

In the Name of Allah the Most compassionate, the Most Merciful  
Juma (Friday) Speech by Sayed Mahmood Madani  
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Praises and thanks are to the God who is The 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 virtuous and try to be the best to acquire his pleasure. Imam Hadi(A.S) narrated from Imam Ali: don't be from whom who wish to have heaven without any good acts and those who love the righteous and don't follow their actions and who hate the sinners but he is one of them. May God Almighty save us from this.

### **Imam Redah birthday**

We will soon be approaching the birthday of our 8<sup>th</sup> imam (A.S), on Tuesday. Due to this auspicious event and great blessing that God has bestowed upon us, we will be speaking about our Imam's character and actions, so that we are guided by his light to Heaven, throughout our lives.

### **Ideal discussion**

Nowadays, the world has become like a small village, every ideology can be rapidly spread around the world, we can see Imam Redha as the ideal man who faced, different ideologies in his time. For example, Imam Redha had discussions with the leaders of the Christians, Jews and Zoroastrians, during these discussions our Imam displayed very good ethics and morality, and replied to their proofs without displaying anger or insult towards them, thus showing Islam is the greatest religion and its beliefs are very firm and steadfast with good logic. To show this we will discuss one debate between our Imam and Jathleeq (a Christian leader), Ra's ul Jalut (a Jewish leader) and other leaders. Ma'mun gathered these leaders and asked them to debate with his cousin from Medina. Hasan ibn Muhammad Nufaily narrated that. we were sitting with Imam Redha and his representative came in and said that Ma'mun has sent salaam to you (Imam Redha) we have gathered the leaders of the scholars of different religions and we would like you to have a discussion with them, if you want to disperse we can do this. Imam answered I know what you want and I will come to you tomorrow, God willing. When he had left, Imam turned around and said, what do you think Ma'mun wants from this discussion, I (narrator) said he wants to examine you and he has made a bad plan and I warn them against this. Imam smiled and said Oh! Nufaily, do you know when Ma'mun will regret his choice? When I answer the

Christian with Bible, and the Jew with Zabur, and so on and so forth, and when I answer all the groups and destroy their proofs, Ma'mun will know that he is in the wrong seat and he is not correct for his position and he will become regretful and there is no power but with Allah the great. So Imam went to the discussion and he disproves with their own books until noon and he prayed and all of them recognized Islam is correct and Imam the leader of Sabein

We need to learn from this story, and make such discussions without insulting and avoid fighting, wars and attacking and so on, especially between Muslims as our great leader Ayatollah khamenei said all Muslims should hold on to the rope of Allah and avoid making differences amongst the ummah. May God make all Muslims in a good position, help them against their enemy and make them successful.

However on the topic of good morality it is enough to narrate a few sentences. Ibrahim ibn Abbas narrates that he never saw Imam Redha interrupting anybody's speech, he never leaned when he was in a public gathering, he never oppressed or insulted any of his slaves and he never laughed loudly but he always smiled, when he ate food all of his slaves used to eat with him, he slept very little, he always fasted and gave charity in secret, often during the nighttime.