

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

The Importance of Praying for the Reappearance of  
our Master, Imam-e-Zamana (a.t.f.s.).

From the duties of Thursday, it is recommended (Mustahab) to send blessings on the Holy Prophet (s.a.w.a.) and we should try to read the blessings as much as possible:

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَجِّلْ فَرَجَهُمْ

**“O Allah, bless Mohammed and the Progeny of Mohammed and hasten their reappearance.”**

Reference:

Mikyalul Makaarim Fi Fawaaid ad-Duaa Lil Qaim (English),  
vol. 2, page 58

صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْكَ يَا أَوْلِيَّ الْعَصْرِ (عج) أَذْرِكُنَا

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## Ghaibat of Prophet Idris (a.s.)

Dear Children,

Salaamun Alaikum. May Allah grant you success and long life!

In the previous issue of Young Muntazir, we discussed about an important duty of all Shias during the Ghaibat of Imam-e-Zamana (a.t.f.s.) i.e. to help the Imam of our time. We saw that this duty is wajib upon us just like Namaaz, Fasting and other wajib actions. We also saw how Ameerul Momineen Ali ibn Abi Talib (a.s.) used to help and protect the Holy Prophet (s.a.w.a.) even in his childhood and how the children at Karbala helped Imam Husain (a.s.).

Today we shall discuss about a very important topic which is related to the Imam of our time Hazrat Imam-e-Zamana (a.t.f.s.) and past Prophets (a.s.). Those Prophets (a.s.) whom Allah had raised among the people in order to guide them to the right path. Our topic is mainly concerning some of the similarities between past Prophets (a.s.) and Imam Mahdi (a.t.f.s.). It is important for

us to know that it is not just Imam Mahdi (a.t.f.s.) for whom there is Ghaibat, but there have been many Prophets (a.s.) in the past who went into Ghaibat and were away from their nation for a long period of time.

One of the Prophets (a.s.) who went into Ghaibat and was away from his nation for a long period of time was Hazrat Idris (a.s.). The reason why he went into Ghaibat was the following incident:

During the prophethood of Hazrat Idris (a.s.), there lived a tyrant king who used to oppress the people, usurp their rights and their land. The people were terrorized by his oppression and injustice. Once when he went out for recreation along with his ministers, he passed through a land rich in greenery, which belonged to a pious believer who believed in Allah and His Prophet Hazrat Idris (a.s.) and openly expressed his enmity to the king. The king saw that land and was quite impressed with the greenery, fruits, streams and birds in it. He asked his ministers, "To whom does this land belong?"

They informed the king that the land belonged to a farmer who believed in Allah and the prophethood of Idris (a.s.). He was not a follower of the king. The king called that farmer and said that

he wanted his piece of land. The farmer fearlessly replied that his family needed the plot of land more than the king. The king asked him to sell it to him but he was adamant that he would neither surrender that piece of land nor sell it to the ruler. This angered the king and he returned to his kingdom in this condition. He was full of rage and sorrow due to this matter.

On reaching home, his wife saw the king in an angry mood. She said: What had made you so disconcerted? The king narrated the incident of the believer who refused to sell his land. His wife told him to kill that farmer and confiscate his land so that they could benefit from it and use it for their recreation. That tyrant king agreed with the decision of his disbelieving and oppressive wife and he decided to kill that believing farmer.

When the Prophet of Allah, Hazrat Idris (a.s.) came to know that the tyrant king, his wife and ministers have intended to kill that farmer who believed in Allah and was far from idol-worship, he expressed his objection to the king and warned them of Allah's Power. Then Hazrat Idris (a.s.) openly declared his dissociation from the king among the people. Due to this the king was extremely angry with Hazrat Idris (a.s.) and he ordered 40 of his soldiers to kill him, sever his head and bring his head and

body to the king. The soldiers accordingly started preparing to kill Hazrat Idris (a.s.) and his companions who obeyed him and believed in his Prophethood.

When the soldiers went in search of Hazrat Idris (a.s.) and the companions informed him that "O Prophet of Allah! The tyrant king certainly wants to kill you because you have objected to his oppressive ways and have raised your voice against him for the killing of that believing farmer. We request you to leave from here in order to protect yourself."

So Idris (a.s.) left the locality the very same day and he was also accompanied by some of his followers. The soldiers of the king were searching for them in every house but Idris (a.s.) and his companions took shelter on the mountains.

At the time of dawn Hazrat Idris (a.s.) used prayed to Allah, "O my Sustainer! You sent me to that tyrant to deliver Your message to him. He threatened me and is after my blood. Rather if they had got power over me they would have eliminated me." Allah revealed to Idris (a.s.) to keep away from the king, "I swear by My honor that I will enforce My decree on him and prove your word and My Messengership to be true."

Hazrat Idris (a.s.) remained in Ghaibat and was away from his nation for a long period of time. Allah stopped the rain for the king and all those disbelievers who were content with the affairs of the king. Their farms dried up, their cattle died and the chastisement of hunger, thirst and deprivation overtook them.

After many years of this chastisement, the people of that area went in search of Hazrat Idris (a.s.) and his companions so that they can seek forgiveness from them and express their humility in front of them.

Imam-e-Zamana (a.t.f.s.) also went into Ghaibat on the order of Allah due to the fear of being killed at the hands of the tyrant Abbasi caliphs of that time.

Our 11<sup>th</sup> Imam, Hazrat Imam Hasan Askari (a.s.) was poisoned by the tyrant Abbasi caliph Mu'tamid. The caliph knew that after Imam Hasan Askari (a.s.), his son Imam Mahdi (a.t.f.s.) would be the 12<sup>th</sup> and the last Imam. He also knew that it was our 12<sup>th</sup> Imam (a.s.) who would put an end to the injustice and oppression existing in this world and destroy all the oppressive and tyrant kings. Hence, he wanted to kill Imam Mahdi (a.t.f.s.). But Allah prevented this by sending our Imam Mahdi (a.t.f.s.) into Ghaibat.

May Allah give Imam Mahdi (a.s.) a long life and hasten his reappearance. Ameen!

Questions:

1. What is the similarity between Prophet Idris (a.s.) and Imam-e-Zamana (a.t.f.s.)?
2. What were the reasons for the Ghaibat of Prophet Idris (a.s.)?
3. What divine punishment did Allah involve the tyrant king and his followers in?
4. Why did Imam Mahdi (a.t.f.s.) go into Ghaibat?

## Flying Clouds

The following clouds have the answers to the questions regarding Ghaibat. They have been moved to the wrong places by the wind. Please match these clouds to their questions appropriately.

People will see him but they will not recognize him

In Ghaibat we benefit from Imam (a.s.) like Sun behind the clouds

Only Allah knows why Imam (a.s.) is in Ghaibat

Yes there are many Prophets (a.s.) who went into Ghaibat

- Are there any Prophets (a.s.) who went into Ghaibat?
- How do we benefit from Imam (a.s.) when he is in Ghaibat?
- What is the meaning of Ghaibat?
- Why is Imam (a.s.) in Ghaibat?

## Crossword

Following are the names of the Prophets (a.s.) who went into Ghaibat from their nations. Please find them from the crossword.

Hazrat Ibrahim (a.s.)    Hazrat Musa (a.s.)

Hazrat Yusuf (a.s.)    Hazrat Idris (a.s.)    Hazrat Yunus (a.s.)

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# Puzzle

Solve the following Double Puzzle about our duties in Ghaibat of Imam Mahdi (a.t.f.s).

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## Answers

### Flying Clouds

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Why is Imam (a.s.) in Ghaibat?

Only Allah knows why Imam (a.s.) is in Ghaibat

## Crossword

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## Baqiyatullah (بَقِيَّتُ اللَّهِ)

'Baqiyatullah' is one of the titles of Imam Mahdi (a.t.f.s.). Baqiyatullah means the 'Remnant of Allah' i.e. the last Hujjat of Allah remaining on this earth. This title of our beloved Imam Mahdi (a.t.f.s.) is also mentioned in the Holy Quran in verse 86 of Surah Hud.

بَقِيَّتُ اللَّهِ خَيْرٌ لَّكُمْ إِن كُنتُمْ مُؤْمِنِينَ...

**"What remains with Allah is better for you if you are believers..."**

If Imam Mahdi (a.s) had not been on this earth, this world would have been destroyed. It is because of Imam Mahdi (a.t.f.s) that this world and its people are safe. Therefore, among all the bounties that Allah has given us, Imam Mahdi (a.t.f.s) is the most precious one. We must thank Allah for this bounty and we should send Salaam everyday upon Imam Mahdi (a.t.f.s) by reciting the following sentence:

السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا بَقِيَّتَ اللَّهِ فِي أَرْضِهِ

**"Peace be upon you O the remnant of Allah on His earth."**