

Muharram 1435 Lecture Summaries

Title/Topic: Spiritual Jihad vs Spiritual Suicide

Night 1 – Monday 04 November 2013

Quranic References / Hadith

Main Ayat:

وَمَنْ يُهَاجِرْ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ يَجِدْ فِي الْأَرْضِ مُرَغَمًا كَثِيرًا وَسَعَةً وَمَنْ
يَخْرُجْ مِنْ بَيْتِهِ مُهَاجِرًا إِلَى اللَّهِ وَرَسُولِهِ ثُمَّ يُدْرِكْهُ الْمَوْتُ فَقَدْ وَقَعَ أَجْرُهُ
عَلَى اللَّهِ وَكَانَ اللَّهُ غَفُورًا رَحِيمًا ﴿١٠٠﴾

1. He who forsakes his home in the cause of Allah, finds in the earth Many a refuge, wide and spacious: Should he die as a refugee from home for Allah and His Messenger, His reward becomes due and sure with Allah: And Allah is Oft-forgiving, Most Merciful. (4:100) – Yusuf ali

Further verses referenced:

يَا أَيُّهَا الْإِنْسَانُ إِنَّكَ كَادِحٌ إِلَىٰ رَبِّكَ كَدًّا فَلَمَّا لَقِيَهُ ﴿٦﴾

2. O thou man! Verily thou art ever toiling on towards thy Lord- painfully toiling,- but thou shalt meet Him. (86:6) – Yusuf ali
3. Sura Rum (30:19-26)

Main Content:

General 'Ground Rules' for forthcoming lecture:

1. Speaker is a guest and may make inadvertent errors.
2. Issues that are being spoken about are common and should not be seen as specific to this Jamaat.
3. No one is being singled out so no offence should be taken.
4. Speaker will bring own baggage which is inevitable as well as the listeners.
5. Speaker is also community and crowd member and so we understand that there is a main message which we won't detract from.
6. Do not misquote and misrepresent.

- During the upcoming lectures we will be looking at the movements and sayings of Imam H through his journey.
- Human beings are naturally disposed to making sense of the world around them. Why? How? What are the implications?
- Common analogy in Islam is this world is like a Journey, summed up by Quranic Verse – Inalilahi wa inailahi raajeoon
- Verse 86:6 - Kadhan – emphasis its difficult
- In any journey we need three things – Where we are, where we are going and road that connects one to the other
- Signs in Sura Rum – Plotting out the road. 30:19-26
- Are these signs allowing me to traverse the path (i.e. get closer to God)??
- However within all these signs there are requirements – Signs for those who think, those who hear, those who listen, those who use reason.
- If I were to ask myself what am I doing right now – we would say sitting, talking, moving but we miss out breathing, blinking etc. Why? Because they are so obvious.
- Similarly we can miss some of the signs and the manifestations of God since they are so obvious.

Summary (1 sentence):

We are on a journey towards God. He has placed on this road many signs however sometimes we miss them because they are so obvious. We must open our eyes towards this signs and thus brighten the path towards Him.