

THE TASBIH OF FATIMA ZAHRA [A.S.]

Secret of the Tasbih

In the Hadith of the A'immah (a.s.) there is a great deal of emphasis on reciting this effective tasbih of Fatima Zahra (a.s.).

Perhaps one of the secrets behind the merits of reciting this tasbih is as he has been mentioned in a hadith in which we are told that a man came to Imam Ja'far ibne Muhammad as-Sadiq (a.s.) and asked him: *"What is the secret behind the Ka'bah having four rukn (corners) and it being cubic square (in shape)?"*

The Imam (a.s.) replied, *"It is because the baitul Ma'mur has four rukn."*

The person then asked, *"Why does the Baitul Ma'mur has four rukn?"*

The Imam (a.s.) said, *"Because the 'Arsh has four rukn."*

The man further asked: *"Why the 'Arsh has four rukn?"*

The Imam (a.s.) replied:

Due to the fact that every Arsh is dependent upon (or made firm by) the rukn (as its supports). The first of these is Allahu Akbar; the second is Subhanallah; the third is Alhamdulillah and the fourth is La Ilaha Illallah.

This hadith also means that whatever is in this material world has a secret which is linked to the spiritual realms.

With this hadith in mind, if the Prophet (s) taught this tasbih to Fatima Zahra (a.s.) and attributed her name to it, and if Imam Ja'far ibne Muhammad as-Sadiq (a.s.) said that:

For us, to recite this tasbih is better than 1,000 Rak'at of Salat

then it means that this tasbih has the ability to take a person up to the Arsh of Allah (s.w.t.)! Perhaps it is for this reason that some of the conditions for the tasbih are that: *one should face the Qiblah, and be in a state of Wudu while engaged in its recitation.*

The tasbih, just like the Salat, also has the power to spiritually uplift a person. If one makes a sincere intention to recite these three important dhikr, and ends it off with the recitation of 'La Ilaha Illallah', then could he see other than Allah (s.w.t.) as Great and Powerful, or would he even think of praising anyone other than Him?

Therefore with the passing of time and continuous recitation of this tasbih, such a person will have very few chances of going astray because he has taken hold of something which has nothing stronger to it, and he has grasped onto the Arsh of Allah (s.w.t.).

We ask Allah (s.w.t.) that He gives us – His sinful servants – the ability to reach His Arsh and hold onto the firmest of all handles!

Being Cured by the Tasbih

A man went to Imam Ja'far ibne Muhammad as-Sadiq (a.s.) to complain to him about his state. Even though the Imam (a.s.) was speaking to him, he could not hear what the Imam (a.s.) was saying. The man then began to complain to the Imam (a.s.) of very bad ears aches to which the Imam (a.s.) asked him, "Why are you negligent of the tasbih of Fatima Zahra (a.s.)?"

The man questioned, "May I be sacrificed for your! What is the tasbih of Fatima Zahra (a.s.)?"

The Imam (a.s.) replied, "Recite 'Allahu Akbar' 34 times; 'Alhamdulillah' 33 times and 'Subhanallah' 33 times as this makes a complete 100 (rememberances),

The man stated that, "After a short period of time that I recited this tasbihat continuously, the pain in my ears went away." (Tasbihat of Fatima Zahra [a.s.], Page 27)

Separation from Satan

Imam Muhammad ibne Ali al-Baqir (a.s.) has said,

One who recites the tasbih of Fatima Zahra (a.s.) and after that asks for forgiveness (for his sins) will be forgiven (by Allah). This tasbih on the tongue is (the recitation of the dhikr) 100 times, but as for the weight in the scale (of deeds), it is counted as 1,000 (good deeds); and (in addition, this tasbih) will distance Satan from one's self and makes 'The Beneficent' (Allah) pleased (with that person).

The Worth of using a Tasbih made from Dirt around the Grave of Imam Husayn (a.s.)

Imam Ja'far ibne Muhammad as-Sadiq (a.s.) was asked a question in relation to making the tasbih with the dirt of two particular places and which one was better – the dirt around the grave of Hamza or (from the grave of) Imam Husayn ibne 'Ali (a.s.)? The Imam (a.s.) replied,

As for the tasbih whose beads are made from the dirt of Imam Husayn's (a.s.) grave, before one does tasbih with it, the beads itself perform the tasbih!

The Tasbih Speaks the Truth

Prostrating on the dirt from the grave of Imam Husayn (a.s.) radiates Celestial Light up to the seventh Earth. The person who has a tasbih which is made from the dirt of the grave of Imam Husayn (a.s.) in his possession will be counted as being one who glorifies Allah, even if he is not doing the act of tasbih with the beads!

A Guide for the Angels

There is a narration which states that:

Whenever the Hurul-Ain (the heavenly individuals which await the believer) see Angels who are going towards the Earth for some work, they see that they use the tasbih which has been made with the dirt of the grave of Imam Husayn (a.s.) to find their way around the Earth..