

Today, mumineen flock in thousands to attend Maula's (TUS) *majaalis* all over the world. Maula (TUS) ascribes this desire and enthusiasm of his followers to the *tafadi* of *Ahle-bait* and *Ashaab*, who when asked to leave in the darkness of night refused vehemently, and pledged their lives to Imam Husain (SA). The *tafadi* of Imam Husain's (SA) *Ashaab* and *Ahle-bait* consolidated *ikhlaas* in mumineen's hearts. No mumineen will ever turn away from these *majaalis* and go astray from his Maula.

Stressing the importance of attending these *majaalis* Maula (TUS) stated, "My children, mumineen and muminaat, eagerly await the arrival of *Ashara Mubarakah* so they can attend and sit at the feet of Husain's Dai, listen to his *shahadat* and perform *buka* and *matam* on Imam Husain (SA). Mumineen from different places had earnestly expressed their desire to host these *majaalis* in their respective cities. However, Mamlook-e-Ale Mohammed (AS) decided to conduct *Ashara Mubarakah* in Colombo. Mumineen who were able to travel here are attending these *majaalis* and the rest will attend them in their respective places where *majaalis* are conducted with my *raza* and injunction. Wherever you may be, be assured that you will always be with me in whatever *ziker* I perform in these days. You are in front of my eyes and these *barakaat* will definitely reach you. Therefore, do not despair. It gives me immense contentment that you attend these *majaalis* and it makes me extremely happy."

In another bayan, Maula (TUS) said, "A certain group of angels wanders the earth taking report of what people do. Whenever they come across a group gathered to perform Ale Mohammed's (SA) *ziker*, they beckon other angels to come and participate in the *ziker* of Ale Mohammed (SA)" Maula (TUS) inferred, "therefore, mumineen! You are no less than angels. You sit among them."

Among countless number of human beings, Mumineen are the fortunate few who belong to Maula (TUS), and they must be grateful for this privilege. Gratefulness ensures the continuity as well as proliferation of *nemat*, whereas ingratitude and hubris can cause one's downfall. In fact, gratefulness can even redeem what is lost is evident from the *riwayat* narrated by Maula (TUS).

A mumineen was falsely implicated by phony witnesses and Maulana Ali (SA) ordered the hands of the accused to be severed. Abudllah bin Abbas, Maulana Ali's (SA) cousin, accosted the mumineen to inquire about his hand. The mumineen narrated his misfortune and expressed his gratitude towards Maulana Ali (SA), accepting his verdict as purgatorial. Abdullah bin Abbas conveyed the Mumineen's words to Maulana Ali (SA), upon which Maulana Ali (SA) called the mumineen back and miraculously rejoined his hands. The mumineen was justly rewarded for his gratefulness.

Along with gratefulness (*shukr*) a mumineen should also cultivate forbearance (*sabr*). The *kalamat*, '*la hawla wala quwwata illa billa hil azeem*' belongs to the treasures of heaven. We should utter this *kalamat* and teach it to our children. It protects us from hardships and sufferings, it gives courage. When Syedna Qutbuddin Shahid (RA) was informed about his impending arrest, at his daughter's house, he spontaneously uttered this *kalamat*.

Accepting unconditionally the judgement of Imam and his Dai strengthens a mumineen's *ikhlaas*. Syedi Dawood bhai saheb Shehabuddin was the epitome of *ikhlas*. Whenever he sensed that a mumineen was being led astray by the guiles of the enemy, he approached him on some pretext and, guided him towards the right path. He would say, "Syedna Mohammed Burhanuddin (RA) is a truthful Dai. I was one of the witnesses of Syedna Abdul Qadir Najmuddin's (RA) *nas* on his successor Syedna Abdul Husain Husamuddin (RA). This *nas* is a proof of Syedna Najmuddin's (RA)

righteousness. If Syedna Najmuddin (RA) was not a truthful Dai then he would not have been able to perform *nas* on his successor. When a bhai saheb, prominent but otherwise pretentious, gibed at Syedi Dawood bhai saheb for his incessant talk about faith, he replied, "I speak because my belief, my faith, my Dai dictates me to do so. Who tells you to speak otherwise?"

Maula (TUS) concluded the *waaz* with the heart-rending narration of Maulatena Zainab's (SA) lamentation on Imam Husain (SA). After slaying Imam Husain (SA), enemies seized his clothes and when Maulatena Zainab (SA) approached Imam Husain's body, they snatched her *rida*. Zainab threw herself on Husain's (SA) body and wailed. Mumineen witnessed the intense sorrow of Maulatena Zainab (SA) in the tearful expressions of Maula (TUS) as if, like Maulatena Zainab (SA), Maula (TUS) was witnessing Imam Husain's (SA) *shahadat* in front of his very eyes.

May Allah grant our Maula a long and healthy life.