

## Imam Hassan Al-Mujtaba

### Family

Born in 2 AH.

- ◊ Father ⇒ Imam Ali ibn Abi Talib
- ◊ Mother ⇒ Fatimah az-Zahra
- ◊ Grandfather ⇒ Prophet Muhammad

He is the eldest son; his younger brother is Imam Hussein.

- ◊ His grandfather and mother died in 10 AH, when he was 8 years old.
- ◊ His father died in 39 AH, when he was 37 years old.

### Naming

Since Ali is to prophet Muhammad like prophet Haroon was to prophet Musa, God revealed to Muhammad that Ali's son should have the same name as Haroon's son — *shabbar* which is 'Hassan' in Arabic.

One whose is named by God is surely a rightly guided person.

### Event of Mubalahah

In 10 AH, a group of Christians disputed with the Prophet about Isa ibn Maryam, Jesus.

- ◊ Like prophet Jesus, prophet Adam also had no father; moreover, he also had no mother.
- ◊ They were commanded {3:61} to perform *mubalahah*: Each group should ask God to destroy the liars.

Quran 3:61 mentions our sons, our women, and ourselves in reference to who the Prophet took with him: Hassan and Hussein, Fatimah, and Ali.

The Prophet has said:

- ◊ *Hassan and Hussein are the masters of the youth of paradise.*
- ◊ *All the people of paradise are youths.*

### Piggyback on the Prophet's Shoulders

The Prophet would pick up the young Imam Hassan on this shoulders, and people would say *Oh son, how blessed you are with the stead you are riding.*

The Prophet would say, *How blessed I am with the rider.*

### Death

- ◊ Aged: 45 years old. —Poisoned by his wife Ja'da bint Al Ash'at, AH 50.
- ◊ Buried in Jannat al-Baqi cemetery in Medina.
  - ◊ Which was destroyed in 1925 CE by the Wahabis, who dismiss shrines as leading to polytheism, *shirk*.

### "What 10 things are stronger than one another?"

When asked this, Imam Hassan said:

- ◊ Among the strong things is Stone;
- ◊ Even stronger is the Iron which is used to break Stone;
- ◊ Even stronger is the Fire which melts Iron;
- ◊ Even stronger is the Water which extinguishes Fire;
- ◊ Even stronger are Clouds that carry Water with them;
- ◊ Even stronger is the Air which floats the Clouds with them;
- ◊ Even stronger is the Angel who moves the Air;
- ◊ Even stronger is the Angel who will give Death to the Angel who moves the Air;
- ◊ Even stronger is the Death which will come upon the Angel of Death; and
- ◊ Even stronger is the order of Allah which governs death.

### "Which creations were born without any parents?"

When a Roman ruler asked Imam Hassan this question, he replied:

There are 7 creations,

- ◊ Prophet Adam and his wife Hawwa.
- ◊ The lamb which was sent in place of the camel in place of prophet Ismael.
- ◊ The camel of prophet Saleh.
- ◊ The snake of prophet Musa.
- ◊ The crow that taught prophet Adams's son Qabeel the method of burial.
- ◊ Iblees.

### Living by the Quran

A maid dropped hot soup on the Imam and was afraid of being punished, she immediately read from the Quran {3:134}:

- ◊ *... those who control their anger*  
The Imam smiled and said he was not angry.
- ◊ *... and are forgiving towards people*  
The Imam said he had forgiven her.
- ◊ *... Allah loves those who do good*  
The Imam said she is free.

### Leadership

He took the responsibility of *imamah* —leadership— at the age of 38, after his father Ali was martyred.

- ◊ Muawiyah has been fighting Ali for leadership.
- ◊ He bribed Hassan's troops and even had him stabbed in the thigh.
- ◊ In 41 AH, Hassan signed a peace treaty giving leadership to Muawiyah, on the condition that leadership be returned to Hassan after Muawiyah's death.

Muawiyah was publicly religious, but sinful in private.

Muawiyah wanted his son Yazid to have leadership after him. Thus, nine years later, Muawiyah bribed Hassan's wife to poison him and he died in 50 AH.