



One should begin with the end in mind. Every mumin who is fortunate to get an opportunity to sit at the feet of Imam Husain's (SA) Dai and receive heavenly *barakaat* should, in these days strive to receive Maula's (TUS) *dua mubarak*. Maula (TUS) today, beseeched Allah (TA) that with the intercession of Imam Husain (SA) and his every drop of blood every mumin be cleansed off his sins before the end of these auspicious days.

Maula (TUS) recounted the blessings of our noble forefathers who made us follow the tradition of conducting *majaalis* during these days. These *majaalis* become a source of *barakaat*, an occasion for repentance, an opportunity to shed tears on Imam Husain (SA), gain eight heavens in return and an event to drink from the sweet fountain of *Kausar*. Indeed, Mumineen, today, drank inordinately from the wells of *Kausar* when Maula (TUS) delivered one bayan after another, savouring the *Ilm* of Ale Mohammed (SA).

Quoting verses from Syednal Moaiyyad-us-Shirazi's (RA) dua, Maula (TUS) explained in detail the wonders of creation and the divinity of the Creator. Every thing is created for a reason and no creation, however infinitesimal, is void of *hikmat*. The creation of the heavenly bodies: the Sun, the Moon and the stars, stationed in their orbits for millions of years is replete with fascinating wonders. Mountains are also created with a purpose; without the Himalayas the Indian subcontinent would be vulnerable. Mountains, large and small, are created to enable nature to do its work. One tends to study these gigantic structures with much awe and admiration, and dismisses the smaller and more common creatures yet, they are equally fascinating. The mosquito is a complex organism; despite its diminutive size, it is made up of wings, legs and even intestines. Ants are another example of the wonders of nature; they boast of a highly developed sense of smell. The marvel of creation forces man to reflect on his own self and contemplate on his own creation.

Maula (TUS) urged mumineen to realize their worth, "It is for you that the universe is created. It is because of you that others enjoy the good things in life. It is because of you that peace and prosperity prevail." In another *bayan* he said, "You are the blessed ones. You are with the Panjatan. You are with their Dai. On the day of *Qayamat* you will triumph; even in this world you are respected and revered among all others. Wherever you are, you are exalted. All this because of Imam-uz-Zaman (SA) and his Dai." Every mumin knows that he is respected because of his adherence to his Maula (TUS). During these days a mumin has the opportunity to strengthen this adherence by imbibing Maula's (TUS) teachings; following his guidance and abstaining from indulgence in what is forbidden. Sins can weaken a mumin's attachment to his Maula (TUS). Mumineen are akin to the leaves of the tree of *Thuba*. As long as a leaf is attached to the tree it retains its freshness, and the moment it falls off it hardens, rots and eventually ends up in the fire.

How does a mumin strengthen his faith? A mumin should provide succour to his Maula. The Imam assures salvation for mumineen, but how does a mumin provide succour to the Imam? Maula (TUS) explained that a mumin should help his Imam (SA) just as a man drowning in water assists his saviour: by reducing his own burden.

Certainly, this is the least a mumin can do for his Maula (TUS) whose bounties on him know no boundaries and whose affection is greater than those of his own parents. Syedna Mohammed Burhanuddin (TUS) is the descendant and heir of the 47<sup>th</sup> Dai-1-



Mutlaq, Syedna Abdul Qadir Najmuddin (RA) and he bestows upon mumineen the same kindness that Syenda Abdul Qadir Najmuddin (RA) bestowed on mumineen: by giving milk when asked for water.

Maula (TUS) gave a detailed account of this riwayat, “A mumineen had invited Syedna Abdul Qadir Najmuddin (RA) from Ratlam to Ujjain to grace the occasion of his marriage. During his sojourn in Ujjain, Syedna (RA) was infected with cholera: an epidemic prevailing in Ujjain at that time. Syedna (RA) did not disclose his condition to anyone, but later mumineen found out. Syedna (RA) had decided to travel to Burhanpur covertly and made all the preparations for the journey. Mumineen gathered at his residence and implored him to remain in Ujjain till he regained health and mumineen celebrated his recovery. Syedna (RA), who had put on his *jama* and was ready to leave, sat down on his chair, ordered the doors to be closed and said, “I will meet my end here...” Later he called on witnesses and performed *nas* on his brother and successor, Syedna Abdul Husain Husamuddin (RA) who was not present at that time. Syedna (RA) instructed the witnesses to convey to his successor the following words, “I have taken care of mumineen with great affection. Whenever they asked for water I have given them milk. Bhai Husamuddin should do the same.” Maula (TUS) concluded, “This is how a father should be; a father who not only took care of mumineen in his time, but also assured for the mumineen after him. He did not forget mumineen even during his last moments.”

Mumineen today, witness the same affection and love of Maula (TUS) for them in each and every deed.

The waaz ended with the narration of Imam Husain’s (SA) *shahadat*. Maula (TUS) described in particular detail the manner in which Imam Husain’s (SA) horse soaked his mane in Imam’s (SA) blood and informed the haram of the *shahadat*. sMaula (TUS) said, “The horse soaked his mane and neck in Husain’s blood as blood was gushing out like a fountain.”

May Allah grant our Maula (TUS) a long and healthy life till the day of Qayamat.