

Ahlul bayt 's rights and our obligations

Abstract: it is frequently quoted in various traditions that in the day of doom, the fond and love of ahlul- bayt would be questioned. This is the very obligation of holy prophet's nation toward his family. This duty has also been mentioned in holy quran. Following we outline some of these obligations.

1. Love and care for ahlul-bayt

In ziarat al-jame'a it goes:

"due to your villayah, the religious obligatory practice will be accepted and loving you is obligatory."

And also in an extensive tradition, the holy prophet addressed salman, abuzar and meghdad:

"the love of my ahlul-bayt is obligatory for each of every faithful one, men or women."

Imam ali stated; "it is on you to love prophet's offspring which is a right of God on you."

2. Revoking to and grasping their threshold the holy prophet stated:

"whomever who revokes to my progeny after me would be among savor." revoking of course is to accompany them and follow them in all periods or situations.

3. Accepting their villayah

Imam ali said, "it is on people to accept our villayah." villayah denotes a kind of intellectual, ideological and political solidarity with the one whom we accept his villayah.

4. Set them above others

The holy prophet said, my offspring are like stars for residence of this earth, so they should not be over passed; in fact put them in front who are the responsible ones after me."

In shabaniyah salavat we address ahlul-bayt like this: those who over pass them will go beyond religion and those who lag behind.

5. Referring them in religious- bound or materialistic- bound issues

My progeny distinguished rights from falsehood. They are leaders who should be followed (in every aspect of life).

6. Respecting and honoring them

Oh people! Revert my offspring while they are alive or after my demise: respect them and prefer them over others.

7. Paying khoms

The verse 41 from anfal surah regards khoms for God and prophet and the relatives. ***“and know that one fifth of whatever you take as spoils belong to allah, the messenger, kinsmen of the messenger, the orphans, the needy, and the destitute traveler; if you believe in allah***

and what we sent down to our worshiper on the day of victory, the day when the two armies met. Allah has power over all things."

8. Being kind with them and joining them and their offspring imam sadiq,

Whoever can't connect us or serves us directly should connect our faithful friends to enjoy the rewards of connecting us and being kind to us.

9. Reciting salavat

The holy prophet, whoever says his prayer but he doesn't recite salavat to me and my progeny, his prayer will not be accepted

10. Remembering them and their virtues

Imam sadiq,

The best people after us are the one who revives our trend and cultures and invite people to our remembrance.

Imam baqir,

Remembering us is remembering God and remembering our enemies is remembering satan.

*11. Remembering their disasters and their innocence
imam sadiq (about ceremonies remembering the
catastrophic fates of ahlul-bayt)*

I like these ceremonies, so remember our remembrance and our trends. The sins of one who remembers us and sheds tears even a drop as small as a fly's wing will be forgiven.

The culture of remembering infallibles and their tragic lives will give an increase to our solidarity and unity, helping us to become more determined in their way.

12. Visiting their holy shrines

Imam reza,

For each imam there is a duty on his friends and followers I one of the signs of carrying out this duty and keeping this promise is to visit his holy shrine.

Visiting holy shrines has a tremendous social and educational benefits and impacts. There exist lots of traditions regarding this significant issue.

Ziarat is a sign of deep connections and love toward this family. Visiting their shrines will promote fondness and familiarity.

Familiarity and fondness can result in ziarat and also ziarat can cause familiarity and fondness. In fact it's bilateral. The more familiarity in ziarat, the more its rewards would be, the effective its spiritual impacts.

Imam baqir said,

People were ordered to reach these stones (of kebbā, circling them, then approached us and informed us of their unity and solidarity with us, offering us their assistance.

The great rewards determined for ziarats, specially ziarat of karballa and mashhad, prove the importance of it. Ziarat, as to be our duty toward imams, also is a cause of increasing fondness, revealing the social or political stance of pilgrimers.

The holy prophet said,

ziarat and visitation will bring love and friendship. What a large number of visitations which establish long- life friendship!

It's worth mentioning that "ziarat from a fear" also has its special educational and spiritual benefits though it is not comparable to ziarat from close.