

سورة المزمل

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Surat al-Muzzammil: 1-2



"O you enwrapped in your garment! Stand vigil through the night"

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يَا أَيُّهَا الْمَزْمِلُ، قُمْ اللَّيْلَ إِلَّا قَلِيلًا، نَصَفَهُ أَوْ
انْقُصْ مِنْهُ قَلِيلًا، أَوْ زِدْ عَلَيْهِ وَرَتِّلِ الْقُرْآنَ
تَرْتِيلًا، إِنَّا سَنُلْقِي عَلَيْكَ قَوْلًا ثَقِيلًا، إِنَّ نَاشِئَةَ
اللَّيْلِ هِيَ أَشَدُّ وَطْئًا وَأَقْوَمُ قِيلًا، إِنَّ لَكَ فِي النَّهَارِ
سَبْعًا طَوِيلًا، وَادْكُرْ اسْمَ رَبِّكَ وَتَبَتَّلْ إِلَيْهِ تَبْتِيلًا،

(Surat al-Muzzammil: 1-8)

*O you enwrapped in your garment!
Stand vigil through the night, except a
little, a half of it, or reduce of it a little,
or add to it, and recite the Qur'an in a
measured tone., Verily [soon] We shall
cast on you a weighty word. Assuredly
rising in the night is firmer in tread and
more upright in respect to speech.
[For] assuredly during the day you
have extended engagements. And
mention the Name of your Lord, and
devote yourself [exclusively] to Him
with complete devotion.*

مَنْ رَزَقَهُ اللَّهُ وَلَايَةَ عَلِيٍّ ابْنِ أَبِيطَالِبٍ صَبَحَ فَقَدْ
أَصَابَ خَيْرَ الدُّنْيَا وَالْآخِرَةِ، وَلَا أَشَدُّ لَهُ بِالْجَنَّةِ،
وَإِنَّ فِي حُبِّ عَلِيٍّ وَوَلَايَتِهِ عَشْرِينَ خَصْلَةً، عَشْرَةٌ
مِنْهَا فِي الدُّنْيَا وَعَشْرَةٌ فِي الْآخِرَةِ* (1) الزهد
(2) والحرص على العلم (3) والورع في الدين
(4) والرغبة في العبادة (5) وتوبة نصوح (6)
والقيام في الليل للصلوة

(Rasulullah ^{SAW})

*He who is given the
sustenance/bounty (rizq - rozi) of the
valaayat of Ali has attained the
goodness of this world and the
Hereafter, and I do not doubt that he
will enter jannat. In Ali's love and
valaayat are twenty virtues: 10 in this
world (dunya) and 10 in the Hereafter
(aakherat). 1) renouncing materialism,
2) desire to seek knowledge, 3) piety
and scrupulosity, 4) eagerness/desire
for worship, 5) sincere repentance, 6)
waking up in the night for prayer.*

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| O Imam Hasan, Abu Mohammad Pouring celestial raincloud | الحسن | محمد | أبا | ١ |
| | الهدى | عارض | يا | |
| Rasulullah's grandson Blossoming garden of character | الحسن | الله | يا | ٢ |
| | الحسن | الخلق | حديثه | |
| My Maula, my Maula, O Hasan Bestow mercy on me, your servant | الحسن | مولاي | مولاي | ٣ |
| | الحسن | هذا | عبدك | |

QASIDA IN TRANSLATION:
Aba Mohammed-al-Hasan



SYEDNA TUS DOA**MESSAGE: Victims of Floods in Tamil-Nadu, India**

Syedna Khuzaima Qutbuddin TUS is deeply concerned about the suffering, death, destruction and disruption that has been caused by the floods in Chennai and Tamil Nadu, to its residents and their properties. Syedna prays firstly for those who have lost family members and friends to the deluge, may Allah taala give them fortitude in this difficult time. Syedna also prays that the floods may subside soon and the city and its people may recover speedily and completely from this calamity, and the loss to properties and businesses may be restored. Syedna also prays for all those who have put themselves at risk and those who have contributed in different ways, to help those who have been affected. Syedna TUS has participated in the emergency relief fundraising efforts of [Rapid Response](#) and encourages others to do so also.

SIJILL ARTICLE: Ten Virtues of a Mumin – (6) Night Prayers (Bihori)

Having been blessed with the greatest virtue, the *valaayat* of Amirul Mumineen SA, it is incumbent on us to be worthy of such a great blessing that ensures our salvation. Rasulullah SA has said that "he who is given the gift (*rizq, rozi*) of the *valaayat* of Ali has attained the goodness of this world and the Hereafter, and I do not doubt that he will enter *jannat*. In Ali's love and *valaayat* are twenty virtues: 10 in this World (*dunya*) and 10 in the Hereafter (*aakherat*)." The first of the virtues in this world is *zuhd* (renouncing materialism – lit. asceticism – [see Sijill Article 90](#)). The second of the virtues in this world is desire (lit. greed) to seek knowledge ([see Sijill Article 91](#)). The third of the virtues in this world is piety and scrupulosity ([see Sijill Article 92](#)).

The fourth virtue is the eagerness and desire for worship ([see Sijill Article 93](#)). The fifth virtue is sincere repentance. ([see Sijill Article 94](#)).

During Ashara this year, Syedna TUS narrated this Hadith and explained the many facets of this Hadith and the individual virtues. Syedna introduced the Hadith saying that this is a *bishaarat* for the Shi'a of Amirul Mumineen SA. He added that in one sense, those with true *valaayat* would necessarily have these virtues. If for some reason one with *valaayat* does not possess these virtues, then upon hearing this bayaan he/she should make a firm commitment to acquire them. **The sixth virtue is waking up in the night for tahajjud prayers (*al-qiyyamu fil-layl lis-salaat*).**

Syedna TUS explained that tahajjud and bihori prayers specifically entails waking up after a short while of sleeping to pray *tatawwu'* namaaz. In Shehrullah Syedna Taher Saifuddin RA used to sleep briefly before waking up for *tahajjud*. This entails more *sawaab* as it is more difficult to do - the manner in which all actions, *amal*, are performed are taken into account by Allah Ta'ala. Syedna added in his waaz that, even at times where he is up until the time of Nisful-Layl for Dawat matters, he takes a brief rest before praying namaaz because that is what has been recommended by our *Mawali Tahereen*.

Rasulullah SA was instructed by Allah Ta'ala to pray at night in the Qur'an Majeed in the Ayat quoted above. It is narrated that Rasulullah often stood in vigil the entire night. Often he would pray, rest for a while, then pray again, then rest for a while. The poet al-Busayri, the author of the well-known qasidat al-Burda in praise of Rasulullah expresses Rasulullah's shaan in *tahajjud* very poetically:

Rasulullah prayed in the darkness of the night

until his own feet complained of affliction

When Rasulullah SA was asked about the extent of his *tahajjud* and night prayer, he simply replied: "should I not express my gratitude that Allah Ta'ala has made me his true servant (*haqiqi bandah*), selected me and made me his messenger (*rasul*)" (*afala akunu 'abdan shakura*).

Imam Ali Zainul 'Aabedeen prayed one thousand *rak'ats* every night. The effect of the Imam's prayers was that his Dawat would survive and persist till the end of time. The doas recited by Imam Ali Zainul 'Aabedeen are a remarkable resource for us in praying bihori. Many of the doas have been presented on FatemiDawat.com in the [Bihori section](#). In Imam Ali Zainul 'Aabedeen's doa after Nisful-Layl we pray:

"The stars in your skies have set, the eyes of your creatures have closed, the voices of your servants are stilled... but you, God, are a king who is living, standing, not moved by slumber or sleep, not distracted from one thing by another. The doors of your skies are open for those who pray to you. Your treasures are never locked. The means to your mercy and your favors for those who seek them are not restricted. No indeed, they are continuously disbursed."

Tahajjud is a time when the world is sleeping and the one praying is focused on prayer in the silence of the night. During bihori namaaz we pray *munajaat*, which literally means "a conversation in solitude with Allah Ta'ala." Indeed, bihori and 'ibaadat at night is the most intimate form of supplication and prayer. ([See also Sijill Article 22](#) – "Alone in the Darkness of the Night", for further reading about bihori).

Our Du'aat kiraam follow in the tradition of Rasulullah SA and the Imams. Every night Syedna Taher Saifuddin RA prayed Shafa' namaaz and also prayed two rak'ats for mumineen. For fifty years, Syedna Burhanuddin RA continued in the same tradition and prayed for mumineen. Through the window, the light in Maulana Burhanuddin's room was seen to be on late into the night, every night. Syedna Outbuddin follows the tradition of the 51st and 52nd Dai's and prays for mumineen in every bihori. May Allah Ta'ala include us in our Dai's doa. For every doa that he beseeches Allah Ta'ala for us, may Allah Ta'ala grant him longest life in full health. These are our Mawali Tahereen and role models. It is upon us to follow their guidance and their example. May Allah Ta'ala grant us the strength to pray bihori, especially in Shehrullah, and achieve closeness to Him.

ANNOUNCEMENT & AMAL

DETAILS: Imam Hasan^{SA} Shahaadat Majlis

In Mumbai, Shz. Dr. Husain bhaisaheb will lead Maghrib Isha Namaz and preside over Imam Hasan Shahaadat Majlis on 28mi Raat of Safar (Tuesday 8th December – 6:45PM IST) at Darus Sakina inshaallah. The Majlis will be broadcast live through [this link](#) and will be available for replay immediately after the completion of the waaz. Shz Husain bhaisaheb will recite the Shahaadat of Imam Hasan SA and Imam Husain SA. All mumineen are invited for niyaz jaman after Majlis. **Mas'uls (Coordinators)** in each town should inform local mumineen about their respective programs. In towns where coordinators are listed, please contact them directly for further details.

Mumineen in other towns and cities should take barakaat on this auspicious

occasion. Mumineen should recite qasida composed by Syedna Taher Saifuddin RA [Aba Mohammadal Hasan](#). Mumineen should recite [marsiya of Imam Hasan](#) composed by Shz. Dr. Bazat Saifiyah baisesaheb. They should also view/listen to the Shahaadat Bayaan by Shz. Dr. Husain bhaisaheb using this [link](#), which will be available from 6.45PM IST on 28mi raat of Safar 1437H (Tuesday, 8th December 2015).

QASIDA IN TRANSLATION: [Aba Mohammed-al-Hasan](#)



Syedna Taher Saifuddin RA composed qasidas in praise of Panjetan Paak – Rasulullah SA, Maulana Ali SA, Maulatuna Fatema SA, Hasan Imam SA and Husain Imam SA. He also composed thousands of *abyaat* in praise of A'immat Tahereen and in the shaan of Du'aat Mutlaqeen. Many of these deeply meaningful qasidas are recited by us on religious occasions. On the solemn occasion of Imam Hasan's shahadat, we are pleased to present the qasida written by Syedna Taher Saifuddin RA in praise of Hasan Imam with English translation by Shzd. Dr. Tahera baisesaheb. The qasida begins with Hasan Imam's *kunyat* (filyonymic) "Aba Mohammed al-Hasan" (father of Mohammed Hasan Imam). These are a few lines of the translation:

*O Imam Hasan, Abu Mohammad
Pouring celestial raincloud*

*Rasulullah's grandson
Blossoming garden of character*

*My Maula, my Maula, O Hasan
Bestow mercy on me, your servant*

*Dispel my cares
Assuage my pain*

*Succor, protect, steady, and bequeath
Safeguard, bestow, return, shield, and aid*

*Son of Amirul Mumineen
Ali, the seeker's refuge*

*My love for you, Imam Hasan
Is the most protective shield from hellfire*

*You suckled the milk of Revelation
From your mother Fatima Zahra*

*How often did you revivify
The mandates and rites of religion*

*How many did you guide
To the path of clear truth*

*How many who were weak and helpless
Did you strengthen*

*How often did you bestow upon them
Favor after favor*

*Hasan—a True Imam
He could never betray the Mighty Lord*

*Maula with high station
Private thought and public deed, both pure*

*One entrusted with the divine secret
Trustworthy, thus entrusted*

*The living Wise Remembrance (Quran-e natiq)
Linked integrally to the silent Remembrance*

*The hearts of those who follow him
Attain peace by remembering him*

***Weigh his restraint (hilm) against the mountains
It will outweigh them***

*He made truce with his enemy
For the greater good, not from*

cowardice

...

*God granted security to both groups
Because of his action*

*And spared Muslim blood
From spillage*

*By making peace, he thwarted those
Who plotted sedition*

*Imam Hasan—a precious soul
Encased in that body*

*A precious body
Encased in that linen shroud*

...

*Hasan's brother is Husain
Beautiful his traits*

*Fifth of the five Panjetan
Whose abode is in the heavens*

*Those who pledge them allegiance
Obtain the Merciful's gift of tranquility*

...

*The Panjetan's lineage continues in the
Imams
Who well deserve their noble legacy*

*My love for them is a precious treasure
That will serve me well when I am
lowered into the grave*

*Their Dais, each an Ark
For human salvation*

*Swords in the hands of Murtaza's
progeny
Fired in the kilns of Yemen and India*

*In times of hardship, they are my refuge
In times of distress, they are my succor*

*May their Lord bestow salawaat on
them
For as long as the star shines in the sky*

**SIJILL ARTICLE: Amirul
Mumineen's^{SA} Advice to Hasan
Imam^{SA} (From Sijill 45)**

The Qur'an advises mumineen on how to lead a good life. In the verse quoted

above, Nabi Luqmaan advises his son, *ya bunayya* - "O my [beloved] son! Establish prayer and enjoin decency and forbid indecency. And be patient through whatever may befall you. Truly that is true constancy." These words are a guiding light in all times and particularly in the time we live. May we have the strength to follow such noble advice; this single ayat is a sentence that holds the blueprint for a noble life in this world and the hereafter. On the occasion of Imam Hasan SA shahaadat, let us reflect on the advice that Amirul Mumineen SA – the Speaking Qur'an (Qur'an-e-Naatiq)— gives his son, Imam Hasan: *ya bunayya* –

O my [beloved] son, remember these four and four things (total eight points), nothing will harm you as long as you act according to them.

1. *The best of wealth is intelligence.*
2. *The greatest poverty is foolishness/stupidity.*
3. *The worst loneliness is conceit/vanity (takabburi – being full of oneself).*
4. *The best reputation is that of good character.*

Amirul Mumineen SA continues his advice with four other points:

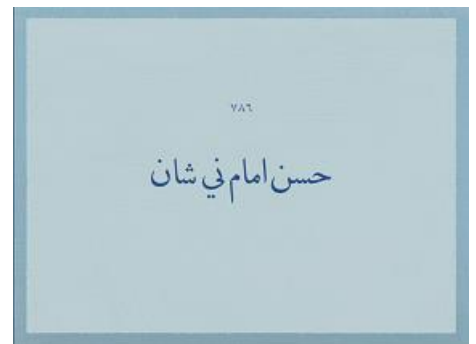
1. *Beware of friendship with a foolish person, for when he tries to do you good he will harm you.*
2. *Beware of friendship with a miser, for he will go further away from you the more you need him.*
3. *Beware of friendship with a trivial person, for he will sell you out for trivialities*
4. *Beware of friendship with a liar, for he is like a mirage; he will make distant things seem close, and near things far away.*

The advice of the Qur'an and the advice from Amirul Mumineen (to Imam Hasan SA) is timeless. In times when things seem unclear, we must be clear that the wealth of intellect is paramount and the strength of good character is foremost. It is in times of trouble that we know who our real friends are and who we really want as our friends.

May we have the wealth of intellect and the strength of good character to guide us to and sustain us on the right path. May we stay away from those believe faith to be 'blind' – where the intellect has no role – and those whose morals are weak.

FATEMI MADRASA -

RIWAYAT: Hasan Imam's Haybat & Awe Inspiring Presence (From Sijill 45)



Last year Fatemi Madrasa presented this riwayat which narrates an anecdote in which Imam Hasan's SA *haybat* is manifest. Rasulullah SA gave Hasan and Husain SA four gifts. To Hasan SA he gave *hilm* (tolerance), patience and *haybat* (awe inspiring presence). Rasulullah SA gave Husain SA *jud* (generosity), and *najdat* – (courage and valor). The Riwayat narrates an episode when Imam Hasan challenged one of those who had usurped the rights of Amirul Mumineen SA.

This Newsletter

This newsletter will inshaallah be published every Friday. It will include the latest news and instructions from Syedna Qutbuddin's office and will be published in Dawat-ni-zaban and Gujarati. It will also highlight the latest updates on fatemidawat.com.

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Sijill is an Arabic word which literally means official letter. It was a term often used in the Fatimid chancery. The name is inspired by the most auspicious letter 'Sijill-ul-Bisharat'.

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