



قال الحسين بن علي عليه السلام
زيارة كربلاء مثل الحج مثلاً



The distinguishing marks

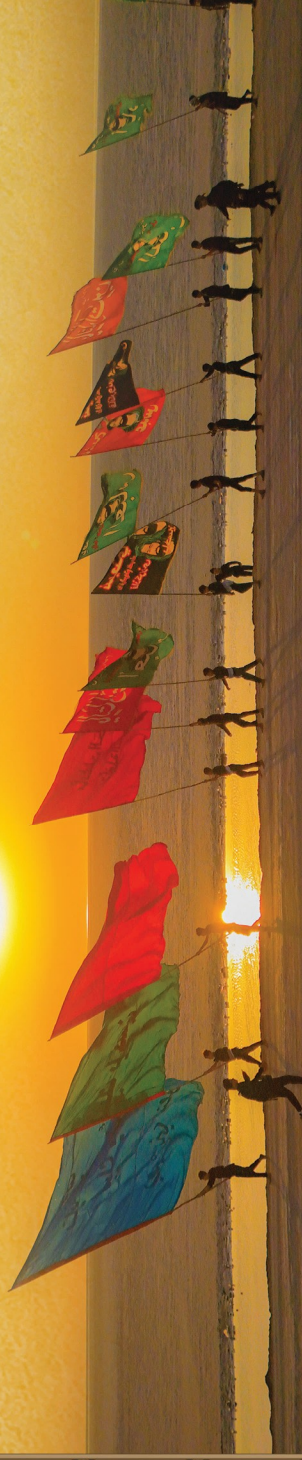
of a believer are five:

performing fifty—one rak'ahs of prayer,
making the Arbaeen pilgrimage
(Ziyarat al-Arbaeen), wearing a
ring on the right hand, placing the
forehead upon the earth in prostration,
and reciting "In the Name of Allah, the
Most Compassionate, the Most
Merciful" aloud.

Visiting the shrine of Imam Hussain on Arba'in (Ziyarat al-Arba'in) is one of the recommended devotional acts of this day. According to a narration from Imam Hasan al-Askari (peace be upon him), performing the Arba'in pilgrimage is regarded as one of the distinguishing signs of a true believer.

The Significance of Commemorating Arba'in

The Arabic word Arba'in literally means "forty." The twentieth of Safar the second month in lunar calendar, which marks forty days after the martyrdom of Imam Hussain on Ashura, is therefore known as Arba'in al-Hussaini. Historical reports state that Jabir ibn Abd Allah al-Ansari, accompanied by Atiyah al-Awfi, visited the grave of Imam Hussain on the first Arba'in following the tragedy of Karbala, becoming the first recorded pilgrim to his shrine.



Arba'in of Imam Hussain

Arba'in marks the fortieth day after the martyrdom of Imam Hussain (peace be upon him), who was martyred on the Day of Ashura in the year 61 AH. It falls on the 20th of Safar in the Islamic calendar.

According to some historical narrations, the captives of Karbala returned from Damascus to Karbala on the 20th of Safar in 61 AH to visit the grave of Imam Hussain (peace be upon him). However, a number of prominent scholars, including Shaykh al-Mufid and Shaykh al-Tusi, maintain that the captives returned directly to Medina after leaving Damascus.

It is also reported that Jabir ibn Abd Allah al-Ansari, a companion of the Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him), became the first pilgrim to visit the shrine of Imam Hussain on that day. According to the widely accepted tradition, the head of Imam Hussain (peace be upon him), which had been severed on the Day of Ashura, was reunited with his body in Karbala on the Day of Arba'in.



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