

Numbers begin with one, every following number is but an aggregate of ones. Rasulullah (SAW), is the first of all Muslemeen, whose *salaat*, sacrifice, life and death were only for the sake of Allah, all Muslemeen derive their existence from his existence. A true Muslim then, is the one who follows Rasulullah's example in *salaat*, sacrifice, life and death.

Imam Husain's *salaat*, sacrifice, life and death were purely for the sake of Allah and the cause of Islam. When young, Husain would mount Rasulullah's (SAW) back during sajdah during *salaat*. Imam Husain (SA) sacrificed his family and himself and dispelled the worry of Rasulullah (SAW). Rasulullah's (SAW) entire life was spent in establishing the *deen* of Islam, and he fought many a battle for it. Husain repaid the *qisaas* incurred, *qisaas* which sustains life according to the Quran and bestowed immortality to mumineen.

Why did Imam Husain (SA) endure such sufferings and hardships? Why did he sacrifice his everything? It was only to protect and preserve the *Shariat* of Rasulullah (SAW) and the *deen* of Islam. Therefore, it behooves his followers to adhere to the doctrines of Islam and follow the way of life prescribed by *Shariat* without being remiss in any of its pillars (*de'amat*). Negligence of one *de'amat* has an adverse effect on all other areas of life.

Exhorting mumineen to observe the *Shariat*, Aqa Maula (TUS) observed, "While people have gone astray, mumineen remain committed to *deen*. Closing down their establishments and businesses they attend the *majalis* of Imam Husain (SA) with punctuality. Whatever the Dai instructs or wills they respond with enthusiasm."

Advising further, Aqa Maula (TUS) said, "The keys to all knowledge are in the hands of Doat. They know the fundamentals of all knowledge. The right tradition of learning can be gained from them. Knowledge should always benefit; and if it doesn't, then it is not true knowledge. Some people misuse knowledge and create havoc. Some young people, having acquired degrees, think degradingly of their parents. They forget that they owe their existence entirely to their parents, who have enabled them to learn. The mother endures immense pain in carrying the child and

after birth tolerates all kinds of hardships in bringing him up. But when he matures, he forgets and displays contempt. All young men and women should remember the warning of the 49th Dai, Syedna Mohammed Burhanuddin (RA) who said that the first retribution to befall the one who treats his parents such is that his own children will not obey him; and when that happens his parents will no longer be there for him to seek their forgiveness and redeem himself. Your spiritual father and mother are greater; they desire only the best for you. Do not allow Satan any access into your homes. If you do so; he will ensconce himself in your dwellings and captivate your children.

It was the sixth of Moharram, the day of Rasulullah's *zikr* and quoting from a few of his *hadiths*, Aqa Maula (TUS) explained, "A true Muslim is the one who does not cause harm to other people with his words or hands."

The *Shariat* of Rasulullah (SAW) encompasses all dimensions of human life. It teaches one how to perform the six basic bodily functions indispensable for the survival of a human: eating, drinking, urinating, excreting, sleeping and procreating.

Forbidding the consumption of illicit substances, Aqa Maula (TUS) said, "The drinking of alcohol cannot be justified under any circumstance of restraint (*taqiyyat*). Once taken, alcohol permeates and defiles the body. Some people influenced by society and succumbing to the pressures from their friends take an occasional drink or cigarette. It is more important to heed Allah's interdiction than to appease your friends. Moreover, a person who makes you do such things is not your friend."

The waaz concluded with the *matam* of Imam Husain along with the *shahadat* of Rasulullah (SAW). Rasulullah (SAW) divided into four the *hanooth* that had descended from the heavens and gave each of the Panjatan one portion. Husain did not receive any and began to cry. Rasulullah (SAW) replied, "How can I give you *hanooth*, for you will be killed in Karbala and your body will remain on the ground for days without *kafan* or burial. Thus Rasulullah (SAW) in his final moments recited to his *Ahle Bait* the *shahadat* of Imam Husain (SA), who at that time was only seven years old. Husain (SA) replied, "I accept what is destined for me. I will go to Karbala,

repay the *qisaas* and salvage every mumin from fire. Rasulullah (SAW) exclaimed in appreciation, "*Shabaash! Shabaash!*"