

Syedna Mohammed Burhanuddin (TUS) is the *baab* (door) of Ahle Bayt (SA). The door, which is a part of the house itself, is closed to unworthy intruders and open only to the deserving. Mumineen sitting at the feet of Syedna Mohammed Burhanuddin (TUS) in these days find themselves at the gates of *Jannat*; taking in the sweet fragrance and savoring the vast variety of its fruits.

We are fortunate to exist in the era of Rasulullah (SA) who spread *ilm-e-taweel* (esoteric knowledge) which until then was the privilege of only a selected few *hudood*. This divine knowledge is inherited by the progeny of Rasulullah (SA) and is bestowed only to mumineen, who are encompassed in the inner circle of *Imaan*. Adorning mumineen with jewels from this treasure, Aqa Maula (TUS) described Rasulullah's (SA) *maqam*. His meeting with the Buhaira ur Rahib, the last apostle of Eisa's (AS) era, at Shaam was narrated in detail. This journey was undertaken to accomplish the difficult task of merging the two streams, *mustaqar* and *mustawda*, which were separated by Ibrahim Nabi (AS) hundreds of years ago.

Rasulullah's (SA) name, "Mohammed," appears in four places in the Quran. Aqa Maula (TUS) expounded the meaning of the first of these ayats, "Mohammed is but the Rasul; preceded by a number of Rasul. If he dies or is killed, you will turn back on your feet..." During the battle of Khaibar, a Jew sent poisoned meat to Rasulullah (SA). While he was chewing the meat, the goat announced loudly, "I am poisoned! Do not eat me." Rasulullah immediately spat out the morsel but traces of poison entered his body. The illness which resulted in Rasulullah's death was triggered by the remnants of this poison. Thus Rasulullah (SA) died a *shaheed*.

Aqa Maula (TUS) extolled the virtues of Quran-e-Majeed and urged mumineen to derive *barakaat* from it. The Quran consoles and safeguards a mumin in his *qabr*. Quran is the divine revelation which contains keys to the mysteries of creation. The knowledge of the Quran leads one to the creator; any knowledge that does not lead to the creator can only be harmful. Education in its true sense should result in the perfection of personality and not merely the accumulation of various degrees. Sometimes, people with degrees run pillar to post, jobless, whereas people without any degree own financial empires.

Perfection of the personality cannot be achieved by education, devoid of upbringing. Aqa Maula (TUS) quoted Syedna Taher Saifuddin (TUS) who addressed children and their parents, "Today, you (children) are little. Tomorrow you will grow into youth, and then grow old. Always act according to your age. Whatever you do keep your aspirations high. Every child desires to be like his parents, hence he imitates them. Children! Always obey your parents and remember that above your own parents is your *ruhani* father whose affection and love is far greater. He is concerned about every aspect of your lives." Further, Maula reproached parents who beat their children, "No one has the right to beat my children; instead counsel them with love. A girl approached me at Saifee Mahal and complained that her mother beat her and requested me to chastise her for the act. I enquired about her mother; called her and expressed my disapproval. Parents should personally attend to the needs of their children and not leave it to servants. They should not reprimand a child in front of other children. Nagging makes children insensitive to parents' advice. Moreover, companionship has a profound effect on the child. Children should be kept away from bad company."

The fifth *waaz* ended with the *shahadat* of Rasulullah (SA). Aqa Maula reminded mumineen that the Ahle Bayt (SA) did Imam Husain's (SA) *matam* at Rasulullah's deathbed; thus he urged mumineen to do the *matam* of Imam Husain



(SA) along with the *matam* of Rasulullah (SA). The masjid filled with the sounds of “Ya Mohammed! Ya Husain!”