

# Imam Hussain on the Day of Ashura

“O God, I put my trust in You in every tribulation. You are my hope in every distress. You are my trust and provider in every affair that falls upon me - regardless of how much the heart may weaken, strategies fail, friends abandon and the enemy joyfully celebrate.

I have received it under Your Kingdom; I complain to You out of my desire for You alone and none else. Give me relief and dispel the calamity for You are the Master of all bounties, the Owner of all benevolence and the Ultimate Destination of all desires.”

“O servants of God! Fear God and be on your guard with regard to this life which, had it remained for anyone at all, the prophets would have been the most worthy of it and the most pleased with fate. But God created this life so that it would perish. What is new in it will soon grow old. Its pleasure diminishes and its happiness is fleeting. A man's home is but a mound, and one's house is a fort; so, get ready for the next, for the best with which you prepare yourselves is piety. Fear God so that you may be the winners.”

“Thanks is due to God, Who has created this world, and has made it an abode of mortality and decadence, and who changes its people from one state to another. Beguiled is the one who falls prey to the deceit of this world, and he is unfortunate who is misled by it. Let this world not beguile you, for it disappoints the one who relies upon it. The one who covets in it, she changes it to empty-handedness.”

“No, by God, I will neither submit my hand to them like someone humbled, nor escape like a slave. Servants of God, I seek refuge in my Lord and your Lord from your stoning. I take refuge in my Lord and your Lord, from every arrogant man who does not believe in the Day of Reckoning.”

“What decreases my affliction is the fact that it is witnessed by God Almighty. O God! If You have kept victory away from us, then let it be so for something even better; and seek revenge on our behalf from the oppressors, and let what has happened to us in this life be a treasure for us in the hereafter.”

“Far be it from us to accept humiliation! Ours are honourable chambers, men of dignity, souls that refuse to prefer obedience to the lowly over dying in honour and dignity.”