

# Imam Ali<sup>a.s.</sup>'s Sermon on

## The Seven Most Attractions of the World

Upon seeing Janabe-Jabir bin Abdullah<sup>a.r</sup> take a long deep sigh, Hazrat Ali<sup>a.s</sup> asked him;

**‘O Jabir! Are you moaning for the worldly desires?’**

Jabir replied, ‘yes, Mola<sup>a.s</sup> it is true.’

**Amir-ul-Momaneen<sup>a.s</sup>** then said;

**‘Listen Jabir! people very much depend and crave for the following seven things which are very attractive (superficially): O Jabir! But contemplate at their true nature,’**

- ❖ ‘As the most tasty food is honey which is made from the saliva of a fly.’
- ❖ ‘The best thirst-quenching drink is water which is seen running down in abundance without getting much attention’
- ❖ ‘The best outfit is silk-cloth which is a dribble of an insect.’
- ❖ ‘The best comfort is marrying a woman but what people fancy about, is the most dirtiest part of her body.’
- ❖ ‘The best ride is to ride on a horse which is used in the wars for killings.’
- ❖ ‘The best smell is the ‘mushak’ which is made out of the dried blood from tummy of an animal.’
- ❖ ‘The best sound for ears is a song but it is barred for being a great sin.’

**O Jabir! Why one would moan for them unless he is ignorant (about their true nature)’**

**Jabir said, after listening to the advise of Amir-ul-momaneen<sup>a.s</sup> I never craved for worldly attractions!**

*(Nahjul Israr)*