

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

### **Virtuous**

I advice myself and you to be virtuous. Humans could not benefit from large amount of effort without virtue. Little amount of effort concentrated in doing obligations and avoiding forbidden with virtue would save human beings.

Imam Sadiq (a.s) said : Little practice with virtue is better than many practices without virtue. They asked Imam (a.s): How can a man practice a lot but does not have virtue. He replied: There are some people who help others and take care of neighbors and give out their wealth; however, when they reach a forbidden act, they do not avoid it. Others do not have such opportunities to do good deeds but they avoid the forbidden. The second is better than the first one.

### **Ideal Islamic Man**

We were discussing the responsibilities of an ideal woman in an ideal Islamic society. Due to the birth of Imam Ali (a.s.) who is an ideal man in Islamic society, we are going to elaborate more on who is an ideal Islamic man. Some responsibilities and characteristics of an ideal man is similar to an ideal woman; however, man, due to their social activities, are confronted more to these important responsibilities.

When we speak about an ideal man, the first characteristic that comes in mind is commitment and loyalty to his pledge. Amir Al-Muminin says: “ Man’s worthiness depends on his ambition and his trustworthiness depends on his manhood.”

Human beings have some pledges towards himself, spouse, family, society, religion, God, and his creator. A perfect human will be committed to these pledges even though it is very difficult. A perfect human would never break these promises.

We know that some people made some covenant with prophet(P.B.U.H.A.B), but they did not abide by the covenant. Some people broke their promises temporarily such as some soldiers in the war of Uhud and Hunain. In these wars many people ran away and left prophet Muhammad alone. On the other hand, others broke their covenant permanently such as the hypocrites. Quran mentions these hypocrites in Surah Tubah Verse 101:

{ {And so are some among the people of Al-Madinah who persist in hypocrisy.} }

However, some people abided by the covenant. And the best is Amir Al-Muminin, which Quran describes them in Surah Ahzab Verse 23:

{ {Among the believers are men who have been true to their covenant with Allah} }

Furthermore, Prophet and angel Gabriel describes Amir Al-Muminin as :

لما فتى الا على لا سيف الا ذولفقار

### **Commitment and Loyalty of Imam Ali (a.s.)**

Imam Ali (a.s.) is the first one to believe. In his childhood, he defended prophet and accompanied prophet in Hira cave. Prophet said to Ali (a.s.): The truth is that whatever I see, you can see; whatever I hear, you can hear. However, I am prophet and you are not a prophet.

Imam Ali (a.s.) proved his trustworthiness when prophet was surrounded in Sha'b Abitalib, and also at hijrah time in which he confronted 70 people with sword in their hands while sleeping in prophet's bed.

In the War of Uhud, Ali(a.s.) was injured from 70 scars. His sword broke and fell on floor twice; however, he never left prophet alone. Similarly in the war of Hunain when everybody ran away, Ali ibn Abitalib did not leave prophet. Furthermore, he also abided by the promises that he gave prophet before prophet's death. He said: I was patient like a person that has thorn in his eyes and a bone in his throat.

Finally, after many years of Jihad, love for people, and effort for Islam, he was killed by sword of oppression. He did not get frustrated because he felt that he has completed his responsibilities in the best way possible. As a result, he called out : "فزت ورب الكعبة" I swear to God of Kabah that I have won.

I hope Allah(s.t.) give us the opportunity to be committed to our covenant towards Allah(s.t) and his creations. And I hope we can be loyal to them.

### **Coming Days**

On Monday, it is the anniversary of the martyrdom or death of Zainab the daughter of Amir Al-Muminin. She is also a role model for loyalty. She has learned this from his father and mother. It is sufficient to depict her high degree by mentioning Imam Zain Al-Abedin's speech about Zainab bint Ali: " Thanks to Allah(s.t.). Oh Zainab, you are a scholar that did not have teacher. And, you understand without being thought.

And, we can figure out her resistance and patience from the incident of Karbala. After the martyrdom of Imam Hussain(a.s.), Abal Fadhl, her 2 sons Aun and Muhammad, and he nephews, she still gave speeches in Kufa and Sham that demolished the roots of Yazid Government.

With all of these suffering, she did not complain but instead said: “Whatever I saw was beauty [from Allah(s.t)].”

Oh Allah(s.t) give us the opportunity to obey and follow Ahl-bait (a.s). Inshallah