

A Heavenly Lady: Fatima al-Zahra

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The highest degree of humanity is Infallibility, where the consent and anger is based solely upon the anger and consent of Allah (SWT). An infallible person shows content to whatever Allah (SWT) is content with, and shows anger to whatever angers Allah (SWT). Lady Fatimah (PBUH) is one whom the Almighty Allah is content when she is satisfied, and is angry when she is angry. This position has astonished many complete people.

As stated in John's bible, she is a grand sign who appears in the sky: a woman who has control over the sun, whom the moon is beneath her feet, and who wears a crown holding twelve stars. As stated in the Torah, the book of Genesis, Allah (SWT) informs Abraham (PBUH) that she is the wife of one and mother of eleven divine leaders from the sons of Ishmael. She is the meaning of "the blessed night" mentioned in the Holy Quran, in which " Therein the detail of every affair which is to happen is made distinct."

She is the unique woman in the history whom Allah (SWT) has considered her prayer in the same status as that of the Prophet (PBUH&HP) and Amir al-Mu'minin's (PBUH) prayer on the day of Mubahilah.

It is her whom on the night of ascension (Mi'raj) the Messenger of Allah read (PBUH&HP) this sentence on the door of Paradise: "Fatimah is chosen by Allah."

Upon explaining her merits, this in itself can show her excellence, that the Prophet (PBUH&HP) has said, "Fatimah is the first one who enters the Paradise."

She is the one pearl whom the Almighty Allah has said these words about her to Prophet Muhammad (PBUH&HP), "We have granted you Kawthar. So worship your Lord and make sacrificial offerings." (The holy Quran, 108:1 & 2)

Considering the previous statements, then what took place after the demise of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH&HP) that Lady Fatimah (PBUH) said with a broken heart, "I experienced such sufferings that if bright days would have experienced them, they would turn into dark nights."(6) When she was going to be buried, all that was left from her body was nothing but merely a figure like a body.(7) Amir al-Mu'minin (PBUH) experienced such great grief in this suffering that he addressed Prophet Muhammad (PBUH&HP) saying:

"As for my grief (in the loss of Lady Fatimah (PBUH)), it knows no bounds; and from now on, each of my nights will pass with me staying awake till dawn."

(Reference: A selection from the sayings of the grand Ayatullah Wahid al-Khurasani, with

certain changes)

Ali ibn Isa Erebeli narrates the happenings which led to the martyrdom of Hadrat Fatimah al-Zahra (PBUH). In a part of his narration he describes a doleful scene:

" When Zahra (PBUH) passed away and was martyred, a cloth was on her body. Asma' said at this time Hassan and Hussain (PBUT) entered and said:" Asma'! Our Mother did not used to sleep at this time of the day! Asma' replied:" O The sons of the Messenger of Allah! Your mother is not sleeping, she has passed away!"

While Hassan (PBUH) heard such words, he fell on the body of his mother and kissed her face and addressed her:

" Dear mother! Please talk to me before I pass away."

Hussain (PBUH) came near and kissed her mother's feet and said:

" Dear mother! I am your son Hussain, talk to me before I pass away."

((Reference: Kashf al-Ghummah, vol.2, p.126