



# THE MAQAAM OF HAZRAT IMAM MOOSA KAAZIM

*Radiallahu Ta'ala Anh*



Hazrat Imam Moosa Kaazim (Radiallahu Ta'ala Anh) is the son, Mureed and Khalifa of Hazrat Imam Jaafar Saadiq (Radiallahu Ta'ala Anh). He was such a blessed personality that whoever took his name as a Waseela, they found that all there Duas were accepted. It is for this reason, that the people of Iraq referred to him as Baabul Hawaa'ij (The door at which all problems were answered). Hazrat Imam Jaafar Saadiq (Radiallahu Ta'ala Anh) says, "From all my children, the most exalted is Moosa Kaazim. He is a pearl from amongst the pearls (treasures) of Allah Ta'ala." He was known as Kaazim (one who drinks his anger), due to his humility and simplicity. [*Masaalikus Saalikeen*]

Hazrat Shafeeq Balkhi (Radiallahu Ta'ala Anh) who was a contemporary of Imam Moosa Kaazim (Radiallahu Ta'ala Anh) says, "On my way to Hajj in 149 Hijri, I stopped at a town called Qaadisiya. I was looking at the behaviour and the manner of the people living there, when my sight fell upon a very handsome young man, who was wearing a Suf (blended cotton fabric cloth) over his clothes, and a pair of shoes. He sat away from the rest of the people. I began to think that he was a Sufi kind of person and he wanted to be an obstacle in the way of the people. I thus went towards him to give him some advice. When he saw me coming towards him, he called my name and told me exactly what I was thinking. I then thought in my heart, that he is definitely a pious man, as he does not even know me, yet he called me by my name and said what was in my heart. I felt that I should meet with him and ask his forgiveness. I rushed to find him, but he had already gone away. I searched for a very long time, but could not find him. We stopped at a place called Fida during our journey, and again I saw him. He was in Namaaz, and he was trembling and weeping. I walked towards him again, with the intention of seeking his forgiveness, when he said, "O Shafeeq, Read! Verily I am Most Compassionate towards him who repented and believed and did good deeds then remained upon guidance. [*Surah 20, Verse 82*]" He read this verse, and then walked away. I then began to think that he was from amongst the Abdaals, for he had read my heart twice already. Then we went to Mina, and I saw him again. He was standing at a well, with a huge bowl in his hand. He was intending to take some water. Then all of a sudden the bowl fell from his hands into the well. When this happened, he said, "You are my Sustainer when I am thirsty for water, and You are my strength when I intend to eat. O Allah! O my Creator! O my Lord! You know that with the exception of this bowl, I have nothing else. Do not deprive me of this bowl." By Allah, I saw that the water in the well reached the top of the well and he stretched out his hand and filled his bowl with water. He then performed Wudhu and read four rakats of Namaaz. After Namaaz, he filled sand into his bowl of water and began to stir it. He then began to drink the mixture of sand and water. I went close to him and said Salaam. He returned my Salaam. I then asked if he would bless me with some of the blessings which he had attained. He said, "O Shafeeq! My Lord has always bestowed his hidden and apparent bounties upon me, so always intend good from your Lord." He then handed his bowl to me. By Allah! When I drank out of it, it was a sweet drink, and never had I tasted something so delicious. The blessing of that meal was such that I did not feel any hunger and thirst for many days. Then I did not see him until we entered Makkah Mukarramah. I again saw him late one night near the well of Zamzam, reading Namaaz, weeping and trembling. After his Namaaz he sat there for a long time and read Tasbeeh. He then read his Fajr Salaah and went to the Haram. I followed him, but I was amazed to see him in a completely different situation to which I had seen him during our journey. I saw his friends, disciples and servants all around him. They sealed off the entire area around him as he arrived and they began to make his Khidmat (serve him). Each one of them were making Salaam to him with great love and respect. On seeing this, I asked

one person, "Who is this young man?" He replied, "He is Moosa bin Jaafar bin Muhammad bin Ali bin Hussain bin Ali bin Abi Taalib." [Jaamiul Manaaqib]

Once he was seated in the court of Haroon Rasheed, and those present were discussing the miracle relating to the Asa (staff) of Hazrat Moosa (Alaihis Salaam). Imam Moosa Kaazim (Radiallahu Ta'ala Anh) then said, "If I wish, I may cause this lion (picture which was a print on a piece of tapestry) to become alive." He had not as yet completed to say what he intended to, when the picture turned into a living, breathing lion. He then said to the lion, "Stop! I have not as yet commanded you." The lion immediately went back to being a picture on the tapestry. [Masaalikus Saalikeen]

When Imam Moosa Kaazim (Radiallahu Ta'ala Anh) was imprisoned, Imam Abu Yusuf and Imam Muhammad (Radiallahu Ta'ala Anhum), the students of Imam Abu Hanifa (Radiallahu Ta'ala Anh) went to meet with him, so that they could ask him some important questions. Whilst they were seated with him a prison guard came to him and said, "I am about to complete my duty and on my way home. If there is anything you need, please let me know so that I may arrange it for you tomorrow when I return." Imam Moosa Kaazim (Radiallahu Ta'ala Anh) looked at him and said, "There is nothing I need. All is well." As he left, Imam Moosa Kaazim (Radiallahu Ta'ala Anh) said, "I am amazed by him, that he wants to know if there is anything that he can do for me tomorrow, whereas tonight he will pass away." When Imam Abu Yusuf and Imam Muhammad (Radiallahu Ta'ala Anhum) heard this, they said, "We came here to learn about some laws relating to Fardh and Sunnahs and he is discussing Ilm-e-Ghaib (Knowledge of the Unseen)." Both of them then sent a man to follow the prison guard to see the outcome of what Imam Moosa Kaazim (Radiallahu Ta'ala Anh) had said. The man sat outside the house of the prison guard as he was instructed. When he heard the sounds of weeping and screaming, he enquired as to what had happened. The people of the house informed him that the guard had passed away. When this message reached the two Imams they were astonished. SubhanAllah! [Tashreeful Bashari]

Isa Mada'ini, who worked for a year in Makkah Mukarramah, decided to spend a year in Madinatul Munawwarah as he felt that this would be a means of achieving many blessings. He arrived in Madinatul Munawwarah and often visited Imam Moosa Kaazim (Radiallahu Ta'ala Anh) whilst he was there. One day whilst he was seated in the presence of Imam Moosa Kaazim (Radiallahu Ta'ala Anh), the Imam looked at him and said, "O Isa! Go and see, your house has collapsed over all your belongings." Isa Mada'ini immediately rushed home and found that his house had collapsed over all his belongings. He quickly employed a man who was passing by to remove all his belongings from the house. He then realised that his jug was missing. The following day, he went to meet Hazrat Moosa Kaazim (Radiallahu Ta'ala Anh) who said, "O Isa! Did you lose anything when your house collapsed? If so, let me know so that I may make Dua and Allah Ta'ala shall bless you with something better in its place." Isa Mada'ini answered that everything was found except a jug. The Imam then lowered his head for a while and then raised his head and said, "You removed it from the house before it collapsed and you have forgotten about where you left it. Go to the maid of the house and ask her to give the jug to you." He did this, and the maid handed over the lost jug to him. [Masaalikus Saalikeen]

SubhanAllah! If this is the status of the descendant and slave of Rasoolullah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam), who can understand the status, honour and knowledge of Rasoolullah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam)?!

May Allah Ta'ala grant us the Taufeeq to love the Awliya Allah, to learn from their lives and to practice upon their teachings, Allahumma Ameen.