

Dear Brothers and Respected Sisters
As Salaamu Alaykum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatuh

Attending Majlis al-Aza al-Husain (as): Etiquettes and Guidelines

Amir al-Mumineen Ali (as) addressed his son, Moula Abi Abdillah al-Husain (as), and said:
“Oh Husain, you are the tear of every Mumin; there isn't a time when a Mumin remembers you except that his tears are invoked.”

Therefore, in addition to this being a divine gift that has been placed within the essence of existence and in the depths of the souls of the faithful, the Imams of Ahl al-Bayt (as) even in the hardest of times, never diverted their attention to the Mumineen to be committed to this event and its commemoration. The enemies of Islam placed all of their efforts and resources into extinguishing the Noor of the Imamah, but were unsuccessful.

The first reason to attend the Majlis is to express Nawhu and Aweel over the tragedy and share in the Aza with Imam al-Zam'an (as) for his Huzn on his great grandfather, Sayyid al-Shuhuda (as). The second reason is to gain knowledge from the fountain of Ahl al-Bayt (as) in order to attain Naj'at. These instructions should be followed while attending Majlis in remembrance of Al Khamsat al-Ath'ar (as) for a more lasting and rewarding experience:

- 01) Perform Wudu (ablution) and wear clean clothes when attending Majlis.
- 02) Try to be on time. It is even better to enter before the start of the Majlis.
- 03) Don't stand outside and gossip.
- 04) Switch off or keep your cell phone on silent before entering the Masjid/Majlis.
- 05) Try to adjust yourself wherever you find a place.
- 06) Do not park your vehicles at the wrong place and block the gate of anybody. It causes nuisance and inconvenience to others.
- 07) Don't talk unnecessarily during Bay'an and Marasi because it disturbs the attention of other Azadars who want to listen to the Bay'an.
- 08) Don't waste the Tabarruk (food after Majlis) as it is a medicine for incurable diseases.
- 09) While attending Niyaz don't crack jokes and talk about unrelated topics other than Aza al-Husain (as) and avoid all types of Nifaq (hypocrisies).
- 11) Always attend with your family, and take feedback from your children.

Many of us fail to grasp how remarkable and motivating Zikr al-Husain (as) is. It is obligatory upon us to inform others of the great sacrifices and lessons taught by Moula al-Husain (as) and his Ahl al-Bayt (as), both male and female. This Majlis is the result of the Istighasah of Moula Abi Abdillah Al-Imam al-Husain (as) who called:
“Is there anyone who will come to our help?”

Let us ask ourselves the same question. If we were alive at the time of Moula al-Husain (as), would we be amongst those who fought along the Imam or those who fought against him or those who do not pay any attention to the greatest injustice perpetrated in human history? In each Majlis arranged in the name of Al Khamsat al-Ath'ar (as), especially in the name of Moula al-Husain (as), let us ask ourselves: if the son of Husain (as) – Al Imam al-Zam'an (as) – break Satr (seclusion) and come back tomorrow morning, are we deserving of his acceptance? Is Zikr al-Husain (as) simply Aza and Buka (mourning) for us, or do we move beyond the rituals and strive to emulate the Talim of Moula al-Husain (as) and his Ahl al-Bayt (as)?

Sincerely yours

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