

MATCHLESS SACRIFICES OF HUSEIN (A.S)

It is universally agreed that no establishment of a right cause or propagation of any religion has been possible without any sacrifice. If we look back to the time of Christ, the reign of Ramchandraji or the life time of any other holy individual, we shall find that all of them had to contribute some sorts of sacrifices so as to salve those of their wicked and sinful brethren.

When we, however, glance through stories of countless sacrifices in the history of the world, we find that about 1300 years ago a great sacrifice was made, whose uniqueness and matchlessness is not only evident to a Muslim, but to all people who have taken the trouble to read carefully the story of this sacrifice.

Soon after the death of Prophet Muhammad (p b u h) countless dark clouds had gathered on the horizon of Islam. People began to discard the valuable teachings of the Prophet. Yazid, the tyrant, having forcibly assumed the title of the leader of all Muslims, was openly violating the rules of Islam. The light of Islam was being extinguished by his misdeeds and vices. Husein, the grandson of Prophet Mohamed, felt that it was his duty then to save Islam by offering his matchless sacrifices on the plains of Kerballa. He gave his head and his all for the sake of Islam. Had he not done so, then Islam and its valuable teachings would have disappeared on this earth.

The sympathy which he aroused not only made Muslims to despise Yezid and his followers, but it gradually spread all over the Muslim world and passed down from generation to generation, so that today when the great martyr's anniversary is commemorated, the men and women of all religions are attracted towards it. Their curiosity is aroused and they want to know why Husein was killed.

Thus the Great Martyr Husein not only saved Islam, but also taught numerous valuable lessons like that of belief in God, resurrection, prayer, fasting, charity etc. His sufferings constitute a lesson of human sympathy which brings men closer to one another in this world of turmoil and heartache.

While bringing to memory this great tragedy, let us not forget the lessons which Husein had taught us. We must revive the ideals and principles for which he gave his life. For our welfare and success in this life we greatly need to tread in the footsteps of this great and glorious martyr.

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