

Water sustains life; without water life would perish. A pious man once questioned his king, "If you asked for water and nobody gave it to you what would you do?" The king answered that he would give away his wealth, half his kingdom or even his entire kingdom for a drink of water. Such is the necessity of water!

On the scorching sands of Kerbala, the enemy deprived Imam Husain (SA) and his Ahl e Bayt of water, plotting to destroy the *mulk* of *imamat*. But Imam Husain, hungry and thirsty sacrificed his all, in order to safeguard the Imamate.

Water nourishes life; without water life would perish. In the midst of war, when water was scarce and the enemy ranks headed by Hur were dithering with thirst, Imam Husain (SA) sent water not only for the armies but for their horses as well. Hur, by the barakat of this water, gained eternal life. He fell at the feet of his Maula implored forgiveness and pledged his allegiance. Such is Imam Husain's ehsaan! And such is the ehsaan of his Dai, who showers mumineen with one nemat after the other and absolves them of sin!

Maula gathers mumineen during Ashara Mubarakah, for the buka of Imam Husain (SA) which ensures them jannat; for Rasulallah (SAW) affirms that he who weeps, or makes others weep, or even puts on an expression of weeping is entitled to *Jannat*." Destiny brings people together, and Maula (TUS) reminded us that what brought thousands together here from diverse parts of the globe was their destiny. In the ethereal ambience of the majlis, one feels that this is where he truly belongs, and listening to Maula's (TUS) *bayan* he rediscovers his own self. He realizes that he was born on earth not only to inhabit it, but to seek a loftier abode. In fact, the world was created to enable him to prepare himself for the hereafter. Maula (TUS) earnestly enquired, "O children of my dawat, where have you arrived? With whom have you arrived? Who is sitting amongst you on the Imami *masnad*? Who has brought you all here? Do you know who we are? We were once together in our heavenly abode."

Once a Shii poet composed verses in the marsiya of Amir ul mumineen (SA). That night, Amir ul Mumineen (SA) appeared in his dream and told the poet that he would accept his marsiya only if his Dai, Syedna Abdulqadir Najmuddin would do so. The man sought out Syedna and recited the marsiya. Syedna affirmed, "Yes indeed, I have accepted your qasida."

Today as mumineen grieved on Imam Husain (SA), Maula assured them, "Yes indeed, I have accepted your buka and matam for I, Mamluk e Ale Mohammed, am the Dai of Amir ul Mumineen (SA). Indeed, my name is Mohammed Burhanuddin."

Today, the President of Kenya, the first citizen of this country, came to the *majlis* to seek the blessings of Maula (TUS), and witnessed the mourning on Imam Husain (SA). Aqa Maula (TUS) thanked the President for his assistance to mumineen for Ashara Mubarakah preparations, and prayed that may he serve the nation well and may the country prosper under his leadership.