

Blessed are those mumineen, who in these days of Ashara Mubaraka, get an opportunity to sit at the feet of Maulana Ali's (SA) Dai, Syedna Mohammed Burhanuddin (TUS)! Maula (TUS) will recognize them and with the *raza* of Imam uz Zaman give testimony of the *mohabbat* which has made them travel distances to come to his presence. Maulana Ali (SA) recognized the slave of Bani Riyaah who died in captivity, as the one who, whenever he met him, would proclaim his faith, saying, "Inni wallahe ohibboka ya Maulaya." Amir ul Mumineen(SA) ordered that his shackles be removed for he was free of the fires of hell. His expression of *mohabbat* earned him the *shafa'at* of Rasulullah and seventy clans of *malaekat* attended his *janaza*.

No difficulty or hardship is such that it cannot be resolved by uttering the name of Ali (SA). In Kerbala, Maula Husain at first did not grant his son who was in the prime of his youth, *raza* to go into the battlefield. What greater predicament for both a loving father and a devoted son! Maulana Ali Akber (SA) sought the intercession of Rasulullah (SAW) whom he resembled and Maulana Ali (SA) whom he was named after and finally secured *raza* to fight the enemy.

Maulana Ali's (SA) exalted *maqam* cannot be fathomed by mere mortals. Aqa Maula (TUS) narrated one incident that left four learned men of different faiths, who had travelled all the way from Rome to seek answers, bewildered. Maulana Ali (SA) not only replied to their questions by reciting from their own scriptures, but also displayed miracles associated with their prophets.

Praying for mumineen, Aqa Maula (TUS) said, "May Allah answer all my prayers of which you are a part. May Allah fulfill the desires of young and old alike. You are the beloved children of my Dawat. Only Allah knows how much *mohabbat* I have for you in my heart, and it is because of this *mohabbat* that I offer *sajdas* and pray for you. I am your father, and wherever I go people throng around me. Some think this act disrespectful: I do not consider it so, for can a son ever disrespect his father? Some rebuke and push them away: do not do so, for they are my children and a child can approach his father whenever he so desires."

AqaMaula (TUS) then recounted Syedna Taher Saifuddin's (RA) historic visit to Africa. Enemies in both India and Africa had schemed to prevent Syedna Taher Saifuddin (RA) from visiting Africa. They had also defiled the minds of mumineen, but one glimpse of their Maula (RA) dispelled all false beliefs about him. Wherever he went he captured the hearts of people in minutes. People of different faiths would line up for his blessings. In Diegos, a band of French sailors who had disembarked from a warship saw the flurry of activity of mumineen, found out about Syedna's (RA) presence and requested an audience. They were so impressed upon meeting him that they kissed his hands repeatedly. They remarked that they had never seen such a personality before, who gave them access with ease such that they could never hope to get from their own religious leader, the Pope. The Governor General of Kenya, who was present to see Syedna (RA) off, remarked that even after four months of continuous travelling and working long hours into the night, Syedna (RA) looked as fresh as ever. He congratulated mumineen for being blessed with such a leader. The governor then escorted Syedna (RA) to the foot of the aircraft. When Syedna (RA) returned to India, the Indian government hailed him as an ambassador who bridged gaps between countries.