

Our 6th Imam Jafar^{-asws} Ibn Muhammad^{-asws} Ibn Ali^{-asws}:

Kuniya: Abu Abd Allah^{-asws}

Imam Jafar^{-asws} Ibn Muhammad^{-asws}'s (Abu Abd Allah^{-asws}'s) 'Nazool' is on the 17th of Rabi'ul Awwal in the year 83 A.H. Our 6th Imam^{-asws} was martyred in the month of Shawwal (on the 15th of Shawwal) in the year 148 at the age of sixty-five and he^{-asws} lived after Abu Ja'far^{-asws} for thirty-four years' during the time of Al-Mansour (caliph).¹ The 6th Imam^{-asws} was buried in Al-Baqi' cemetery, Medina, in the same graveyard, where his father^{-asws} and grandfather^{-asws} and Imam Al-Hassan^{-asws} Ibn Ali^{-asws}, were buried.

'Abu' Abd Allah^{-asws} (Imam Jafar-e-Sadiq^{-asws}) has said: 'My^{-asws} mother^{-asws} was a true believer, pious and a person of good deeds. Allah^{-azwj} Loves the people of good deeds.' He has also said: 'My mother^{-asws} told me that my father used to say: "O 'Umm Farwah, I pray to Allah^{-asws} to Forgive the sins of the sinners of our Shia (followers) a thousand times a day because we^{-asws} exercise patience in the face of hardships knowing well the facts of reward (in the next life) but they exercise patience in that of which they have no knowledge."²

It has been narrated that once Al-Mansur ordered his governor of Makkah and Madina, al-Hassan Ibn Al-Zayd, to set fire to the house of Imam Ja'far^{-asws} Ibn Muhammad^{-asws} in order to burn him^{-asws} to death. The house of Abu Abd Allah^{-asws} was set on fire but it only burned the door and the corridor.

Abu Abd Allah^{-asws} came out walking in the fire and said, while stepping on (and extinguishing) it (the fire), 'I am the son of 'A'raq al-Thara (Isma'il^{-as}), I am the son of Ibrahim^{-as} (Abraham), the beloved friend of Allah^{-asws}.'³

The narrator says that Abu Abd Allah^{-asws} (the 6th Imam^{-asws}) said: 'We^{-asws} (Ahl Al-Bayt) have the key to the treasures of the Earth. If I^{-asws} move one of my feet to say to the earth, "Let out whatever gold that is there in you," it will do so.'

(The narrator) says that he^{-asws} then said that to one of his feet and made a line with it on the Earth. The Earth ripped open, then with his hand, the Imam^{-asws} took out a brick of gold of the size of a hand. He^{-asws} then said: 'Watch carefully.' They then looked again and saw many such pieces of gold one over the other shining. A certain person said: 'May Allah^{-azwj} Keep my soul in service for your^{-asws} cause, you have been granted whatever there is but your Shias are needy (and poor).'

The narrator says that the Imam^{-asws} then said: 'Allah^{-azwj} will soon Grant to our Shias and to us^{-asws} the bounties of both this and the next life. Allah^{-azwj} will Admit them in Paradise and its blessings. And our^{-asws} enemies will be (sent) to the hell.'⁴

¹ Al Kafi V 1 – The Book Of Divine Authority CH 119 H 7, Bihar Al-Anwaar – V 47, The book of History – Ja'far Al-Sadiq^{-asws}, Ch 1 H 1, Bihar Al-Anwaar – V 47, The book of History – Ja'far Al-Sadiq^{-asws}, Ch 1 H 2-3

² Al-Kafi, Vol. 1, Chapter on Imam Jafar-e-Sadiq^{-asws}, h. 1.,

³ Ibid, h. 2.

⁴ Ibid, h 4.

The narrator says: 'I had a neighbour who worked for the Sultan (the ruler) and he had gained certain properties. He often arranged parties and invited female singers. They would drink wine and this would disturb me. I complained to the man several times but he did not pay any attention. When I insisted he said: "O man, I am an addicted person and you are sober. I wish you take me to your master and I hope Allah^{-azwj} will Save me through him^{-asws}." His words impressed me a great deal. Upon my visiting to Abu 'Abd Allah (Imam Jafar-e-Sadiq^{-asws}), I mentioned the condition of that man to him^{-asws}. The Imam^{-asws} said: "When you will go back to Kufa he may come to you, say to him: 'Imam Ja'far^{-asws} Ibn Muhammad^{-asws} has asked you, to stay away from what you are involved in. I guarantee that Allah^{-azwj} will admit you in the Paradise." When I returned to Kufa he came to me. I kept him with me until just two of us were there alone. I then said to him: "O man, I told about you to Abu Abd Allah^{-asws}, Ja'far^{-asws} Ibn Muhammad^{-asws}, Al-Sadiq^{-asws}, and he^{-asws} said to me: *When you will return to Al-Kufa, the man will soon come to you. Say to him, Imam Ja'far^{-asws} Ibn Muhammad^{-asws} said to you **Stay away from what you are involved in and I^{-asws} will guarantee that Allah^{-azwj} will Admit you to the Paradise.***"

The narrator has said: 'The man then wept and asked me: "I ask you by Allah^{-azwj}, did Abu Abd Allah^{-asws}, really say this to you?" I then swore before him that Abu Abd Allah^{-asws} did really say so. He said: "This is enough for you," and he left. After few days he called me while he was behind his house and had no clothes on him and he said to me: "O Abu Basil', by Allah^{-azwj}, there is nothing left in my house. I gave all of them away and I am left as you see." I then went to our people and made a collection to clothe him. Shortly thereafter he sent someone to inform me that he was ill and that I must see him. Thereafter I often went to him to provide treatment until he was about to die. I was sitting near him and he was experiencing the agony of death. He fainted and then regained conscience and said to me: "O Abu Basir, your master^{-asws} has fulfilled his^{-asws} promise to me." He then passed away. May Allah^{-azwj} Grant him blessings. When I went for Hajj I went to see Abu 'Abd Allah^{-asws} and asked permission for a meeting. As I was about to enter in his^{-asws} presence, one foot in the corridor and one inside, the Imam^{-asws}, before my saying anything, said from the inside: "O Abu Basir', we^{-asws} have fulfilled our promise to your friend.'"⁵

Imam Musa e Kazim^{-asws} said: 'Abu' Abd Allah^{-asws}, Imam Ja'far^{-asws} Ibn Muhammad^{-asws}, was martyred (by the poison of Mansoor Al-Dawaniq)⁶ at the age of fifty-six in 148 A.H. He^{-asws} lived after Imam Abu Ja'far^{-asws} (Mohammed Baqir^{-asws}), his father^{-asws}, for thirty-four years.⁷

Imam Musa e Kazim^{-asws} also said: 'I^{-asws} shrouded my father^{-asws} with two pieces of winter cloth that he had used as clothes for Ihram⁸. One of his shirts, the 'Amama (turban) that belonged to Imam Ali^{-asws} Ibn Al-Hussain^{-asws} and a cloak that he^{-asws} had bought for forty Dinars were also used.'⁹

Bequest of 6th Imam^{-asws}:

'A Bedouin came to Abu Hamza Al-Sumali. He asked him the news. He said, 'Ja'far Al-Sadiq^{-asws} has expired'. He (Abu Hamza) sighed a sigh and there was unconsciousness upon him. When he woke up, he

⁵ Ibid, h 5.

⁶ Bihar ul Anwar, vol. 8, pp6

⁷ Ibid, h 7.

⁸ Two large white sheets worn during Hajj

⁹ Ibid, h 8.

said, 'Has he bequeathed to anyone?' He said, 'Yes, he^{-asws} has bequeathed to his^{-asws} son Abdullah, and Musa^{-asws} and Abu Ja'far Al-Mansour'.

Abu Hamza laughed and said, 'The Praise is for Allah^{-azwj} Who Guided us to the guidance! and he^{-asws} has clarified to us about the elder and Pointed us to the younger and hid the mighty matter'.

He was asked about his words. He said, 'He^{-asws} clarified faults of the elders and pointed upon the younger due to his^{-asws} adding him^{-asws} to it, and concealed the bequest to Al-Mansour, because if Al-Mansour were to be asked about the bequest, it would be said, 'You''^{.10}

'When Al-Sadiq^{-asws} passed away, it was in his^{-asws} bequest, the Imamate being to Musa^{-asws} Al-Kazim^{-asws}. His^{-asws} brother Abdullah claimed the Imamate, and he was eldest of the (living) children of Ja'far^{-asws} at that time, and he is well known as 'Al-Aftah'.

Musa^{-asws} instructed with gathering a lot of firewood in the middle of his^{-asws} house and sent a message to Abdullah asking him to come to him^{-asws}. When he came to be in his^{-asws} presence, there was a group from the Imamite faces with Musa^{-asws}. When his^{-asws} brother Abdullah sat to him^{-asws}, Musa^{-asws} instructed to make the fire to be in that firewood, all of it. So all of it burned down, and the people did not know the reason regarding it, until all the firewood became ember.

Then Musa^{-asws} stood up and sat with his clothes in the middle of the fire and went on to narrate to the people for a while. Then he^{-asws} stood, shook his^{-asws} clothes, and returned to the seat. He^{-asws} said to his^{-asws} brother Abdullah: 'If you are claiming that you are the (real) Imam^{-asws} after your father^{-asws}, then sit in that seat! (in the embers).

They said, 'We saw Abdullah, his colour had changed. He stood up dragging his cloak until he went out from the house of Musa^{-asws}'^{.11}

¹⁰ Bihar Al-Anwaar – V 47, The book of History – Ja'far Al-Sadiq^{-asws}, Ch 1 H 11

¹¹ Bihar Al-Anwaar – V 47, The book of History – Ja'far Al-Sadiq^{-asws}, Ch 8 H 22