



*In the name of Allah, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful.*

## **PRAYING FOR IMAM MAHDI (ATFS)**

*Continued...*

One factor that plays a major role in the acceptance of our supplications is sending 'salawaat' (blessings) upon the Holy Prophet (SAWW) and his infallible progeny (AS). Imam Sadiq (AS) says 'The supplication remains concealed until 'salawaat' is sent on the Holy Prophet (SAWW) and his progeny (AS)' (Al-Kafi vol. 2, pp. 491-493)

### **7. Reason for Praying for Imam-e-Asr (ATFS):**

As we are aware, Allah has promised to avenge the oppression perpetrated on His Prophets and their Successors (a.s.). Particularly, the transgressions and cruelty inflicted on Imam Husain (AS), the dozen of martyrs. He has also pledged that finally Islam will be the universal religion and polytheism will be wiped out from the face of the earth. Justice demands that once a promise is made it must be fulfilled and this covenant assumes even more serious proportions considering that it is made by none other than Allah, the Almighty. So for an early and swift fulfillment of this divine promise, it is necessary that we pray for Imam-e-Zamana's (ATFS) well-being and earliest reappearance. Imam (ATFS) has himself urged the Shias 'Pray for the early reappearance because in it lays your deliverance.' (Beharul Anwaar vol.52, p. 29)

Praying for the earliest reappearance of Imam-e-Zamana (ATFS) is a very important responsibility of the Shias. Besides, there are numerous benefits that emanate when one supplicates for Imam-e-Zamana (ATFS).

### **8. The benefits of praying for Imam-e-Zamana (ATFS):**

There are numerous benefits of praying for Imam-e-Zamana (ATFS) in this world as also in the hereafter:

### **Rewards in this world:**

To pray for Imam-e-Zamana (ATFS) is in fact a way of being attached with the Holy Prophet (SAWW). Imam Baqir (AS) narrates 'Joining relations (Sil-e-Rahm) purifies the actions, increases wealth, wards off calamities, makes accounting easy and postpones death.' - (Beharul Anwaar vol. 47, p. 111)

- \* Calamities are turned away and there is an increase in sustenance.
- \* Our other supplications are answered because of it (praying for Imam-e-Zamana (ATFS)).
- \* It prepares a person for meeting Imam-e-Zamana (ATFS) - whether he is awake or asleep.
- \* It increases bounties.
- \* Allah's Help is always at hand for him and he is able to overpower his enemies. As Allah says in the Holy Quran 'If you help (the cause of) Allah, He will help you' (Surah Muhammad (42): Verse 7)
- \* The Shias will be revived at the time of Imam's (ATFS) reappearance - as is mentioned in Dua-e-Ahad.
- \* The Shias remain steadfast on religion and are secure from the corruptions of the last era.
- \* The Shias are protected from divine chastisement.
- \* The one who prays regularly for the early reappearance of Imam-e-Zamana (ATFS) is considered like the one who has prepared the grounds for his reappearance.

### **Rewards in the Hereafter**

Allamah Syed Isfahani (r.a.), in his book 'Mikyalul Makarim' has written many advantages of praying for the Imam(ATFS)

We mention a few of them:

- \* The one who prays for the early reappearance of Imam-e-Zamana (ATFS) becomes entitled to receive the intercession of the Holy Prophet (SAWW) and his progeny (AS).
- \* He will receive the intercession of Imam Mahdi (AS) on the Day of Judgment.
- \* His sins will be forgiven
- \* He will receive the reward of avenging the blood of Imam Husain (AS).
- \* The light of the Holy Quran will guide him.
- \* He will get the honour of being among the nearest servants of Allah.
- \* Seventy thousand of his sins will be forgiven
- \* His heart will be contented on the Day of Judgment
- \* He will get the reward of twenty Hajj and Umra.
- \* One thousand of his wishes will be fulfilled on the Day of Resurrection.
- \* Angels seek forgiveness for the one who prays for Imam-e-Zamana (ATFS).
- \* Satan becomes fearful and crestfallen
- \* The person gets 1/3 reward of the entire mankind
- \* He will get glad tidings at the time of his death, in Barzakh and in Qiyamat.
- \* He will get the reward of being martyred while being in the army of Imam-e-Zamana (ATFS).
- \* The proximate angels attend gatherings in which there are supplications for Imam-e-Zamana (ATFS).
- \* In the light of authentic traditions, praying for Imam-e-Zamana (ATFS) during occultation is better than praying for him after his (AS) reappearance.

**HUBB WA 'SALAM**  
**N E W S L E T T E R**

