

The Tragedy of Kerbala

“I am doing Qayam not for war or conflict, neither is my job to create riot, and carry out oppression and brutality, my Qayam is for reforming the Ummah of my grandfather (Muhammad S.A.A.W) and my objective is Amar Bil Ma’aruf and Nahi Anil Munker and following on my grandfather’s footsteps.”

Said Imam Hussein (AS) while leaving Madina for the last time.

“Oh, 'people! Did you not see that righteousness is not being followed, there is no limit to misguidance and the situation has deteriorated to the extent that Momin (believer) is desirous of meeting Allah”.

The death of Imam Hussein (A.S) and his seventy-two companions in battle with the archers and cavalymen of the Umayyad Caliph, Yazid, shook the Muslim world with reverberations that can still be felt after fourteen hundred years. Whenever Hazrat Imam Jafar-e-Sadiq (S) sighted the Muharram crescent, his grief increased. People used to come to him for condolence and consolation

As the crescent of Muharram-ul-Haram surfaces, black mourning dresses are worn, mourning carpets in Imambargahs, Imambaras, Ashour-Khanas, Aza-Khanas, Hussainiyaat and Islamic centers are spread, and religious relics (tazia) are decorated by the mourners of Hazrat Imam Hussain bin Ali Ibn-e-Abi Talib (S), across the globe to pay rich homage to his supreme sacrifice in the burning desert of Karbala in 61 AH and follow the actions of our 6th Holy Imam.

Imam Reza (AS) said: “In the month of Muharram nobody had ever seen my father (S) happy and merry. During this month he remained in continuous grief and pain and on the 10th of this month he was used to say, ‘Today Imam Hussain (S) was martyred brutally’.”

In a situation when the whole humanity is replete with evil, this voice creates a new lease of life in the hearts of the oppressed and the invitation towards Amar Bil Ma’aruf and Nahi Anil Munker diverts attention towards good deeds, keeping away from evil and reform the enthusiasm and spirit.

That is why Imam Hussain (A.S.) addressing one thousand Sahaba and Tabaeen at Mina said, “You are watching what is happening to us, you are bound to tell whatever is said in this Majlis to your countrymen on your return”.

Today the oppressed all over the world including Kashmir, Palestine, Iraq, Afghanistan, Somalia and **Lebanon** consider the Hussaini movement as their source for inspiration because the sacrifice offered by Imam Hussain (A.S.) was for the protection and defence of Islam's foundation of which rests on righteousness, that is the central point of knowledge, that disseminates wisdom and that is such a lightening candle that gives enlightenment to the whole world, is such a highest minaret that imbued human beings with greatness. That is the greatest collection of principles and Farooq that provides satisfaction to those who are in search of righteousness and reality.

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