

The Worthy and Deserving Day of Ghadir

Hadith no. 11: The Day of the Message and the Wilayat

قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ: يَا مَعْشَرَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ لِيُبَلِّغَ الشَّاهِدُ الْغَائِبَ، أُوصِي مَنْ آمَنَ بِي وَ
صَدَّقَنِي بِوِلَايَةِ عَلِيٍّ، أَلَا إِنَّ وِلَايَةَ عَلِيٍّ وِلَايَتِي وَوِلَايَتِي وِلَايَةُ رَبِّي، عَهْدًا عَهْدَهُ إِلَيَّ
رَبِّي وَ أَمْرَنِي أَنْ أُبَلِّغُكُمْوه

The Messenger of Allah (blessings of Allah be upon him and his family) has said, “O’ assembly of Muslims – those who are present must convey the following to those who are not, “I advise the person who believes in me and has confirmed me (as being the final Prophet) to accept the Wilayat (mastership of 'Ali). Now surely the mastership of 'Ali is my mastership, and my mastership is the mastership of my Lord. This is a pledge from my Lord which He commanded me to convey to all of you.”

Biharul Anwar, Volume 37, Page 131, Hadith 35

Hadith no. 12: The Day of Feeding Others

قَالَ أَبُو عَبْدِ اللَّهِ: وَ إِنَّهُ الْيَوْمُ الَّذِي أَقَامَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ عَلَيَّ النَّاسِ عِلْمًا وَ أَبَانَ فِيهِ

فَضْلُهُ وَوَصِيَّهٖ فَصَامَ شُكْرًا لِلَّهِ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ ذَلِكَ الْيَوْمَ وَ أَنَّهُ لِيَوْمٍ صِيَامٍ وَ إِطْعَامٍ
وَ صِلَةِ الْإِخْوَانِ وَ فِيهِ مَرْضَاةُ الرَّحْمَنِ، وَ مَرْغَمَةُ الشَّيْطَانِ

Abu 'Abdillah [Imam Ja'far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq] (peace be upon him) has said, "...and surely this is the day when the Messenger of Allah (blessings of Allah be upon him and his family) appointed 'Ali (peace be upon him) as the flag for the people and made known his greatness and successorship; and he fasted on this day as a sign of thanks to Allah, the Glorious and Noble. This day should be taken as one of fasting, feeding others, establishing ties with brothers (in faith), and on this day is the pleasure of the Most Merciful (al-Rahman) and the rubbing in the dust (humiliation) of the face of Shaitan."

Wasail ash-Shi'a, Volume 7, Page 328, Hadith 12

Hadith no. 13: The Day of Gifts

عَنْ أَمِيرِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ قَالَ: ... إِذَا تَلَقَيْتُمْ فَتَصَافَحُوا بِالتَّسْلِيمِ وَ تَهَاوُوا النِّعْمَةَ فِي هَذَا
الْيَوْمِ، وَ لِيُبَلِّغَ الْحَاضِرُ الْغَائِبَ، وَ الشَّاهِدُ الْبَائِنَ، وَ لِيُعِدَّ الْغَنِيُّ الْفَقِيرَ وَ الْقَوِيُّ عَلَى
الضَّعِيفِ أَمْرَنِي رَسُولُ اللَّهِ بِذَلِكَ

It has been narrated from Amirul Mo'minin [Ali ibn Abi Talib] (peace be upon him) that he said, "...when you meet each other (on the Day of 'Eid Ghadir), shake hands with one another with greetings (of peace) and exchange gifts on this day and let those who are present convey this to those who are not, and let the rich person give something to the poor, and the powerful one to the weak, as the Messenger of Allah (blessings of Allah be upon him and his family) commanded me to (also) do this."

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Hadith no. 14: The Day of Protection

عَنْ أَمِيرِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ قَالَ: ... فَكَيْفَ بِمَنْ تَكْفَلَ عَدَدًا مِنَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَ الْمُؤْمِنَاتِ وَأَنَا
ضَمِينُهُ عَلَى اللَّهِ تَعَالَى الْأَمَانَ مِنَ الْكُفْرِ وَالْفَقْرِ.

It has been narrated from Amirul Mo'minin [Ali ibn Abi Talib] (peace be upon him) that he said, "...how shall the state of that person be who has taken the responsibility upon himself for a number of the believing men and believing women (on the Day of Ghadir) since I personally have guaranteed that person protection from disbelief and poverty, in the presence of Allah, the Most High."

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Hadith no. 15: The Day of Thanks and Happiness

قَالَ أَبُو عَبْدِ اللَّهِ ... هُوَ يَوْمٌ عِبَادَةٍ وَصَلْوَةٍ وَشُكْرِ اللَّهِ وَحَمْدِ لَهُ، وَ سُرُورٍ لِمَا
مَنَّ اللَّهُ بِهِ عَلَيْكُمْ مِنْ وِلَايَتِنَا، وَ إِنِّي أَحَبُّ لَكُمْ أَنْ تَصُومُوهُ

Abu 'Abdillah [Imam Ja'far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq] (peace be upon him) has said: "...this is the day (18th of Dhul Hijjah) of worship and prayers and thanks to Allah and His praise, and is a day of happiness due to the obligation which Allah has laid upon all of you in regards to our (the Ahlul Bait's) Wilayat, and surely I love to see you fast on this day."

Wasa'il ash-Shi'a, Volume 7, Page 328, Hadith 13

Hadith no. 16: The Day of Doing Good to Others

عَنِ الصَّادِقِ: وَ لَدَرَهُمْ فِيهِ بِأَلْفِ دِرْهَمٍ لِإِخْوَانِكَ الْعَارِفِينَ، فَأَفْضَلُ عَلَى إِخْوَانِكَ
فِي هَذَا الْيَوْمِ وَ سَرٌّ فِيهِ كُلِّ مُؤْمِنٍ وَ مُؤْمِنَةٍ.

It has been narrated from as-Sadiq [Imam Ja'far ibn Muhammad] (peace be upon him) that he said, "...giving one dirham to a brother in faith and who has cognizance (of the greatness and importance of the day of Ghadir) is equal to giving 1,000 dirham (at any other time). Therefore on this day, give to your brothers and make all of the believing men and believing women happy and delighted."

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Hadith no. 17: The Day of Joy and Happiness

قَالَ أَبُو عَبْدِ اللَّهِ : أَنَّهُ يَوْمٌ عِيدٌ وَفَرَحٌ وَ سُرُورٌ وَ يَوْمٌ صَوْمٌ شُكْرًا لِلَّهِ تَعَالَى.

Abu 'Abdillah [Imam Ja'far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq] (peace be upon him) has said: “Surely this day [18th of Dhul Hijjah] is a day of festivity, joy and happiness and it is a day of fasting as a sign of thanks to Allah, the Most High.”

Wasail ash-Shi'a, Volume 7, Page 326, Hadith 10

Hadith no. 18: The Day of Congratulations and Felicitations

قَالَ عَلِيٌّ: عَوَّدُوا رَحِمَكُمُ اللَّهُ بَعْدَ انْقِضَاءِ مَجْمَعِكُمْ بِالتَّوَسُّعَةِ عَلَى عِيَالِكُمْ، وَالْبِرِّ بِإِخْوَانِكُمْ وَالشُّكْرِ لِلَّهِ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ عَلَى مَا مَنَحَكُمْ، وَاجْتَمِعُوا يَجْمَعُ اللَّهُ شَمْلِكُمْ، وَ تَبَارُوا يَصِلُ اللَّهُ أَلْفَتَكُمْ، وَ تَهَانُوا نِعْمَةَ اللَّهِ كَمَا هُنَا كُمْ اللَّهُ بِالثَّوَابِ فِيهِ عَلَى أَضْعَافِ الْأَعْيَادِ قَبْلَهُ وَ بَعْدَهُ إِلَّا فِي مِثْلِهِ...

Imam 'Ali (peace be upon him) said: “When your assembly adjourns, may Allah have mercy on you, then show generosity towards your dependants, kindness to your brethren, and gratitude to Allah for what He has bestowed upon you. Come together that Allah may unite you, do good to one another that Allah may increase your mutual love; and congratulate one another for Allah’s favour as He has given you the good tidings of a reward many times greater than previous or future 'Eids, except an 'Eid like it [when 'Eid falls on a Friday].”

Biharul Anwar, Volume 97, Page 117

Hadith no. 19: A Day of Greeting and Disavowal

رَوَى الْحَسَنُ بْنُ رَاشِدٍ عَنْ أَبِي عَبْدِ اللَّهِ قَالَ: قُلْتُ: جُعِلْتُ فِدَاكَ، لِلْمُسْلِمِينَ عِيدٌ غَيْرُ الْعِيدَيْنِ؟ قَالَ: نَعَمْ، يَا حَسَنُ! أَعْظَمُهُمَا وَأَشْرَفُهُمَا. قَالَ: قُلْتُ لَهُ: وَ أَيْ يَوْمٌ هُوَ؟ قَالَ: يَوْمٌ نُصِبَ أَمِيرُ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ عَلِمًا لِلنَّاسِ. قُلْتُ لَهُ: جُعِلْتُ فِدَاكَ وَمَا يَنْبَغِي لَنَا أَنْ نَصْنَعَ فِيهِ؟ قَالَ: تَصُومُهُ يَا حَسَنُ وَ تَكْثُرُ الصَّلَاةُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَ آلِهِ فِيهِ وَ تَتَبَرَّأَ إِلَى اللَّهِ، مِمَّنْ ظَلَمَهُمْ، فَإِنَّ الْأَنْبِيَاءَ كَانَتْ تَأْمُرُ الْأَوْصِيَاءَ بِالْيَوْمِ الَّذِي كَانَ يُقَامُ فِيهِ الْوَصِيُّ أَنْ يَتَّخِذَ عِيدًا

It has been narrated from Hasan ibn Rashid from Abi 'Abdillah [Imam Ja'far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq] (peace be upon him) that he said, "May I be sacrificed for you! Do the Muslims have a festivity other than the two 'Eid celebrations?" The Imam (peace be upon him) replied, "Yes O' Hasan! (There is one) greater than these two and much worthier than them." The companion replied, "And what day is that?" The Imam said, "The day upon which Amirul Mo'minin [Ali ibn Abi Talib] (peace be upon him) was appointed as the flag (of guidance) for the people." The companion then asked, "May I be sacrificed for you! And what should we do (on this day)?" The Imam replied, "You should fast on it, O' Hasan, and recite many prayers upon Muhammad and his family and disavow yourself towards Allah from all of those who oppressed them; surely the Prophets (of the past) also commanded their successors to consider the day of their appointment a day of celebration and 'Eid."

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Hadith no. 20: The 'Eid of the Successors

عَنْ أَبِي عَبْدِ اللَّهِ قَالَ: ... تَذْكُرُونَ اللَّهَ عَزَّ ذِكْرُهُ فِيهِ بِالصِّيَامِ وَالْعِبَادَةِ وَالذِّكْرِ لِمُحَمَّدٍ وَ آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ، فَإِنَّ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ وَصَى أَمِيرَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ أَنْ يَتَّخِذَ ذَلِكَ الْيَوْمَ عِيدًا، وَ كَذَلِكَ كَانَتْ الْأَنْبِيَاءُ تَفْعَلُ، كَانُوا يُوصُونَ أَوْصِيَاءَهُمْ بِذَلِكَ فَيَتَّخِذُونَهُ عِيدًا

It has been narrated from Abi 'Abdillah [Imam Ja'far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq] (peace be upon him) that he said, "... (on the day of 'Eid Ghadir) you should remember Allah, the Noble, on this day through fasting and worship and through remembering Muhammad and the family of Muhammad since surely the Messenger of Allah (blessings of Allah be upon him and his family) had advised Amirul Mo'minin to take this day as a day of 'Eid, and this is the same thing which the (previous) Prophets also did; they too

advised their successors who took this day as a day of 'Eid.”

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Hadith no. 21: The Day of Dedication and Prayers

عَنْ أَبِي عَبْدِ اللَّهِ هَقَالَ: وَالْعَمَلُ فِيهِ يَعْدَلُ ثَمَانِينَ شَهْرًا، وَيَنْبَغِي أَنْ يُكْتَرَفَ فِيهِ ذِكْرُ
اللَّهِ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ، وَالصَّلَاةُ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ وَسَعِ الرَّجُلُ فِيهِ عَلَى عِيَالِهِ

It has been narrated from Abi 'Abdillah [Imam Ja'far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq] (peace be upon him) that he said, “The worth of (good) actions performed on this day (18th of Dhul Hijjah) is equivalent to 80 months (of good deeds) and one is advised to frequently remember Allah, the Noble and Grand, and send prayers upon the Prophet (blessings of Allah be upon him and his family) and that a man be generous to his family (by presenting them with gifts).”

Wasail ash-Shi'a, Volume 7, Page 325, Hadith 6

Hadith no. 22: The Day of Seeing the Leader

عَنْ مَوْلَانَا أَبِي الْحَسَنِ عَلِيِّ بْنِ مُحَمَّدٍ قَالَ لِأَبِي إِسْحَاقَ: وَيَوْمُ الْغَدِيرِ فِيهِ أَقَامَ
النَّبِيُّ أَخَاهُ عَلِيًّا عَلِيمًا لِلنَّاسِ وَإِمَامًا مِنْ بَعْدِهِ. [قَالَ] قُلْتُ: صَدَقْتَ جُعِلْتُ فِدَاكَ،
لِذَلِكَ قَصَدْتُ، أَشْهَدُ أَنَّكَ حُجَّةُ اللَّهِ عَلَى خَلْقِهِ

It has been narrated from our master, Abul Hasan 'Ali ibn Muhammad [al-Hadi] (peace be upon him) that he said to Abi Ishaq: “The Day of Ghadir is the day when the Prophet (blessings of Allah be upon him and his family) appointed his brother 'Ali as the flag (of guidance) for the people and the Imam after him.” Abu Ishaq said, “You have spoken the truth, may I be sacrificed for you. It is for this reason (alone) that I came to see you. I bear witness that truly you are the proof of Allah over all of His creations.”

Hadith no. 23: The Day of Praising Allah

عَنْ عَلِيِّ بْنِ مُوسَى الرَّضَا: مَنْ زَارَ فِيهِ مُؤْمِنًا أَدْخَلَ اللَّهُ قَبْرَهُ سَبْعِينَ نُورًا وَ وَسَّعَ فِي قَبْرِهِ وَ يَزُورُ قَبْرَهُ كُلَّ يَوْمٍ سَبْعُونَ أَلْفَ مَلَكٍ وَيُبَشِّرُونَهُ بِالْجَنَّةِ

Imam 'Ali ibn Musa al-Ridha (peace be upon him) has said, “Allah will grant a person who visits a true believer on it (the Day of 'Eidul Ghadir) seventy types of Divine Light in his grave and will expand his grave. Every day, 70,000 Angels will visit him in the grave and they will grant him the glad tidings of Paradise.”

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Hadith no. 24: The Day of Visiting and Doing Good

قَالَ الصَّادِقُ: يُنْبَغِي لَكُمْ أَنْ تَتَقَرَّبُوا إِلَى اللَّهِ تَعَالَى بِالْبِرِّ وَالصَّوْمِ وَالصَّلَاةِ وَ صِلَةِ الرَّحْمِ وَ صِلَةِ الْإِخْوَانِ، فَإِنَّ الْأَنْبِيَاءَ عَلَيْهِمُ السَّلَامُ كَانُوا إِذَا أَقَامُوا أَوْصِيَاءَهُمْ فَعَلُوا ذَلِكَ وَ أَمَرُوا بِهِ

Imam as-Sadiq [Ja'far ibn Muhammad] (peace be upon him) has said, “It is advisable for you (on the day of Ghadir) to become close to Allah, the Most High, through good deeds, fasting, prayers, establishing (and maintaining) family ties and establishing ties between (your) brothers. The Prophets (peace be upon all of them) did the same thing when they appointed their successors, and also advised them to act similarly.”

Misbahul Mutahajjid, Page 736

Hadith no. 25: Salat in Masjid al-Ghadir

عَنْ أَبِي عَبْدِ اللَّهِ قَالَ: إِنَّهُ تُسْتَحَبُّ الصَّلَاةُ فِي مَسْجِدِ الْغَدِيرِ لِأَنَّ النَّبِيَّ أَقَامَ فِيهِ أَمِيرَ
الْمُؤْمِنِينَ هُوَ مَوْضِعٌ أَظْهَرَ اللَّهُ عِزَّ وَجَلَّ فِيهِ الْحَقُّ

It has been narrated from Abi 'Abdillah Imam [Ja'far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq] (peace be upon him) that: "Surely it is recommended to pray inside Masjid al-Ghadir since verily the Prophet (blessings of Allah be upon him and his family) introduced the Commander of the Faithful (peace be upon him) [as the Imam] to the people here and this is the spot in which Allah, the Noble and Grand, made known The Truth."

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Hadith no. 26: Salat on the Day of Ghadir

عَنْ أَبِي عَبْدِ اللَّهِ قَالَ: وَ مَنْ صَلَّى فِيهِ رَكَعَتَيْنِ أَيَّ وَقْتٍ شَاءَ وَ أَفْضَلُهُ قُرْبَ
الزَّوَالِ وَ هِيَ السَّاعَةُ الَّتِي أُقِيمَ فِيهَا أَمِيرُ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ بَغْدِيرٌ خَمَّ عِلْمًا لِلنَّاسِ وَ ...
كَانَ كَمَنْ حَضَرَ ذَلِكَ الْيَوْمَ ...

It has been narrated from Abi 'Abdillah [Imam Ja'far ibn Muhammad as-Sadiq] (peace be upon him) that: "A person who performs a two Rak'at Salat any time he wishes (during the Day of 18th of Dhul Hijjah), though it is best that this (Salat) be performed as close to the time of Zawwal (mid-day when the sun begins its decline; this is when the time for Salatul Zuhr beings) as possible because this is the time at which Amirul Mo'minin (peace be upon him) was appointed at Ghadir Khumm as the flag of the people and ... (the reward for this Salat) is as if the person had been present on the Day (of Ghadir Khumm)..."

Wasail ash-Shi'a, Volume 5, Page 225, Hadith 2

Hadith no. 27: Fasting on the Day of Ghadir

قَالَ الصَّادِقُ: صِيَامُ يَوْمِ غَدِيرِ خُمٍّ يَعْدَلُ صِيَامَ عُمُرِ الدُّنْيَا لَوْ عَاشَ إِنْسَانٌ ثُمَّ صَامَ مَا عُمِرَتِ الدُّنْيَا لَكَانَ لَهُ ثَوَابَ ذَلِكَ

It has been narrated from as-Sadiq [Imam Ja'far ibn Muhammad] (peace be upon him) that: "Fasting on the Day of Ghadir is equivalent to fasting the time span of the (existence of the) entire world – meaning that if a person were to live a life of the entire existence of the world and were to fast this whole time, the reward for this fasting would be equivalent to fasting (this one day of Ghadir)."

Wasail ash-Shi'a, Volume 7, Page 324, Hadith 4

Hadith no. 28: The Day of Congratulations and Smiling

عَنِ الرَّضَا قَالَ: ... وَ هُوَ يَوْمُ التَّهْنِئَةِ يَهْنِئُ بَعْضُكُمْ بَعْضًا، فَإِذَا لَقِيَ الْمُؤْمِنُ أَخَاهُ يَقُولُ: الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي جَعَلَنَا مِنَ الْمُتَمَسِّكِينَ بِوِلَايَةِ أَمِيرِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَ الْأَئِمَّةِ وَ هُوَ يَوْمُ التَّبَسُّمِ فِي وُجُوهِ النَّاسِ مِنْ أَهْلِ الْإِيمَانِ...

It has been narrated from al-Ridha [Ali ibn Musa] (peace be upon him) that: "...and this is a day of congratulations and felicitations in which you should greet and congratulate one another. When a believer meets another, one should say, 'All praise belongs to Allah who has made us amongst those who hold firm to the Wilayat of the Commander of the Faithful and the A'imma (prayers be upon all of them); and this is a day of smiling at other people and those of true faith."

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