



THE FOURTEEN LIGHTS

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3rd Infallible Imam Ali

(peace be upon him)

Imam Ali (PBUH) was a very special person. He is our first Imam, the cousin and son-in-law of Prophet Muhammad (PBUHH). Imam Ali was the first man to believe in the prophethood of our Messenger Muhammad (PBUHH).

He was very brave, kind, and wise. He helped the poor, protected the weak, and always told the truth. Imam Ali (PBUH) married Lady Fatimah (PBUH), the daughter of the Prophet, and they had two sons: Imam al-Hasan (PBUH) and Imam al-Husayn (PBUH).

Imam Ali (PBUH) loved justice and fairness. Allah, in the Qur'an and through the Prophet, ordered everyone to obey Imam Ali after the Prophet. But many people did not like how just Imam Ali was, and so they refused to obey Allah SWT, His Messenger (PBUHH), and Imam Ali (PBUH) after the Prophet passed away.

Imam Ali (PBUH) was the only person born inside the Kaaba in Mecca. He was also martyred while praying in masjid Al Kufa, showing how his whole life was connected to Allah.

His beautiful shrine is in Najaf, Iraq, and millions of people visit it every year to show their love and respect.

We love Imam Ali (PBUH) very much and try to follow his good examples.

Story

Time!

Bravery of Imam Ali (PBUH)

A long time ago, enemies came to attack Madinah. To protect the city, Muslims dug a deep trench around it. One strong enemy named Amr ibn Abd Wudd jumped over the trench and shouted, "Who will fight me?" Everyone was scared.

The Prophet (PBUHH) asked, "Who will fight Amr? Allah will reward him with Jannah." No one stood up—except Imam Ali (PBUH). The Prophet (PBUHH) asked a second time, and again no one moved except Imam Ali. Then he asked a third time, and once more, only Imam Ali (PBUH) stood up and said bravely, "I will go!"

The Prophet (PBUHH) raised his hands in dua and said: "O Allah, truly Amr is the symbol of disbelief, and Ali is the symbol of faith. Now all of faith has come forward to face all of polytheism."

When Amr saw Imam Ali (PBUH), he laughed and said, "You are just a young man! You can't fight me!" But Imam Ali (PBUH) replied, "I believe in Allah, and I will defeat you!" He faced Amr, and after a big fight, Imam Ali (PBUH) won!

The enemies ran away, and the Prophet (PBUHH) said, "Ali's strike in the battle of Khandaq is better than all worship until the Day of Judgment."

We learn from Imam Ali (PBUH) that we should always be brave and stand strong for the truth, even if the enemy looks big and scary.