

HISTORICAL

SERMONS

Imam Hussain (as)

in Kerbala on Ashura

Mola Abbas (as)

at Kaaba

Syeda Sakina (as)

in Kufa

Syeda Zainab (as)

in Court of Yazid

Chapter 1

Glorious sermon of Mola Abbas (as) on the roof of Kaabah

Through the blessings of Masoomeen (asws) we are able to share with you this glorious sermon of Moula Abbas (as). Moula Abbas (as) delivered this sermon from the roof of the Kaaba on the 8th of Zil Hajj when Imam Hussain (asws) was departing Mecca to go towards Karbala. In just a few lines Moula Abbas (as) summarizes the reality of Ahlul Bayt (asws) along with the reality of the enemies (la) of Ahlul Bayt (asws).

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Hz Abbas (as) delivered this sermon on the roof of the Kaaba when Imam Hussain (asws) was departing from Mecca on the 8th of Zil Hajj 60 AH to go towards Karbala.

“All praise is for Allah who honored Baitullah (house of Allah) with the arrival of the Father (Ali asws) of My Master Imam Hussain (asws). This house was nothing more than a house of stone before the appearance of Ameerul Momineen (asws). After Ameerul Momineen (asws) appeared in the Kaaba, it then became the qibla.

O’ wretched kafirs and oppressors! You are not allowing the Imam (asws) of the pious to visit the Kaaba. The one has the most right to do so. If it was not for the command of Allah and not for the unseen mysteries of Allah and if Allah had not willed that His creation would be tested, then this Kaaba would have uprooted itself and flown to My Master, but My Moula (asws) came here Himself and honored the Kaaba.

Verily, people kiss Hajr e Aswad (black stone) and Hajr e Aswad kisses the hands of My Moula (asws). The will of Allah is the will of My Moula (asws). The will of My Moula (asws) is the will of My Allah. I swear by Allah if it were not for this, then I would have attacked you the way the

eagle attacks the sparrows. I would have cut you into pieces. Are you trying to compete with those who played with death during their childhood? Imagine! How brave must they be to do such a thing in their youth. May Allah sacrifice me upon My Moula (asws) who is the Master of the entire universe.

O' people! What has happened to your intellect? Do you not recognize what is the difference between the family of the Prophet (saw) and the family of yazid (la)? On one side is the family of yazid (la) who drinks alcohol and on the other side is the Master and Owner of the Pool of Kauthar. On one side are people whose house is the incarnation of evil and impurity and on the other side are those who are the incarnation of purity and They are the owners of revelation and Quran.

You are repeating the same mistakes that the Quraish committed. They planned to kill RasoolAllah (saw) and you are planning to kill the Son of RasoolAllah (saw). The Quraish were not successful in their evil schemes because they could not overcome Ameerul Momineen (asws). Now how can it be possible for you to kill Abu Abdullah al Hussain (asws) when the Son of That Ali (asws) is the protector of the Son of RasoolAllah (saw)?

If you have the courage, then come and try to kill Me. Then you will be able to fulfill your evil desires. I swear by Allah as long as I am alive you will never be successful. May Allah send His wrath upon you, your forefathers, and your offspring! May Allah curse you, your forefathers, and your offspring!

Chapter 2

Glorious Sermon of Syeda Fatima binte Hussain (Syeda Sakina or Syeda Rukiya sa)

The granddaughter of Moula Ali (asws), daughter of Moula Hussain (asws), Syeda Fatima (asws) bintul Hussain (asws) also known as Syeda Sakina (asws) who was only 4 years old delivered such an amazing sermon in Kufa that it caused the people to become astonished at Her eloquence and Her knowledge. This sermon had a major effect upon the people and caused them to feel immense shame and regret. It also caused them to realize how great the sin which they had committed was. The following is the sermon:

“All praise is for Allah. A praise which numbers more than the grains of the sand and is weightier than the earth and Arsh (throne) combined. I praise Him, trust Him and I testify that there is no god except Allah. He is alone and has no partner. Muhammad (asws) is His servant and messenger, and the Pure Offspring of Muhammad (asws) were slaughtered near the banks of the River Furat. O’Allah! You took from Your creation the promise of allegiance for the wilayat of Ali (asws) ibn Abi Talib (as) and made this wajib (obligatory) upon them, but Your creation has broken this promise of allegiance. They usurped His (Ameerul Momineen asws) right and martyred Him. Then they martyred His Son Hussain (asws).

O’Allah! You are well aware that My Grandfather (asws) was martyred in Your House (masjid) in the presence of other “muslims”. These “muslims” admitted to oppressing Ameerul Momineen (asws), but for Your sake My Grandfather (asws) was patient. He left this world but His attributes and greatness will remain for all of eternity and no one will ever be able to reach His status.

O’Allah! I am very young, but I am aware of the greatness of the

attributes of My Grandfather (asws).

O'Allah! You are well aware of how My Grandfather (asws) protected Your tauheed (oneness) and Your Prophet (asws). He had no concern for this world. He fought in Your way. You chose Him and declared Him to be Your "Siratul Mustaqeem" (the right path).

O'people of Kufa! O' cheaters! Allah tested you through Ahlul Bayt (asws). Through Us, your iman (faith) was tested and verily, We are the successful of those who are tested. Allah has given His knowledge to Us and made Us as the trustees of His knowledge. We are the source of His wisdom. We are the hujjat (proof) of Allah upon the heavens and the earth. Allah honored Us and raised Our status before the creation through Muhammad (asws). You denied Us and committed kufr with Allah. You made slaughtering Us lawful and looted Our wealth. In your eyes, We were not the Offspring of RasoolAllah (asws). You treated Us as if We were a group of common rebels.

You martyred My Grandfather (asws) and your swords are dripping with the blood of Ahlul Bayt (asws). For a very long time now, your hearts have been filled with hatred and animosity towards Us. You slaughtered Ahlul Bayt (asws) and afterwards you rejoiced and celebrated. You attributed lies to Allah. You were deceitful and Allah does not allow those who are deceitful to succeed.

You committed every atrocity against Us and looted Our wealth, but you will not gain any benefit from this. Whatever We had to face in this world it was for the sake of Allah. Do not be pleased with the atrocities and acts of oppression which you committed against Us. Verily, Allah curses those who are proud and arrogant. May Allah destroy you.

Soon the wrath and curse of Allah that has become your destiny will fall upon you. You will have to face the immense wrath of Allah. Verily, you will taste of its severity. May the curse of Allah be upon the oppressors.

Woe be upon you! We know those who obeyed Us and those who waged war against Us and those who came to Our support and those who abandoned Us, and you were amongst those who waged war against Us because your hearts have become impure from filth. Allah sealed your hearts, eyes, and ears. Shaitan became your leader and led you astray.

O'people of Kufa! May Allah destroy you! What wrong did RasoolAllah (asws) do against you that caused you to commit such atrocities against His Brother and My Grandfather Ali (asws) ibn Abi Talib (as) and to His Offspring (asws)? You felt pride in Our martyrdom and Our imprisonment. How can it be that this ummah (nation) can feel pride in slaughtering those whom Allah Himself made as Pure and kept all impurities from coming near to Them. Verily, every person will reap whatever he has sown. Woe be upon you! You became envious of Us because of the status and greatness which was bestowed upon Us by Allah. However, Allah blesses those whom He chooses. Those who were not created from Noor can never be like those who were created from Noor. "

There are 3 points which can be found in this glorious sermon which was delivered by the one who was raised in the house of prophet hood and imamate.

1. 1. Syeda Sakina (sa) specifically mentions the wilayat of Her Grandfather, Ameerul Momineen (asws). She also makes reference towards His sufferings. Moula Ali (asws) who is haq (truth) and the example of justice upon the earth. He was martyred in the house of Allah and Ameerul Momineen (asws) is that personality who was chosen by Allah and through whom Allah manifested His attributes
2. 2. Syeda Sakina (sa) mentions the sufferings of Ahlul Bayt (salam of Allah be upon Them). They are the leaders of the ummah and this ummah will be questioned regarding Ahlul Bayt (asws). Those who helped them and those who oppressed them. Syeda Sakina (sa) also mentions how this ummah committed atrocities against Aal e Muhammad (asws) and how Aal e Muhammad (asws) withstood these sufferings and atrocities.
3. 3. She warned the people of the immense wrath of Allah that they will face due to their treatment of Ahlul Bayt (asws).

The effect of this sermon upon the people: This sermon of Syeda Sakina (sa) effected the people greatly. People began weeping and said, "O' Daughter of Purity for the sake of Allah, stop Your speech. Your words are burning our souls. We feel as if we are about to die. For the sake of Allah, stop mentioning the sufferings which we committed against You. Do not reveal our wretchedness. We admit to committing grave sins."

Reference Hayat al Imam al Hussain (asws) 3rd Vol pg 230 by Syed Muhammad Baqir Qarshi; Seerat Syeda Zainab (sa)al Kubra; Tareekh al Hussain (asws)

Chapter 3

Sermon Of Syeda Zainab (sa) in Court of Yazid

"Praise be to Allah, the Lord of the worlds and blessings on my grandfather, the seal of divine prophets."

"O Yazid (la), Allah says, and his word is true, that: 'Then evil was the end of those who did evil because they rejected the communications of Allah and used to mock them' [30:10]." "O Yazid (la), do you believe that you have succeeded in closing the sky and the earth for us and that we have become your captives just because we have been brought before you in a row and that you have secured control over us?"

Do you believe that we have been afflicted with insult and dishonour by Allah and that you have been given honour and respect by Him? You have become boastful of this apparent victory that you have secured and you have started feeling jubilant and proud over this prestige and honour. You think that you have achieved worldly good that your affairs have become stabilized and our rule has fallen into your hands. Wait for a while. Do not be so joyful. Have you forgotten Allah's saying: 'The unbelievers should not carry the impression that the time allowed to them by us is good for them. Surely we give them time so that they may increase their evil deeds, and eventually they will be given insulting chastisement' [3:178]."

"O son of freed slaves, is this your justice that you keep your own daughters and slave maids veiled while the daughters of RasoolAllah (saw) are being paraded from place to place exposed?!" "You have dishonoured us by unveiling our faces. Your men take us from town to town where all sorts of people, whether they be residents of the hills or of riversides have been looking at us." "The near as well as the distant ones, the poor as well as the rich, the low as well as the high - all casting their glances at

us while our position is such that there is no male relative of ours to render us help or support."

"O Yazid (la), whatever you have done proves your revolt against Allah and your denial of His Prophet [s.a.w.] and of the Book and Sunnah that the Holy Prophet [s.a.w.] brought from Allah. Your deeds should not cause amazement because one whose ancestors chewed the livers of the martyrs, whose flesh grew up on virtuous people, who fought against the Master of divine prophets, who mobilized parties for fighting against him and drew swords against him, would obviously excel all Arabs in unbelief, sinfulness, excesses, and hatred against Allah and His Prophet [s.a.w.]." "Remember that the evil deeds and sinful actions that you have committed are the result of kufr and the hatefulness you bear because of your ancestors who were killed in Badr."

"One who cast his glance of enmity, malice and hatred upon us does not lag behind in practicing enmity against us. He proves his unbelief, declares it with his tongue and jubilantly proclaims: 'I have killed the sons of the Prophet [s.a.w.] of Allah and made his progeny captive,' and wishes that his ancestors had lived to see his achievement and to have exclaimed, 'O Yazid (la), may your hands not lose their strength, you have wreaked good vengeance on our behalf.'"

"O Yazid (la), you are striking the lips of Imam Hussain (asws) with your stick in front of this crowd while these very lips used to be kissed by the Prophet [s.a.w.] of Allah, and yet your face reflects pleasure and happiness."

"By my life, by killing the master of youths of Paradise, the son of the Master of Arabs (Ali asws) and the shining sun of the progeny of Abd ul-Muttalib (as), you have deepened our wound and uprooted us completely."

"By killing Hussain (asws) ibn Ali (asws) you have gained nearness to the state of your kafir ancestors. You proclaim your deed with pride and if they were to see you they would approve of your action and pray that Allah may not paralyze your arms."

"O Yazid (la)! If you had heart enough to take account of your nefarious deeds, you yourself would surely wish your arms to be paralyzed and

severed from your elbow and you would wish that your parents had not given birth to you because you would know that Allah has become displeased with you. Allah, Grant us our rights. Avenge those who have oppressed us."

"O Yazid (la)! you did what you wished, but remember that you have cut your own skin and your own flesh to pieces. Soon you will be brought before RasoolAllah (saw). You will be overburdened with the weight of your sins committed by shedding the blood of his progeny and by dishonouring his family. The place to which you will be taken will be before all the members of his family. The oppressed will be avenged and the enemies will be punished."

"O Yazid (la)! It is not becoming for you to swell with joy after slaying the Prophet (saw)'s progeny. 'Reckon not those who are killed in Allah's way as dead; nay, they are alive and are provided sustenance from their Lord; rejoicing in what Allah has given them out of His grace' [3:169-170]." "Allah is sufficient to deal with you. RasoolAllah (saw) is your adversary and Hazrat Jibra'el (as) is our support and help against you."

"Those who have made you the head of state and burdened the Muslims with your leadership will soon find out what awaits them. The end of all tyrants is agony."

"O Yazid (la)! I speak not to you thus to warn you of the severe chastisement in store for you so that you should be regretful for you are one of those whose hearts are hardened, souls are rebellious and whose bodies are busy in Allah's disobedience while they are under the curse of RasoolAllah (saw). You are from among those in whose heart Shaytan has made his abode and has been breeding his offspring."

"How amazing it is that the virtuous people, sons of the divine prophets and successors are killed at the hands of liberated slaves, evil-doers and sinners. Our blood is shed by their hands and our flesh serves as food for them. We feel grieved for those whose bodies are lying unshrouded and unburied in the battlefield, wounded with arrows."

"O Yazid (la), if you consider our defeat as your achievement then you will have to pay its price." "Allah commits not injustice to His servants."

Our reliance is on Allah. He alone is our Relief and place of Protection, and in Him alone do we repose our hope." "You may contrive and try however much you can. By Him who honoured us with revelation, the Book and Prophethood, you cannot achieve our status, nor reach our position, nor can you affect our mention, nor remove from yourself that shame and dishonour that is now your lot because of perpetrating excess and oppression on us. Your word now is weak and your days are counted. Beware of the day when the announcer would announce the curse of Allah on the oppressors and the unjust."

"Praise be to Allah who gave good end to His friends and granted them success in their aims, and thereafter called them back to His Mercy, Pleasure and Bliss, while you hurled yourself into evil and mischief by committing injustice against them. We pray to Allah to favour us with full recompense through them and grant us the good of Khilafat and Imamah. Surely Allah is Kind and the Most Merciful over His creatures."

Among the gathering was a red haired Syrian who saw Syeda Fatima (sa) Kubra, daughter of Imam Hussain (asws) and asked Yazid (la) to give her to him. When the girl heard this she clung to Syeda Zainab (sa) and started to weep. She feared that now after the loss of her father she was to be made a slave girl. Syeda Zainab (sa) was not afraid. She turned to Yazid (la) and told him that he had neither right nor authority to give the young girl away like that, at which he bristled, retorting that he could do so. Syeda Zainab (sa) replied, "You are abusing me because of your authority and power." At this Yazid (la) was shamed into silence.

To the Syrian she said: "May the curse of Allah be upon you. May hell be your eternal abode. May your eyes be blinded and your limbs paralyzed." Immediately paralysis gripped the man and he fell to the ground dead.

Chapter 4

Sermon Of Syeda Zainab (s.a) in Kufa

"O people of Kufah! O you deceivers! O you who break your pledges and retreated back! You traitors! May your cries never end and your tears never diminish. You are like the woman who painstakingly and with great labor twines a strong rope, and then herself unwinds it, thereby wasting her effort and energy. Your false pledges contain no element of truth and sincerity. Your tactic has become flattering the maids and nodding your heads in agreement to the enemies.

Beware, for you have sponsored a very wrongful act for which Allah is totally displeased with you. Without doubt, His wrath shall soon descend upon you.

Are you now crying? Yes, by Allah you must weep because you deserve the tears. Cry immensely and laugh less, for you are contaminated with such shame and disgrace, that you will never be able to wash it off.

How could you exonerate yourself from crime of slaying the son of the Last Prophet Muhammad (saw)? Was he not the master of the youths in Heaven? Was he not the one who you would go to him whenever you had tribal fights and disagreements? Was he not your best choice to solve your own problems and worries?

What bad have you brought upon yourselves, and what heavy burden are you carrying: annihilation, downfall! Efforts were lost, and hands ceased from work causing for business and capital to be lost. You placed yourself in the anger of Allah and you manifested yourselves in greed and begging.

O the people of Kufah! Woe be upon you! Do you know which part of RasoolAllah (saw) that you have cut? And which vow you have broken? And whose blood you have shed? And which respected family you have

brought to the public as captives? And whose sanctity you have violated? You have done that, which could tear down the skies, open the earth, and make the mountains vanish. As far as the earth goes and as deep as the skies go, your obvious deed has no like, no similarity and no decency. Indeed you have done the ugliest, the most grievous and gruesome deed.

Will you be surprised if the sky rains blood? Remember! The punishment of the Day of Judgment which will be much more severe and much harsher! That is because no one has the power of Allah.”

Imam Hussain (sws.)'s Last Sermon - To Umayyad Army in Karbala

On the 10th of Moharram in 61 A.H., Imam Hussain² admonished the army of Banu Umayyad in Karbala by giving an eloquent Sermon.

Holy Prophet

Prophet saw raised me up by feeding the Divine Prophecies. I am the son of Prophet saw and my mother is 'Batool'sws³. I have been created as infallible Imam. I have the privilege of being the son of Amir-ul-Momaneens. I am the son of that who holds the key to the future events and sustenance of the whole universe. Hassan (Imamas) has brought me up to his customs. I am the Divine authority, recognise me prior to declaring war against me. Be aware! You will close all the doors of forgiveness by killing me. You are doing this for the attraction of your leader's promised rewards, but if you ask me, I can bless you thousands' time more than that. (I know) collecting filth is in your genes. You are unable to comprehend and (debate with doubts) that we regularly travel through the milky ways. (Be aware) Stars are nothing else but aftermath of footprints. North pole finds its direction from ussws. Ours destination is in 'Qabah Quosaan'⁴; and 'Bait-ul-Mamoor'⁵ is our residence. 'Bismilla'⁶ refers to our beginning and 'Yakhamah'⁷ concludes with our (attributes). 'Innamah'⁸ describes our Divinity and Purity, 'Allif-lam'⁹ is on our introduction, 'WalAsr'¹⁰ is about our glandular status, The Verse of 'Feel'¹¹ is the narration of our past, 'Walfaj'¹² has borrowed colours from us, 'Filqurbah'¹³ is the means to seek nearness to us, the verse of 'Dahr'¹⁴ is on our generosity, 'MinYashra' defines our rights, 'Al-Taha' is about our way of life, the Verse of 'Muzimmil'¹⁵ is our outfit, the verse of 'AlQadr'¹⁶ authenticate our (Divine) rights, it is in our jurisdiction to change the direction of 'Qabateen' ¹⁷ we attend to the needs of others in 'Rukku'¹⁸ of prayers. Our traditions became the principles of religion; we are the 'Ibrahimi'¹⁹.

- 1 *Nahjul Asrar, referene, Usool-e-Kafi, vol, 1, chapter 20.'*
- 2 *Salawat wassalam*
- 3 *Prophet Mohammed saww's daughter's title meaning a lady created from the Divine Noor.*
- 4 *The highest point in the heavens.*
- 5 *Highest point in skies where Divine Throne is located.*
- 6 *The Name of God*
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- 8 *Al- Ahzab, Chapter 21, verse 33. Indeed Allah swt wants to keep uncleanness away from Ahlul Bait sws.*
- 9 *First Verse in AlBaqqara.*
- 10 *WalAsr, Chapter 30, Verse 103.*
- 11 *AlFeel, Chapter 30, Verse 105*
- 12 *WalFajr, Chapter 30, Verse 89.*
- 13 *The Verse which says that it is compulsory to love Ahlul Bait sws.*
- 14 *Chapter 30, Verse 76.*
- 15 *Chapter 29, Verse 73*
- 16 *Chapter 30, Verse 97*
- 17 *Two directions for offering prayers.*

However, those who could not gain guidance from 63 years of preaching will not be influenced by my words. You are blinded by the 'worthless' rewards and are inclined to disgrace Holy Prophet's familysws-which would result in your eternal punishment.

- 18 *Bowing*
- 19 *Progeny of Prophet Ibrahim a.s.*

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