

In the Name of Allah the Most compassionate, the Most Merciful
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Praises and thanks are to the God who is Sufficient for a person who seeks His help. And, He guides the one who asks to be guided. And peace be upon Muhammad and His Ahlul-Bait and curses be upon their enemies.

Virtuous

I advise myself and you to be pious. Also I warn you to not be deceived by the tricks of this world. I remind you to prepare yourselves for hereafter and its stages because death comes suddenly and when the angel of death comes, we are not aware of him. Really, death is very sad disaster and there is a very long distance has to be covered after it. It is really scary, dark and narrow way. The commander of faithful had a poem about death in which he warns us, "O, the one who are busy by this world and being deceived by long demands, death will come suddenly and grave is the place of your actions. You will be always in ignorance until your death comes"

O Allah, give us the tawfeeq to be prepared for leaving this world and give us make us love the world in the hereafter.

Great events

In the previous week we passed the 8th of Shawwal, the anniversary of the destruction of Jannatul Baqi. Unfortunately we see every day and every place that some of disbelievers destroy Mosques. As we saw in the previous week Zionists destroyed and burnt a mosque in the occupied Palestine.

We would like to say something about the destruction of the shrine of the Imams in Baqi and explosion of the Imam's tomb in Samara.

Firstly, building a mosque over the graves of Imams or good people is not polytheism as some of extremist said. Mosques and graves have a very deep relation in the tradition of Muslims or even faithful before Islam, as Quran narrated for us in the story of Ashab Kahf (faithful men that went to a cave and sleep there for three hundred years). It says, ***"Those who prevailed over their affair said, "Let us surely build a place of worship over them"*** also we can see lots of mosques over graves of good people all around the Muslim world. So we can not accuse all Muslims from the early years of Islam to polytheism and heresy as Wahhabis say.

Secondly, these places are for prayers, recitation of the Holy Quran and the remembrance of God *“And who is more unjust than he who forbids that in places for the worship of Allah, Allah.s name should be celebrated?-whose zeal is (in fact) to ruin them? It was not fitting that such should themselves enter them except in fear. For them there is nothing but disgrace in this world, and in the world to come, an exceeding torment”*

Thirdly, insulting and destroying the holy places of other sects of Muslims raises the fire of division between Muslims. Because of that our leader Ayatollah Khamenei made Fatwa that is haram to insult others holy places or holy characters. Now a days we need this unity among Muslims against the none Muslims.

Fourthly, destroying our holy places make us stronger in our way and shows us the importunacy of these places and make us think about the characters in them.

May Allah bless us and give us correct understanding of these holy places and holy people.

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