

Summary 20th February 2014

Four ingredients to make the heart fonder.

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Key Theme of the Month: Building a Sustainable and Vibrant Community.

Quranic Verse: 49:10

Continuing on with topic, the root cause of division is the want of self praise.

To increase unity amongst people there are 4 items which have been taught to us by 11th Imam (A.S.).

Unity doesn't just mean joining hands, going together to events etc.

Sura Hashr verse 14 - You think they are united while their hearts are divided.

There is a precursor to unity.

Hadith of H.Prophet (saw) - Allah (swt) sent wahiy to P Musa - I have placed 5 things in 5 places and people are searching for it elsewhere. How can they find it?

- I have kept the integrity of human in my obedience. People are trying to find this at the doors of kings. How can they find it?
- I have kept the knowledge and wisdom of humanity in hunger. People are trying to find knowledge while they are full. How can they find it?
- I have kept wealth of humanity in contentment. People are trying to find wealth in money. How can they find it?
- I have kept peace and tranquility in the hereafter. People are trying to find peace in the world. How can they find it?
- I have kept my pleasure in suppression of desires. People are trying to find pleasure in following their desires. How can they find it?

We think unity is outwardly but it's the closeness in the hearts which is important.

Imam Ali (a.s.) - If a person keeps his relationship with Allah correct then Allah will keep his relations with people correct.

Sahaba of H.Prophet (SAW) was passing and was asked:

How did you wake up in the morning? I woke up and I loved Fitna.

Other companions were angry.

Why did he say this? What we perceive may not actually be the case. Fitna in the Quran is described as a test but they thought it meant discord.

4 ingredients from 11th Imam

- Remembrance of God
- Remembrance of Death
- Recitation of Quran
- Recitation of Salawat

How can these bring about unit and hearts closer?

When I remember Allah I will see everything through the relation with Allah. Whenever I see people I will see the person as a creation of God so automatically I will have that respect for people.

When I remember death I will ensure I do not cause pain, hurt people or usurp people. I will treat people carefully since I may die soon.

When I recite Quran I will get the awareness of the rights of others.

When I recite Salawat

11th Imam says - Recitation of salawat has 10 benefits. Two of them are:

1. Improvement of memory
2. Opens the doors of guidance

These two bring the hearts closer.