

**LOVE FOR THE
HOLY HOUSEHOLD
OF THE PROPHET
(PEACE BE UPON THEM)**

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***In the name of Allah the Beneficent the
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**From the statement of his Excellency, the
Commander of the Faithful** (peace be upon him):

*Loving us is the best good deeds and hating
us is the worst of evil.*

Attraction of Love

Because of the attraction love is possessing, the beloved one attracts the lover and consequently the thought and the doctrines of the beloved one are being given life in the heart of the lover. In this respect the more the love becomes strong the more the spiritual compatibility of the lover and the beloved one become stronger.

Base on this, if the love has become strong there will be a kind of tensile that is attracting and drawing the lover and the beloved one towards each other to the extent both of them will have impact on each other. For instance between twins that enjoyed love and cooperation and their spirit are closer to each other; there is more impact in the state of each an every one of them.

There is a lady living in London that was unexpectedly become sick. The sickness was so serious that the physician detected that

her pain is a symptom of labor (pain for delivery a child). She was admitted in the hospital and after research and diagnosing it became obvious that she is single without husband! Meanwhile the medical checkup also shows that she is not pregnant; but she is still in hospital admission suffering from pain and was covered from head to toe as a result of cold.

She took some hours of the physician before her pain calm down. Later she laughed and said: I am at ease now that the new child is a baby boy! Initially the physician thought they were treating a mad lady but after investigation it became cleared to them that there is no any sign of madness in her.

Meanwhile another discovery then is that that very time which she is suffering from pain in London and went to the hospital, her twin sister that is residing in Vienna the capital of Austria was having pain out of labor; she referred to the hospital and was

admitted and after some hours she delivered a baby boy.¹

These are the situation of the impact of the compatible and intensive love between two people. Some times due to intensive love, the lover will abandoned material restrictions so that he reach the demand of the beloved one who is in far distance from him or her; so, just as some time the hotness of fever is a means of exiting the soul from the body and the cause of perceiving the unseen issues, that is how the heat of love remove the lover from the apparent world and push him or her towards the beloved one.

Reaching and seeing the beloved one is as a result of the impact of attraction and tensile that is created due to the intensiveness of the love.

Some times love causes many scientific discoveries; therefore relation, intensive

¹ - Aja'ib Hissi Shishom : 34.

desire and wishes of the scholars in discovering the unknown thing are one of the effected means for obtaining their destinations.

In another expression; love and intensive desire assist the scholars in solving scientific issues and unseal the unresolved problems likewise it also serve as means of inaugurating every day scientific problems and as a result of that they will discover it from their research.

Love for the holy household of the revelation flag bearer

As a result of this type of vital and valuable impact that exists in love and friendship, people must give direction and must guide their love towards suitable and appropriate destination. In this respect the holy Prophet (*peace be upon him and his progeny*) has directed

and concentrated the love and friendship of the entire human being towards the holy household (*peace be upon them*) so that the pollution of each an individual is purified through this means and also to create good and valuable attributes in them in order to make them closer to Almighty Allah.

Therefore love for the holy Prophet (*peace be upon him and his progeny*) and that of his holy household (*peace be upon them*) is having wondrous and extra-ordinary impact in making one closer to Almighty Allah to the extent in narrations, love for the holy household of the holy Prophet (*peace be upon them*) is counted and regarded as one of the best means of getting nearer and closer to Almighty Allah.

The holy Prophet (*peace be upon him and his progeny*) in narration said:

Every thing has its master, my love and the love of Ali (*peace be upon him*) ***is a master by which the***

obedient servant who wanted to be closer to Almighty Allah use as their worship.¹

This narration is clear evidence that love for the holy household of the holy Prophet (*peace be upon them*) is a means of obedience to the commandment of Almighty Allah. The holy Prophet (*peace be upon him and his progeny*) in another narration said:

Love for Hadrat Ali bn Abi Talib (peace be upon him) burns the sin just as the fire burns the wood.²

Base on this, loving Imam Ali, the commander of the faithful (*peace be upon him*) burns the existing sin and befriending to that great man changes the mountain of ones sin to chaff likewise it will exit the sin from you and destroy it.

Love for the commander of the faithful (*peace be upon him*) did not only destroy the sign of the previous sins rather it is a firm and

¹ - Bihar al-Anwar volume: 27 page: 129.

² - Bihar al-Anwar volume: 39 page: 266.

strong obstruction that prevent person from committing future sin. Because by loving the holy Prophet Muhammad (*peace be upon him and his progeny*) and his holy household (*peace be upon them*) you have prevented yourself from committing sin likewise it can insured you from that.

The holy Prophet (*peace be upon him and his progeny*) in this respect said:

Surely, who ever love Ali (*peace be upon him*) will not vacate this world until he drink the holy pond of Kauthar, and he will eat from blessed Tuba and will envisage his abode in the paradise.¹

Therefore we must seek from Almighty Allah to preserve and establish our love for the holy household of the Prophet (*peace be upon them*) till the last moment of our life, so that we witness the favor which He has promised us.

¹ - Safinatul Bihar, the article of Hababa.

It came in one of the visitation of Imam Husain (*peace be upon him*) as follow:

O' Allah make me firm in the love of good friends of yours.¹

In a situation whereby with love and keenness of the holy household of the holy Prophet (*peace be upon them*) we deposited our life to their love, the first moment of our death is the moment whereby we shall envisage the impact and the tremendousness of the love which is a sign of faith and God fearing.

Love for the holy household of the holy Prophet (*peace be upon them*) in some narrations is regarded and counted as the principle of faith; just as hatred and enmity with this great men is regarded and counted as unbelieving and hypocrisy.

¹ - Bihar al-Anwar volume: 101 page: 232 and 357; and also from Misbahu Za'ir: 116.

The holy Prophet (*peace be upon him and his progeny*) in this aspect said to the commander of the faithful (*peace be upon him*):

O' Ali loving you is God fearing and faith and your hatred is unbelieving and hypocrisy.¹

According to the perspective of our creed who ever is having enmity with the commander of the faithful (*peace be upon him*) is regarded as unbeliever and he is in the row of those that denied Almighty Allah.

Those who are not friend to Ali are disbeliever

Whether he is the ascetic of the time and the sheikh of the path

Likewise the people who are having the love of Ali (*peace be upon him*) inside his life enjoys fear of Allah and faith.

Definitely love and hatred are having this type of fundamental impact.

If you want strong proof from the heart and the soul;

¹ - Bihar al-Anwar volume: 39 page: 263.

They are the shown twelve people who are the option of my creed;

They are three Muhammad and four Alis'

Together with Musa, Ja'afar, Husain and the two Hassan

Imam Rida (peace be upon him) has reported a narration from his father and the father from the holy Prophet (peace be upon him and his progeny) that he said:

***Love for the holy household cleanses the sin and double the good deeds.*¹**

Therefore love is an elixir that is having power of breaking things and it is also a fragile that breaks the traces of sins and changes them to good deeds just as a firm vermilion change copper to gold. In this respect, they considered love to be “**spiritual elixir**” so the souls that was polluted and the psychology that is far from Almighty Allah due to the effect of sin, with the love for the

¹ - Bihar al-Anwar volume: 68 page: 100; also from Amali of sheikh Tusi volume: 1 page: 166.

holy household of the holy Prophet (*peace be upon them*) who is the savior and life giving to the dead hearts shall revive your nearness to Almighty Allah and by abstinence from sin you will be very close to Almighty Allah.

Therefore the heart that is overflowing with the love for the commander of the faithful (*peace be upon him*) and the other purified household of the holy Prophet (*peace be upon them*) will not have chance for committing sin; rather if there is increase in their love, the previous committed sins by the lover can be destroy and also prevent him from future sin. Definitely preventing one from future sin is easier than to obviate the traces of the previous committed sins.

The secret of this issue is that person who is completely friend, lover and enamored of the infallible holy household of the Prophet (*peace be upon them*) will be among the beloved one to Almighty Allah and will be closer to Him; and anytime one has become the beloved and closed one to Almighty Allah, he

will be at the fortress of the power and strength of Almighty Allah. Which means Almighty Allah will create a hindrance between him and sin. Meanwhile Allah will create energy and power in him and shall act base on His wish likewise He will make him to be successful in carrying out all his actions. That is the meaning of ***“there is no power or strength except that of Almighty Allah”***. That is the reason why some people are of the believe that, love and friendship with the holy household of the holy Prophet (*peace be upon them*) is considered and counted as one of the most effected way to journey in devotion to Almighty Allah (***Seir wa Suluk***).

Base on an extensive narration that was reported by late Allamah Majlisi (*may Allah have mercy on him*) in Bihar al-Anwar volume 70 page 25 from Imam Sadiq (*peace be upon him*); if the lover has reach the elevated rank of love even though he has not passed through the path of the scholars, wise men and the path of the truthful ones and his method is not like the aforementioned group of people;

but he will obtain what the scholar, the wise men and truthful ones has obtained.

This type of impact is in a situation whereby the love has become intensive like the kind of love that is possessed by the friends of the holy household of the holy Prophet (*peace be upon them*). Definitely this kind of love is possessing such importance that Imam Sadiq (*peace be upon him*) in the narration explicitly said that those who has possessed it does not only be in the most fruitful path of journey in devotion to Almighty Allah (***Seir wa Suluk***); rather it is the only way that is not having dangerousness whereas the methods and the paths of the scholars, wise men and the truthful ones according to the narration is not like that.

Imam Sadiq (*peace be upon him*) said:

Verily the wise men inherit wisdom through silence, and the scholars inherit their knowledge through quest and demand, while the truthful ones inherit their truthfulness through submissiveness and lengthy worship of

Almighty Allah; whoever is overtaken by this path, he is either become low or he is elevated, but many of them did not elevates rather they become low because they did not observed the right of Almighty Allah and did not act base on His commandment; this attribute is for those who did not know the right of Almighty Allah as expected and did not love Him as expected (i.e. those people you deem to be scholar, wise men and truthful one); so you should not be deceived by their prayer, fasting, narrations and their knowledge because they are non-domestic horse.¹

As it was clearly stated in this narration; the scholars, wise men and truthful ones were criticized that they were not in reality of cognizance of Almighty Allah and the real love of Almighty Allah is not in their heart.

If the lover has elevated to high rank in love and his heart which is the sanctum of Almighty Allah was filled up with the love of the infallible holy household of the holy Prophet (*peace be upon them*); there will be no

¹ - Bihar al-Anwar volume: 70 page: 25.

possibility of destabilization in him so far their intensive love is in his heart.

The only situation whereby there is possibility for the love of the lovers to change is when they have relinquished the origin of love; if not if the root of love is in the heart of the lover, he will be in the course of increase, elevation and perfection and not plummeting and destabilizing.

The secret of this point as we've said is that an intensive love and enthusiasm is like magnet and so far the love is there, the lover shall be attracted towards the beloved one and as at the time he is attracted by the beloved one, the compatibility in him will be clear and obvious while the sign and the attribute of the beloved one will be seen in the lover. This narration in this respect has introduced and defined love for Almighty Allah and His good servants as the best and the less dangerous way for the individuals who has inclination towards journey to devotion to Almighty Allah (*Seir wa Suluk*).

In another narration, the beloved ones are mentioned to be the foremost before other individual just as the narration that came from Hadrat Da'ud (*peace be upon him*) that Almighty Allah said:

No one will love Me and I know that the love is with certainty from his mind until I accept him for Myself and I will love him with such love that there is no foremost before him among My creature; whoever sincerely demanded for Me shall surely meet Me and whoever demanded for other than Me shall not find Me...¹

We understood from this holy narration that the people who are foremost before the entire people and have attained the highest rank of love are the people who has accepted the leader of the time (*May Almighty Allah hasten his relief*), as the successor, the representative of Almighty Allah, he is the server and that he is honored with his company and likewise prefer the Imam more than others.

¹ - Bihar Al-Anwar volume: 70 page: 26.

The Heavenly Existence and the Love for the holy household of the Prophet

Not only the greatness of this great men, but rather the dignity and superiority of the entire honorable ones of this existing world is due to the love and connection with the holy infallible household of the holy Prophet (*peace be upon them*); even though the Angels who are nearer and closer to the threshold of Almighty Allah has gained their nobleness through the love of those great men. The holy Prophet (*peace b upon him and his family*) said:

***Do the Angels obtain their nobleness except due to their love for Muhammad and Ali; and the acceptance of their guardianship?*¹**

¹ - Bihar al-Anwar volume: 21 page: 227; also from the Tafseer of Imam Hasan al-Askari (*peace be upon him*): 152.

This statement is very explicit and clear that the honor of the Angel is the outcome of their connection with the holy Prophet (*peace be upon him and his progeny*) and that of the commander of the faithful (*peace be upon him*).

The clear mirror of love is remembrance of Ali;

The incantation of the Angels is Nadi Ali (calling of Ali).

Even though this narration is concerning the Angels but there is another narration that is expressing this reality which shows that the entire inhabitants of the heaven which includes the Angels and other creatures are the lovers of the holy household of the Prophet (*peace be upon them*) and through that means they increase their nearness and closeness to Almighty Allah. Therefore as we've said earlier, love manifest the attributes of the beloved one before the lover and one of the attributes of the infallible household of the Prophet (*peace be upon them*) is their closeness and nearness to Almighty Allah. In this respect the entire

heavenly creatures considered the love of these great men as the causes of their nearness and closeness to Almighty Allah.

We read in one of the supplication visitation of Jamiyah that was narrated from the holy household of the Prophet *(peace be upon them)* as follows:

*The inhabitants of the heaven become closer to Almighty Allah through the means of your love and denial of your enemies.*¹

It is the attributes of Ali that is not having ending;

There is no praise reciter of Ali except his God;

If you read his attributes till the day of resurrection;

It is not up to one alphabet out of his praise notebook.

¹ - Bihar al-Anwar volume: 102 page 164; also from Misbahu Za'ir: 239.

What is the Impact of Nearness and closeness to Almighty Allah?

Presently we are going to expound the important and wonderful impact that is created by closeness and nearness to Almighty Allah.

Among the signs of closeness to Almighty Allah and the pure holy household of the Prophet (*peace be upon them*) is the inactive of the internal eyes, ear and to obtain spiritual and immaterial power; therefore at the time where person have developed towards immaterial nearness to Almighty Allah, he will be placed in the position of those whom Allah love and will be among the beloved one of Almighty Allah; by the time whereby person is among the beloved one of Almighty Allah, he will be bestowed with immaterial powers.

Imam Sadiq (peace be upon him) quoting from the holy Prophet (peace be upon him and his progeny) that Almighty Allah said:

Whoever humiliates the good servants of mine is ready to wage war against me. My servant would not be closer to Me with what I love among what I have made incumbent for him; but undoubtedly he will be closer and nearer to me through the recommended acts (Nawafil) until I love him, and when I love him, consequently I would be his ears which he hears with, his sight which he sees with, his tongue which he speaks with and his hands which he touches with. If he calls me I will definitely answer him and grant him if he requested from Me.¹

These issues that came in this narration are created as a result of nearness and closeness to Almighty Allah; and base on this, hearing the heavenly voice, seeing the divine faces, discovering the secrets and divine wisdoms, doing difficult things with the power of

¹ - Bihar al-Anwar volume: 75 page: 155; and also from Usul al-Kafi volume: 2 page: 352.

Almighty Allah and acceptance of supplication is among the favor that at the end will encompasses the situation and the state of the closer and nearer ones to Almighty Allah and the holy household of the Prophet *(peace be upon them)*.

**Make your Friends to be friend
with the holy household of the
Prophet *(peace be upon them)***

The type of friendship and love concerning the holy household of the Prophet *(peace be upon them)* you gave in your heart will be the same type of your friendship and love in the heart of those great men. Therefore those who are the enamored and lover of the holy household of the Prophet *(peace be upon them)* are also the beloved of those great men.

Habeesh bn Mu'tamar says: I was at the service of the commander of the faithful (*peace be upon him*) and I said:

Peace, mercy and blessing of Allah be on you, O' the commander of the faithful! What is your feeling this night? He said: my feeling is love for our lovers and hatred to those that hate us.¹

In a situation whereby person's love has taken place in the heart of the holy household of the Prophet (*peace be upon them*), he will be among the beloved ones of Almighty Allah and the love of Almighty Allah will also take place in his mind, meanwhile as at the time whereby Almighty Allah's love become intensive that he did not exchange His love with that of creatures, his internal sight shall be opened and he will be conversant with the good servants of Allah.

The commander of the faithful (*peace be upon him*) said: In the night of ascension of the holy

¹ - Bihar alAnwar volume: 27 page: 53; and also the Majalis of Sheikh Mufid: 197.

Prophet (peace be upon him and his progeny) to the heaven, Almighty Allah said to him:

Whoever does according to my accession, I shall bestow him with three attributes:

a- I shall acquaint him with thanks giving that is not mixed up with ignorance.

b- Remembrance that is not mixed up with forgetfulness.

c- And my love that is not affected with the love of the creatures.

If he loves Me, I will love him and I will open the sight of his heart to My sublimity and I will not conceal My special creature to him....¹

Base on this, one of the signs of Almighty Allah's love is conversant and seeing the good servants of Allah.

This present time a lot of people are aspiring to visit and see the Imam of the time (May our soul be sacrifice from him) whether awakening or through dream, all these are due to their

¹ - Bihar al-Anwar volume: 77 page: 28.

intensive love for him. As a result of that the love and eagerness of meeting with the beloved one increases.

Prophet Ibrahim (peace be upon him) hate death but Almighty Allah sent Azara'ir to tell Hadrat Ibrahim:

“Heave you seen a lover who hates to meet with his beloved one? Surely lover likes to meet with his beloved one”¹

The people that are present during the life time of the pure infallible household of the holy Prophet (peace be upon them) even though their city and houses are far away from those great men but their heart are beating due to remembrance, love and affection they had for the holy household of the Prophet, just as their love and affection to see the holy Prophet (peace be upon him and his progeny) has taken place in their heart and life; likewise they also continuously sketching the

¹ - Bihar al-Anwar volume: 6 page: 127; also from Amali of Sheikh Suduq: 118.

luminous face of that great man in their imagination.

This present day, the enamored of the leader of the time are hoping to see his face, the only survivor of the infallible ones, the great proof of Allah (*May our soul be sacrifice from him*), who is Almighty Allah's mystery on this existing world, the one who is presently in occultation. Meanwhile hope and aspiration is base on that love and connection they had towards that great man, which is base on the saying of Almighty Allah: ***“undoubtedly that lover likes to meet with his beloved one”***

Even though Yusuf was not sold to us as a coil; then that is the very pride we had for buying him.

Duty of the Friends of the Holy Household of the Prophet

1- Creation of affection

Love and friendship with the holy household of the Prophet (*peace be upon them*) must be so

deep to the extent it over takes and has running root in your soul and in your entire existence so that it will be means of your closeness and nearness to those great men.

His Excellency, the commander of the faithful (*peace be upon him*) says:

***Love and affection is derived from nearness and closeness.*¹**

Which means there must be tremendous increase in love so that you become closer and nearer to the beloved one. If love has reached that extent, it is then called affection and cordiality. Base on this affection and cordiality, the increased love will lead and turn to spiritual nearness.

In reality this is the type of love which is expected of us as our responsibility towards the holy household of the Prophet (*peace be upon them*). Therefore we must have the love of Muhammad and the family of Muhammad (*peace be upon them*) so that it will become the

¹ - Bihar al-Anwar volume: 74 page: 165

means of our nearness and closeness to the holy household of the Prophet (*peace be upon them*).

Almighty Allah in the holy Qur'an said:

{Say, 'I do not ask you any reward for it except love of [my] relatives}'¹

Base on this verse, it is incumbent upon us to have such love and connection to the holy infallible household of the Prophet (*peace be upon them*) which will be the cause of our spiritual and immaterial closeness and nearness to these great men, meanwhile this is regarded as compulsory responsibility to entire human beings.

2- Friendship with the friends of the holy household (*peace be upon them*)

To be friendly with the holy household of the Prophet (*peace be upon them*) does not end in

¹ - Surah al-Shura verse: 23.

loving them only, rather after loving them you must love the friends of those great men and to have connection and affection with them.

In this respect the holy Prophet (*peace be upon him and his progeny*) said:

Love our friends the same way you love our holy household.¹

Therefore, to be friendly with their friends is the requisite of being friendly with them.

3- Denounce the enemies of the holy household (*peace be upon them*)

If person has created place of love for those great men in his heart (whom the existence of the entire creatures is as a result of their blessing); it is not possible for him to love their enemies. Therefore it is not pliable to love the holy household of the Prophet (*peace*

¹ - Bihar al-Anwar volume: 8 page: 57.

be upon them) and at the same time to be friendly with their enemies, because in the apparent feeling of conscious human being, it is possible to love two things that are contrary to each other.

Base on this, in the apparent feeling or psychological feeling it is possible for a person to be friendly with the holy household of the Prophet (*peace be upon them*) and those that have went astray; but in terms of the heart and the internal feeling it is different. In this respect the commander of the faithful (*peace be upon him*) said:

Our love never combined together with the love of our enemies in one heart; Allah the Great and Almighty said: {Allah has not put two hearts within any man¹²}

Therefore, to be friendly with the holy household of the Prophet (*peace be upon them*) and to love their enemies at the same time is

¹ - Surah al-Ahzab verse: 4

² - Bihar al-Anwar volume: 24 page: 318; and also Kanzul Fawa'id: 23.

like water and fire that doesn't merged or combined together in one place.

It is like this narration which was transmitted by Abi al-Jarudi from Imam Baqir (peace be upon him).

From the authority of Abi al-Jarudi reporting from Abi Ja'afar (peace be upon him) in the saying of the Most High: {Allah has not put two hearts within any man}, he will love this and hate that, but as for those who love us; their love for us is unadulterated just as fire purify the goal without muddy in it.

Whoever wants to know whether he loves us or not; must examine his heart, if our love is mixed up with the love of our enemies, he is not from us and we are not from him. Verily Almighty Allah, Jbril and Mika'il are the enemy of these types of people, and definitely Almighty Allah is the enemy of the unbelievers.¹

Base on this, the signs of love is such that is accompanied with following and obedience to the holy household of the Prophet (peace be

¹ - Bihar al-Anwar volume: 27 page: 51.

upon them) and it attract person towards those great men and denouncing their enemies. Through this type of love, person can be attracted and be the enamored of the holy household of the Prophet (peace be upon them) to the extent he will not comprehend anything except his beloved one and what the beloved one like. Meanwhile this type of conditions is as a result of the attraction of the lover towards the beloved one.

Lady Khadijah (peace be upon her) when on journey usually tells the holy Prophet (peace be upon him and his progeny):

The mind of the lover is attracted by the beloved ones;

Whereas his eye is preoccupied in the hands of the sick ones¹

When there is development in love and increase in friendship with Allah's family (i.e. the holy household of the Prophet) you will be tremendously attracted by those great

¹ - Bihar al-Anwar volume: 16 page: 29.

men and you will be weary with other than them. In this respect Imam Sadiq (peace be upon him) said: ***The real love is to denounce other than the beloved one.***¹

As at the time where you distance yourself from other than the beloved one, you will prefer the beloved one more than other than him. Imam Sadiq (peace be upon him) also in this respect said: ***The evidence of love is to prefer the beloved one more than others.***²

Definitely this type of love shall place you at the peak of spiritual and luminous stance to the extent as a result of that you will be focused with the assistance of the holy household of the Prophet (peace be upon them) and they will make you as a spiritual and divine existence and subsequently your heart will be increased in denouncing the enemies of the holy household of the Prophet (peace be upon them).

¹ - Bihar al-Anwar volume: 69 page: 251; and also Misbahul al-Shari'ah: 65.

² - Bihar al-Anwar volume: 70 page: 22; and also Misbahul al-Shari'ah: 2.

4- To be Obedience to the holy household of the Prophet

The holy household of the Prophet (*peace be upon them*) are expecting their friends to build themselves and to obtain behavior that is accepted by Almighty Allah more than any other one. According to the view of the holy household of the Prophet (*peace be upon them*) those who have educated the love and friendship of the family of the holy Prophet deep inside his existence, must take the behavior of the holy household of the Prophet (*peace be upon them*) as an exemplar for their life and they must increase their faith and God fearing.

His Excellency, the commander of the faithful (*peace be upon him*) said: ***“Whoever like us should act as we do and should wear the cloth of faith”¹***

¹ - Sharh Gurar al-Hukum volume: 5 page: 303.

At anytime whereby you have manifested the love for the holy household of the Prophet (*peace be upon them*) and it has rooted in your existence, it will be the cause of your faith and good deed.

Meanwhile complete love for the holy household of the Prophet (*peace be upon them*) is always accompanied with good deed; and the person whose love is much normally struggle in doing good work.

In this respect Imam Rida (*peace be upon him*) said: ***Don't leave good work and worship as a result of your love for the holy household of the Prophet (peace be upon them) likewise you should not submit to their commandment while leaving worshipping because one of it is not accepted except with the other.***¹

How is it possible for someone who is having intensive love and interest of the holy household of the Prophet (*peace be upon them*) and his action is not accepted by them or he

¹ - Safinatul Bihar volume: 1 page: 204, the article of Hababa.

leave the accepted deed by them and be heedless of it? In a nutshell the real friend and true lover is he who follows and obey the beloved one.

Imam Sadiq (peace be upon him) said: ***“If your love is sincere, you will follow your beloved one; therefore the lover follows the one he loves”***¹

This type of love that is accompanied with following and obedience of the holy household of the Prophet (peace be upon them) causes the happiness of those great men.

His Excellency, the commander of the faithful in this respect said: ***“We are happy due to the love of our lovers for us”***²

Definitely, those who wanted to reach high rank and aiming towards tremendous goal must know that whoever wants treasure must envisage difficulty and affliction. The person who is having the thought of obtaining tremendous positions must ready

¹ - Bihar al-Anwar volume: 47 page: 24.

² - Bihar al-Anwar volume: 27 page: 83.

to do all the necessary things in the way to his destination in order to generate this thought.

His Excellency, the commander of the faithful *(peace be upon him)* said: ***“Whoever likes an elevated rank abstain and distance from prohibited act”¹***

It is reported from the hadith of Hadrat Da’ud *(peace be upon him)* that Almighty Allah said:

What My good servant need to do with significance to this world, verily significance to this world drives away the sweetness and the pleasure of calling upon Me from their heart. O’ Da’ud definitely My love from My good servant is for them to be sacred and not to be dejected.²

Base on this, the friends of Allah and that of the holy household *(peace be upon them)* should not be disturbed with the worldly affairs in his living because concentrating and

¹ - Bihar al-Anwar volume: 77 page: 421; also from Irshad Mufid: 140.

² - Bihar al-Anwar volume: 82 page: 143.

worshipping the world and material aspirations are the tremendous means that distance human being from the threshold of Almighty Allah and seize their nearness and closeness to Allah and likewise it reduce Allah's love and that of the holy household of the Prophet from him. Meanwhile having connection with spiritual issues and searching for the reality of the world makes person to be the lover of Almighty Allah and that of the holy household of the Prophet (*peace be upon them*).

5- You should strengthen the love of the holy household of the Prophet in other's mind

One of the important signs of having friendship with the holy household of the Prophet (*peace be upon them*) is to create their love and friendship through your good speech and behavior in the mind of the people to the extent you attract the

inhabitant of your location towards the holy household of the Prophet *(peace be upon them)* and your behavior should not cause their denouncing and hatred (may God forbid that) in the mind of the people.

Imam Sadiq *(peace be upon him)* said: ***“May Allah have mercy on a person who create our love in the mind of the people and did not create our hatred in them”¹***

From this discussion about the impact of love, it is clear and obvious that creating an intensive love of the holy household of the Prophet *(peace be upon them)* in people’s mind is the biggest avenue of creating fear of Allah and faith and their abstinence from sin. Base on this the enamored of Muhammad and his family *(peace be upon them)* must by all means create the love and friendship of those great men in the mind of the people.

¹ - Bihar al-Anwar volume: 75 page: 421

Sincere love

Love and friendship are the signs of detecting and knowing friends likewise it will enable you to differentiate those whose love is sincere from others whose love is not sincere. Now that love is like elixir, the impact it will create for the lover is the sign of showing the value of the beloved one. Those that enjoy the power of perception knew whom to give friendship and the love in his mind. Therefore, he knew his beloved one through their speech, behavior, action and movement.

The more love and friendship become intensive the more the sign of the beloved one become intensive before the lover. Sometimes love is so intensive that the lover will prefer his beloved one more than any other existence; and this type of love is the sign of doctrine and faith of the lover towards the beloved one.

Definitely if your love for the holy household of the Prophet (*peace be upon them*) is up to this limit, it is a sign of perfection of faith to Almighty Allah. Here is the statement of the holy Prophet (*peace be upon him and his progeny*) in this respect:

No servant shall be a believer until he loves me more than himself and love my progeny more than his progeny and love my family more than his family and to love my essence more than his essence.¹

Certainly the person whose love is up to this limit is having sincere love. There is an attractive incidence of a Kufan which I will bring henceforth as he sincerely love and prefer the holy Prophet, the commander of the faithful (*peace be upon them*) and his holy offspring more than himself and his family.

There is a very rich man that was living in Kufa that normally assist the offspring of the Prophet. He is having a notebook in his shop

¹ - Bihar al-Anwar volume: 17 page: 13; and also from Ilala Sharai'i: 58.

which he named after the commander of the faithful (*peace be upon him*); at anytime a descendant of the Prophet buy an item and pay he collect but if it is on credit, he will ordered his name to be written in the notebook under the account of the commander of the faithful (*peace be upon him*).

After long period of time this rich man became poor and stays at home. One day he was going through the debtor note book one after the other, if the debtor is alive he will sent for his money but if the debtor is dead and did not left anything behind he will clean his name from the notebook .

One day this man was sitting in front of his house while going through his debtors' notebook; unexpectedly one of the enemies of Imam Ali passed by him; he mocked and accused him by saying: what Ali bn Abi Talib (your major debtor) has done to you?

This statement annoys him and he went inside the house with that annoyance. The man saw the holy Prophet (*peace be upon him and*

his progeny) in his dream that very night while his two grand son Hassan and Husain (*peace be upon them*) are by his side at the very place he was sitting while he was mocked. The holy Prophet (*peace be upon him and his progeny*) inquired of their father from both of them (from Imam Hassan and Husain)!

The commander of the Faithful (*peace be upon him*) was behind the holy Prophet and he answered: I am here O the Messenger of Allah. The holy Prophet (*peace be upon him and his progeny*) said: why you did not give the request of that man to him? The commander of the faithful answered: O the Messenger of Allah it is his worldly right with me. Give it to him, said the Messenger of Allah. At that time the commander of the faithful (*peace be upon him*) was with a bag made up of white wool and gave it to this man as his right. Meanwhile the entire incidence takes place during the dream.

The holy Prophet (*peace be upon him and his progeny*) said to the man: take this and give my

descendants that may demand any of the items you are having so that you will never become poor.

The man said: I woke from sleep and the bag full of money is in my hand; I woke up my wife and ordered her to put on the light. She put on the light and I opened the bag and found one thousand Ashrafi in it.

My wife said: be fearful of God, lest you have deceived people with your poverty in order to take money from businessmen? The man said: To God it is not possible, and he explained the incidence to her. Then I opened the credit notebook and saw that I have written exactly one thousand Ashrafi against the account of Imam Ali (*peace be upon him*).¹

An attractive narration in this connection was also reported from Imam Sadiq (*peace be upon him*) hence he says: ***“Whoever assists the poor ones among us, his remuneration is upon***

¹ - Fawa'id Ridawiyah: 311.

our grand father Muhammad (peace be upon him and his progeny)”¹

The Kufan that is having sincere love for the holy household of the Prophet *(peace be upon him and his progeny)* has received his remuneration with the commandment from that great man.

The love of the liars

Some people manifested love and friendship to the holy household of the Prophet likewise they were so frank and sincere in this aspect. This sincere love for the holy household *(peace be upon them)* has over took them from head to toe without any possibility of contradiction; but when we glanced at their actions and behaviors, and compared it whether it conform with the commands and the orders of the holy

¹ - Bihar al-Anwar volume: 100 page: 124.

household (*peace be upon them*) or not, we will see that their manifestation concerning their love and friendship to the holy household of the Prophet (*peace be upon them*) and their heartbroken is not out of sincerity.

Meanwhile a lot of his people considered him to be lovelorn and devotee to the leader of the time (*May Almighty Allah hasten his relief*); but practically he abstain from paying the portion of that great man to its owner which is one of the means which the bounty of Almighty Allah gets to them! Does person who abstain from spending the property of the Imam (*peace be upon him*) in the path of reviving the holy aims of that great man is able to sacrifice his soul in the path of that great man in the auspicious day of his reappearance?

Does Imam (*May our soul be sacrifice for him*) never say the following in his signed latter to his followers:

May Allah, the angels and the entire human being's curse be upon he who has made it

lawful to temper with our property even if it is a Dirham.¹

Imam al-Baqir (peace be upon him) in the respect of those who claimed to have loved the holy household of the Prophet (peace be upon them) said to Jabir: ***“O’ Jabir! Is it enough for he who blocks the ways of Shi’ism to claim to have loved us the holy household of the Prophet (peace be upon them)? I swear by God, he is not our follower except he that fear Allah and follow Him”²***

We can derive from this statement that person who is not fortunate with fear of Allah and obedience to the commandment of Almighty Allah must not certify with manifestation of love for the holy household of the Prophet.

¹ - Bihar al-Anwar volume: 53 page: 183; also from Kamal Deen volume: 2 page: 201; and also from Sahifah al-Mubarakah al-Mahdiyyah: 282.

² - Bihar al-Anwar volume: 70 page: 97.

The Result of the Discussion

Love is an elixir cure and treatment of your destructive and ruinous pains. Therefore the inclination and attraction that exist in love draw person towards his beloved one; it also create and strengthen the conditions and attributes that exist in the lover. The more the love become intensive the more the attraction, impact and the spiritual conditions of the beloved one in the lover also become intensive to the extent it will make the lover nearer and closer to the beloved one. Though this is what is meant by affection that must be obtained by every one towards the holy household of the Prophet (peace be upon them). Therefore the remuneration of the Message of the holy Prophet is the love for his close relation.

Base on this, with ambition and affection towards the holy household of the Prophet

(peace be upon them) your soul will be flying towards the threshold of the holy household so that their luminous light take over your entire existence and to cleanse the pollutions that exist in you.

The corollary of nearness and closeness to those great men is to follow their commandments and orders; likewise you should denounce and distance yourself from their enemies. Definitely this is what is meant by sincere love that must be created in your soul and the closer people to you.

The team of people that are having moment of affection and respect;

Have possessed drum of supremacy in top of prestige;

Because they touch the power of supremacy;

The leg is upon the head due to honor and disgrace that has hit the custom.

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