Providing Iftar to the Fasting Person

The above Hadeeth further continues:

"If someone provides a believer with a meal to break his fast on the night of 'Ashura, it

will be just as if the entire Ummah of Muhammad ﷺ had broken fast as his guests, and had filled their stomachs to capacity."

Significant Events that Took Place on Yaum-ul-'Ashura

The Holy Prophet's ﷺ listeners exclaimed upon listening to the above Hadeeth that it would seem that Allah ﷻ has given preference to the Day of 'Ashura over all other days! He ﷺ replied in the positive and went on to explain:

"Allah ﷻ created the heavens on the day of 'Ashura. He ﷻ created the mountains on the day of 'Ashura. He ﷻ created the oceans on the day of 'Ashura. He ﷻ created the Pen on the day of 'Ashura. He ﷻ created the Tablet on the day of Ashura. He ﷻ created Adam عليه السلام on the day of 'Ashura, and He ﷻ caused him to enter the Garden of Paradise on the day of 'Ashura..." (Please refer to the source text for the entire Hadeeth, which is quite extensive.)

Performing Ghusl

According to another version of the above mentioned Hadeeth, likewise transmitted by Hazrat Ibn Abbas (may Allah be pleased with them both), the Holy Prophet ﷺ said:

" ... If someone performs the major ritual ablution on the day of 'Ashura he will never ex-

perience any illness, apart from the sickness of death..."

Visiting the Sick

The above Hadeeth continues as follows:

"...If someone pays a visit to a sick person on the day of 'Ashura, it is just as if he had visited all the sons of Adam. If someone gives [a thirsty person] a drink of water on the day of 'Ashura it is just as if he had never disobeyed Allah ^{وتعالى} _{وتعاليه} for a single instant."

Ritual Prayer for Yaum-ul-'Ashura

The above Hadeeth continues explaining the method of ritual prayer to be performed on the Day of 'Ashura:

"If someone performs 4 cycles of ritual prayer on the day of 'Ashura reciting in each cycle Surah Al-Fatiha one time, Surah Al-Ikhlās 50 times, Allah Almighty will forgive him the sins of fifty bygone years and of fifty years that are still in the future. Allah Almighty will also build for him, in the midst of the heavenly host, a thousand palaces of light."

Another Hadeeth narrated by Hazrat Abu Hurayra ^{رضي الله عنه} has the following prescription:

"[The worshipper should perform] 4 cycles of ritual prayer with two salutations (i.e. in sets of 2) reciting in each cycle:

Surah Al-Fatiha, one time

Surah Az-Zilzal, one time

Surah Al-Kafiroon, one time

*Surah Al-Ikhlās, one time
Then when he has concluded his performance
of the ritual prayer, he should invoke bless-
ings upon the Holy Prophet ﷺ seventy
times."*

Being Kind to Dependants

It is reported by Hazrat 'Abdullah ibn Mas'ud al-Hudhali
رضي الله عنه, one of the earliest and closest Companions of the Holy
Prophet ﷺ, that Allah's Messenger ﷺ said:

*"If someone treats his dependants with spe-
cial generosity on the Day of 'Ashura, Allah
ﷻ will treat that person with special gen-
erosity throughout the rest of the year."*

Giving Charity

One of our worthy forefathers (*Salaf*) is said to have declared:

*"If someone fasts on the Day of 'Ashura, he will
thereby make up for all the fasting that he has
failed to keep in the course of the whole year. And
if someone gives a charitable donation on that day,
he will thereby make up for any charitable dona-
tion [sadaqa] that he has failed to give in the course
of the whole year."*

Fasting of the Birds & Beasts

Shaykh Abdul Qadir Jilani رضي الله عنه mentions in his book that
even the birds and the wild beasts used to fast on the Day of
'Ashura.

May Allah Ta'ala by the Waseela of His Habeeb sallallaahu alayhi wa sallam give us the tawfeeq to learn more about the life and works of this Great Wali and all of His Great Friends (may Allah be pleased with them all) and be inspired through them to live meaningful lives of unconditional love and service to others. Aameen.



❧ **PRAISES OF HAZRAT IMAM HUSAYN
AND THE AHLE-BAYT ATHAAR** ❧

Imam Shafi رحمة الله عليه said:

*Ya Ahli Bayti Rasulillahi hubbukum
Fardun min Allahi fil Qurani anzalahu*

O Ahle Bayt of Rasul Allah ﷺ !

Your love is an obligation from Allah وتعالى

Allah وتعالى has revealed this judgment in the Quran



Hazrat Khwaja Muinuddin Chishti رحمة الله عليه said:

Shah ast Husayn رضوانه baad Shah ast Husayn رضوانه

Deen ast Husayn رضوانه Deen panaa ast Husayn رضوانه

Sar daad na daad dast dar dast-e-yazid

Haqqa ke bina-e laa ilahaa ast Husayn رضوانه

Husayn رضي الله عنه is the king, Husayn رضي الله عنه is the king of kings
The *Deen* (Islam) is Husayn رضي الله عنه ,
the protector of the *Deen* is Husayn رضي الله عنه
He gave his head,
but did not give his hand in the hand of yazid
In reality, Husayn رضي الله عنه is the foundation of
"La ilaaha illallah" (There is no God but Allah)

Hazrat Sultan Bahu رحمته الله عليه said:

*Ishq haqiqi soi jeda qatl mashuq de manne hu
Ishq na chode mukh na mode tode sau talvaran khanne hu
Jit val vekhe raz Mahi da ote jave ose banne hu
Sachcha ishq Husayn Ali رضي الله عنه da Bahu
sar deve par raz na bhanne hu*

True love considers death
in the Path of his Beloved (Allah وتعالى) as worship
He never abandons his Beloved nor does he turn away
from Him despite a hundred swords breaking on his head
Wherever he sees the Path of Allah وتعالى ,
he walks towards it
True love Bahu is that of Husayn ibn Ali رضي الله عنه
who gave his head but did not betray the Path

Hazrat Allama Iqbal رحمۃ اللہ علیہ said:

*Qatl-e-Husayn رضی اللہ عنہ asal mein marg-e Yazid hai
Islam zinda hota hai har Karbala ke baad*

The slaughter of Husayn رضی اللہ عنہ [Truth]
is in reality the death of yazid [Falsehood]
Islam is revived after every Karbala

*Jis رضی اللہ عنہ ne haq Karbala ka ada kar diya
Apne Nana صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم ka vada vafa kar diya
Ghar ka ghar ko supurde Khuda وہ تعالیٰ kar diya
Apne kumbe ka kumba fida kar diya
Us Husayn ibn Haydar رضی اللہ عنہ pe lakhon salam*

*Sultane Karbala رضی اللہ عنہ ko hamara salaam ho
Janane Mustafa صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم ko hamara salaam ho*

*Ay Husayn رضی اللہ عنہ aapne qurban kiya sab kuch
Nana صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم ke Deen ki khatir
Tu رضی اللہ عنہ Nure Mustafa صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم hai chamkega hamesha
Shaheede Karbala رضی اللہ عنہ ban kar*

Zahid Chaudhry Qadri



About IECRC

IECRC is a non-profit, non-political 501 (c)(3) organization, devoted to providing academic and spiritual resources to diverse religious and cultural groups. IECRC was established in 2002 and is based in Northern California. As a community service organization, it is based on the model of the centuries old Islamic tradition of bringing peace and harmony to society by addressing the essential needs of people regardless of their cast, creed, color or religion.

IECRC's long-term vision is to insha Allah (God willing) establish a world-class, vibrant and dynamic university that provides a forum for those seeking to quench the thirst of the heart and mind in the merger of ancient and modern knowledge and sciences in order to provide solutions to issues of our contemporary times with the goal of promoting peace, brotherhood and the betterment of humanity at large.

In order to achieve this vision, IECRC has several short term plans which are divided into the areas of education (both children and adult), culture, research and counseling.

EDUCATION: IECRC would like to insha Allah establish a low-cost, affordable full-time school for children ages 5 - 15 years where the young minds will be taught both traditional Islamic as well as modern knowledges. They will also be oriented in Islamic *adab* (etiquette). *This requires a school building or a piece of land where one can be built.*

CULTURE: IECRC would like to promote Islamic culture within the Muslim community and to bring Islamic cultural awareness to other faith communities. *This goal requires a community center with an auditorium.*

RESEARCH: IECRC intends to insha Allah establish a comprehensive library with a collection of Islamic books including rare ones in original sources, publish a quarterly Islamic Social Sciences Research Journal, and invite scholars of high caliber from around the world on a tenure basis. *These goals require a physical facility for the library, a printing press for efficient publishing of journals and books and a guest house to lodge visiting scholars.*

COUNSELING: IECRC would like to expand its already existing services of spiritual healing and counseling. Topics covered would be in the areas of Family Affairs (Marriage - *Nikah*, Divorce - *Talaq*, etc.), Individual Counseling (Depression, Anxiety, etc.), Legal Aid & Medical Camps. *The above goals require a physical facility for the counseling center that can lodge patients seeking help from far away places.*

We invite your feedback, help and support!

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