

Importance of our Tears

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Surah Maidah [5:83]

وَإِذَا سَمِعُوا مَا أُنزِلَ إِلَى الرَّسُولِ تَرَىٰ أَعْيُنُهُمْ تَفِيضُ مِنَ الدَّمْعِ مِمَّا عَرَفُوا مِنَ الْحَقِّ

And when they hear what has been revealed to the Messenger you will see their eyes overflowing with tears on account of the truth that they recognize

The first migration of the Muslims, due to persecution, was to Abyssinia. The Quraish pursued them and so they were brought before King Negus and his people.

Ja'far bin Abu Talib (the older brother of Imam Ali (A)), informed the king about the religion that Prophet Muhammad (S) had brought and then recited verses from Surah Maryam.

The King and some of his courtiers were so affected when they heard the Qur'an that tears streamed down their cheeks. This verse was revealed after this event

A heart/soul which is alive, sound and receptive is affected when it hears the truth.
As it has been secretly yearning for it and so when it finally hears it, the emotions are overwhelming. Tears reveal intensity and sincerity that is felt inside.
It is not weakness, rather it shows powerful awareness and connection.

Hadith of the Holy Prophet (S):

- Tears are a Mercy that Allah has placed in the essence of his servants.
- Every eye will be crying on the Day of Judgement except the eye which has cried for Husain, He will be given the good news of Heaven.

So let us use this Mercy, let us use our tears for Imam Husain (A), to make a change.

What do tears mean? Is it just water passing down the cheek and then once masaaib finished, wiped away and we continue as before?

If these tears are sincere and come from an alive, receptive heart, which recognizes the truth, then they will be more than this, they will be the **1st stage of the mourning**.



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The **2nd stage** will be to intellectualise the message of Kerbala, where we engage not only the heart but also the mind.

The 3rd and 4th stage are in the form of action. In the **3rd stage** I concentrate on myself and ensure that I bring about changes in myself so that the message of Kerbala continues, so that Imam (A) did not die in vain, he (A) had come to save the religion of his grandfather (S), I will not destroy it with my words and actions, I will safeguard it.

The **4th stage** will be a ripple effect where my transformation will affect those around. These are long term actions where I with my family, friends and community are preparing for the coming of our Imam (AF), so that we will be ready to stand up beside him when he comes.

Practical steps:

- Let this verse inspire us to value the power of tears. They speak louder than any words we may say to our children.
- Let us teach our children the truth so that they are able to recognize it.
- Let us ensure that we as a family live by the Holy Qur'an, as it is the only one truth which we hold in our hands
- Let our tears be the 1st stage in our mourning for Imam Husain (A) and let the next stages follow seamlessly.

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