

Ibrahim Khalil ullah is the 3rd Natiq and the 3rd of the Aaba (forefathers). Rasulullah (SAW) and Amir ul mumineen are the fruit of his *dawat*. In today's bayan, Aqa Maula (TUS) recounted the *zikh* of Ibrahim Nabi's exemplary faith in Allah. The enemy placed Ibrahim Nabi in a catapult ready to be thrown into the blazing fire. When Jibraeel approached him and enquired if he wanted any assistance, Ibrahim Nabi declined. Jibraeel again asked if he wished for any assistance from Allah. Ibrahim Nabi declined as before. He was prepared to be put into the fire if Allah so desired.

In Kerbala, Jabraeel did not ask Imam Husain (SA) if he desired assistance; he brought along angels of the earth, the skies and the seas and offered him their *khidmat* to wipe out the enemy. Imam Husain, the son of Ibrahim Nabi, hungry and thirsty for three days, all alone, without his Ashab and Ahl-e-Bayt asked, "What does Allah desire of me?" Imam Husain knew that his *shahadat* had been preordained as he had promised Rasulullah (SAW), but he ascertained, "What does Allah desire of me?" Jabraeel's eyes filled with tears as he replied, "Allah desires that you accept *shahadat*."

Imam Husain (SA), the lord of both worlds, could have done as he wished but he chose to submit to the will of Allah. الرضاء بالقضاء -such was his faith in Allah, such was his belief in Allah's *hikmat*. His *shahadat* exemplifies the belief in Allah's will.

Sacrifice is based on the premise of accepting Allah's will. It was destined that either Ibrahim, Rasulullah's (SAW) son, or Imam Husain (SA), his grandson, should survive and the other be sacrificed. After contemplation, Rasulullah (SAW) offered his son Ibrahim for sacrifice and requested that Husain (SA) be spared as it was in Husain's (SA) progeny that the succession of Imamate would continue forever.

For the salvation of his grandfather's *ummat*, Husain Imam (SA) sacrificed his all in Kerbala. His six month old infant Maulana Ali Asghar (AS) was slain in his own hands. Ali Asghar was the *zibhe azeem* (the supreme sacrifice). Maula (TUS) recounted, "Though an infant, a lot of blood gushed out of him, and this blood, Imam Husain filled in his palms and flung towards the sky. Not a drop of this blood fell on earth. Realizing his *shaan* Imam Husain (AS) dismounted and buried him."

In one *wajah*, *zibhe azeem* also refers to the Dai-al-Satr who sacrifices his self in the *khidmat* of his Maula. Maulatena Hurratul Maleka (RA) appointed the Doat upon the injunction of Imam Amir (SA). Along with the message, Imam Amir (SA) had also sent an old handkerchief to Maulatana Hurratul Maleka (RA). Upon seeing the old piece of cloth, she immediately understood the implication and began to weep. Maula (TUS) said, "Doat Mutlaqeen have been graced with the *barakaat* of this old handkerchief. My father Syedna Taher Saifuddin (RA) was blessed with this *barakaat* and today I am blessed with it." Maula (TUS) further added, "O mumineen, understand the message of this *rumaal* and perform *buka* and *matam* on Imam Husain (AS)." It signifies that the hidden meanings of Imam Husain's *shahadat* are known only to the Dai who possesses the *barakaat* of this old *rumaal*.

Indeed this was apparent when Maula (TUS) recounted the heart-rending moments when Imam Husain recited his last *salaam* on each individual of his *haram* before venturing out into the battlefield of Kerbala.