THE FOURTEEN LIGHTS

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Imam Ali Zain-ul-Abideen
(peace be upon him)

Imam Ali Zain-ul-Abideen (a.s) was the son of Imam al-Husayn (a.s) and the great-grandson of Prophet Muhammad (PBUHH). He is known for his kindness, wisdom, and his deep love for Allah.

After the tragedy of Karbala, Imam Zain-ul-Abideen (a.s) became our Imam. Even though he was very sad and severely sick, he taught people through his beautiful duas. These duas are full of love for Allah and show us how to be thankful, patient, and kind.

He shared his prayers in a book called Sahifa Sajjadiya, which is like a treasure chest of duas. One of his most famous duas is Dua Makarimul Akhlaq, where he asks Allah to help him have good manners and a kind heart. Imam Zain-ul-Abideen (a.s) showed us that even during hard times, we can talk to Allah and stay strong through prayer.

Story Time!

Controlling Anger

One day, a man came to Imam Zain-ul-Abideen (a.s) and said mean and hurtful things to him. But the Imam stayed calm and did not say anything back. The man left.

The Imam turned to the people sitting with him and said, "Come with me. I want to answer him now."

As they walked, Imam (a.s) was reciting this verse from the Qur'an: "Those who hold back their anger and forgive others—Allah loves those who do good."

(Surah Aali 'Imran, 3:134)

When they reached the man's house, Imam said, "Tell him that Ali ibn al-Husain (a.s) is here."

The man got scared. He thought Imam had come to fight. But when he came out, Imam said kindly:

"O man! If what you said about me was true, may Allah forgive me. But if what you said was not true, may Allah forgive you."

The man was shocked. He felt so ashamed of his bad pbehavior. He said: "You are right. I said things that were not true about you. I was wrong."

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